

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:00 P.M.
Zoom
Minutes**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Vanessa Parent at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baile, Berglund, and Keating being present. Baus arrived at 7:04 p.m. Johnson arrived at 7:06 p.m. Hutchinson excused.
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.

Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Baile to enter into a temporary recess at 7:05 p.m. All in favor.

Motion By: Berglund, **Second By:** Baus to enter back into session at 7:09 p.m.. All in favor.

Solicitor Howard Long asked for names for Mayoral candidates. Clerk Parent received and read nominations for Mayor for the following: Patrick Keating, Roseann Michel and Michael Billingham.

Nominations:

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Berglund to accept nomination of Patrick Keating as Mayor. All in favor.

Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, and Johnson all in favor. Keating abstained.

- R117** Resolution Filling Vacancy for the Position of Mayor, Pursuant the "Municipal Vacancy Law" as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:16-3, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5 and N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11

Patrick Keating resigned his Common Council Seat.

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baus to accept resignation. All in favor.

Oath of Office: Patrick J. Keating, Mayor

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 – Gloucester City Sail, Northwind insurance expires, June 20, 2021.

Asking for a key to Regan building to claim their equipment.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** Baus – June 2nd celebration is in order. There was no meeting last month.
 - b) **Finance & Administration:** Keating – there will be a meeting next week.
 - c) **Fire:** Johnson – mutual aid agreements will be added to next week's agenda.
 - d) **Housing:** Johnson – requesting to Rescind R#164 & 167-2020 regarding in-house property inspections.
 - e) **Licensing:** Parent - liquor license renewals.
 - f) **Police:** Chief Morrell – Detective K. O'Donnell is not leaving the Gloucester City Police Department.
 - g) **Public Works/Water Dept:** Keating – two summer help employees started grass cutting this week. Advertisement out for truck driver – position.
 - h) **Community Dev.:** No report.

6. **Minutes:** May 20, 2021 Caucus Meeting
Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baile to approve. All in favor.

7. **Resolutions:**

R118 Resolution Amending Resolution #006-2021 Authorizing and Designating Official Signatures on Various Gloucester City Bank Accounts

Motion By: Baile, **Second By:** Berglund to approve. All in favor.

R119 Resolution Rescinding Resolution 164-2020 & 167-2020

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Berglund to approve. All in favor.

R120 Resolution of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Collingswood for the Rental of a Trash Vehicle

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baile to approve. All in favor.

Resolutions for Discussion:

R Resolution Approving Coin Toss for Knights of Columbus Council #674

R Resolution Designating Salaries for Employees Serving in Titles with Salary Ranges

R Resolution Authorizing Renewal of 2021-2022 Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses

R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 639 Hunter Street

R Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Quad Cab Dump Truck for the Gloucester City Public Works Department

R Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions

R Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records

R Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records

R Resolution Refunding Overpayment of UDAG Money (Title Only)

R Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Contract between Think Pavers, LLC and the City of Gloucester City for Charles Street Roadway Improvements

R Resolution Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units

R Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Gloucester City Board of Education and the City of Gloucester City

R Resolution Authorizing Entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Westville Fire District, Gloucester City and Borough of National Park

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

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. All in favor.

Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Keating 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 its Geographical Boundaries. Jess Torres – 232 Bergen Street – applauded Mayor and Council.

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Berglund to approve. All in favor.

Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Keating voting in the affirmative.

Jess Torres: 232 Bergen Street – applauded Mayor & Council.

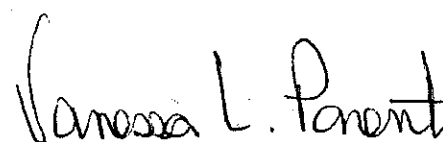
9. **Correspondence:**

a) From Sandra Erdman – requesting to donate a park bench
Referred to PW Committee

b) From Red Cross – requesting to host community blood drive in September at the community center (dates attached). Chief Morrell will handle.

Motion By: Baile, **Second By:** Berglund to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. PARENT, CITY CLERK