

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, May 20, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Zoom
Minutes**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Spencer at 7:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating and Mayor Spencer all being present.
4. **Open Public Meetings Act Notice:** This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, otherwise known as the "Sunshine Law." It has been legally noticed in accordance with the law and copies have been given to those requesting the same.

Public Comment Period: The Governing Body, in accordance with P.L. 2002, c. 80, have adopted the following guidelines relative to the Public Comment Period (PCP) at Caucus, Work session, Special and Emergency Meetings of the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City: The PCP shall occur at the beginning of each meeting; it shall be no longer than one half-hour in length; every person wishing to speak may do so once during the period for no longer than five minutes. No changes have been made for the PCP of the regular monthly meetings. Our attorneys have advised us that we cannot prevent you from making remarks about our employees. They have requested that we advise you that our employees are not Public Officials and you are not immune from civil actions they may bring as a result of your remarks.

Jack Hughes – 1116 Station Ave. – Gloucester City Sail surrenders the Lease Agreement with Gloucester City:

5. **Reports:** **I. Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** Baus – Memorial Day is set, July 2nd Fireworks are set with Old Timer Sting Band participating.
 - b) **Finance & Administration:** Keating – Budget was introduced and Public hearing will be June 7th.
 - c) **Fire:** No Report.
 - d) **Housing:** Johnson – looking for summer help.
 - e) **Licensing:** None.
 - f) **Police:** No Report.
 - g) **Public Works/Water Dept:** Hutchinson – Community Center rehab started, Mini Hole lake docks are complete.
 - h) **Community Dev.:** Ryan – applying for County Open space Grant for park benches.

6. **Minutes:** April 15, 2021 Caucus Meeting, April 22, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting, May 2, 2021 Work Session & May 10, 2021 Special Meeting
Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Berglund to approve. All in favor with the exception of Mayor Spencer who abstained.

7. **Resolutions for Discussion:**
 - R Resolution Recognizing the Establishment of the Mayors Wellness Campaign
 - R Resolution Authorizing Refund of Zoning Permit Fee
 - R Resolution Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan
 - R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 935 Somerset Street
 - R Resolution Approving Coin Toss for Lions Boys Basketball Booster Club, Inc.
 - R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 613 Powell Street
 - R Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
 - R Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R Resolution to Refund Payments on Various Utility Records
 - R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 618 Market Street
 - R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 321 Cumberland Street

8. **ORDINANCE FOR 2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING**

O 07-2021 Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Block 193, Lot(s) 3 & 4, also known as 804 Essex Street, and the Execution of all Necessary Documents
Ordinance O 07-2021 was voted after closed session.

ORDINANCE FOR 1ST READING THIS EVENING, WITH 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD JUNE 17, 2021, 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

O 09-2021 Ordinance Amending Certain Fines and Penalties within the Code of the City of Gloucester City
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Berglund to approve.
Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Mayor Spencer voting in the affirmative.

O 10-2021 Ordinance of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the City of Gloucester City, Part III Board of Health Legislation, Section 96 and Article VIII, General Regulations, Section B. 17, to Prohibit the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Business within it's Geographical Boundaries
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baile to approve.
Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Mayor Spencer voting in the affirmative.

9. **Resolution:**

R097 Resolution Authorizing an Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program and Appointing Authorized Representatives for Matters Involving Documentation for the Same
Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

10. **Correspondence:**

- a) From Maria Bagby – requesting to use Proprietor's Park on August from 1-4 p.m. for a Baby Shower
All in favor.
- b) From Mark Ford – requesting to terminate the rental revocation for 4 ½ N. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Apt. B. –
Referred to Housing Committee for review.
- c) From Gloucester City Sail – Cessation of Lease between Gloucester City Sail and City of Gloucester City

Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Berglund to acknowledge communication received from Gloucester City Sail – Cessation of Lease dated May 20, 2021. All in favor.

R098 Closed Session

Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Johnson to enter into closed session. All in favor. Meeting went into closed session at 7:50 P.M.

After closed session, the following action was taken.

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Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Hutchinson to approve.
Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Mayor Spencer voting in the affirmative.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. PARENT, CITY CLERK