

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:00 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Baile at 6:18 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Timm and Mayor Baile being present. Page arrived at 6:19 p.m.
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.

Mark Ford – 4-1/2 N. Broadway spoke on R049 for his reinstatement.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Engineer's Report:** Hugh Dougherty provided a report.
 - II. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** Baus stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16th, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Girl's Softball Fields. Fireworks will be held on June 25th at a location to be determined. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on March 10th.
 - b) **Community Dev.:** Ryan provided a report.
 - c) **Finance & Administration:** Mayor Baile stated that the City property tax sale would be held the end of March.
 - d) **Fire:** Chief Hagan reported that there were 127 incidents, 59 trainings and 117 inspections. Ice rescue training starts tomorrow.
 - e) **Housing:** Ackley provided a report.
 - f) **Licensing:** Food and Coin license letter going out.
 - g) **Police:** Chief Morrell had no report. H. Long added a Street Traffic Ordinance for discussion tonight.
 - h) **Public Works/Water Dept:** Alex Tedesco stated that interviews were set up for Monday for Laborer 1 vacancy.

6. **Resolutions:**

R048 Resolution Authorizing the Sale at Public Auction of City-Owned Vehicles and Equipment

Motion By: Timm **Second By:** Hutchinson to approve.

Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.

R049 Resolution Reinstating a Rental Registration Permit to Mark Ford for Property Located at 4 ½ North Broadway, Gloucester City, Camden County, New Jersey

Motion By: Johnson **Second By:** Berglund to approve.

Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Johnson and Mayor Baile voted yes. Hutchinson, Page and Timm voting no.

R050 Resolution Authorizing Corrective Action Plan for 2020 Audit

Motion By: Hutchinson **Second By:** Page to approve. All in favor.

Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.

R051 Resolution Authorizing Endorsement and Consent of Treatment Works Approval Application

Motion By: Page **Second By:** Baus to approve. All in favor.

Roll Call: Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile voting in the affirmative.

7. Resolutions for Discussion:

- R** Resolution Re-Appointing Registrar of Vital Statistics for the City of Gloucester City
- R** Resolution Authorizing Refund of Calendar Sponsorship
- R** Resolution Approving Coin Toss for Gloucester City Little League
- R** Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Bond for PSE&G (Gloucester Switching Station)
- R** Resolution Adopting Neighborhood Preservation Program Implementation Plan
- R** Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Application for \$10,000 to Create a Green Team and Conduct a Green Fair Sustainable Jersey Grant Funded by PSE&G
- R** Resolution Approving Coin Toss for Fairy Godmother's Boutique
- R** Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
- R** Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
- R** Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 603 Ridgeway Street
- R** Resolution Authorizing the Application to the NJ Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program

8. Ordinance for Discussion and Second Reading on March 24, 2022:

O 01-2022 Ordinance Amending Chapter 87 Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Article 1. "Street Traffic and Parking", 87-9. "Schedule B: Stop Intersections", as Authorized by N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 and 87-4, of the Code of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

Ordinance for Discussion and Second Reading on March 24, 2022:

O 02-2022 Ordinance Enacting a Mercantile License

9. Correspondence:

- a) From Holy City Volunteers – requesting to hold 2nd Annual Fall Festival/Beer Garden on October 01, 2022 from 2-7pm. – All in Favor. Approved.
- b) From Tooties Deli – Market Street – requesting 15 minute parking signs. Chief Morrell will look into this. Resolution to be prepared.
- c) From Pat Ward, 907 Monmouth Street and Camden County Historical Society – requesting approval for the placement of Revolution signs throughout town. Will prepare a resolution to approve.

Motion By: Hutchinson **Second By:** Baus to enter into Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. All in favor.

R052 Closed Session

Motion By: Hutchinson **Second By:** Berglund to come out of Closed Session at 8:18 p.m. All in favor.

After Closed Session the following action was taken:

Fire Department to hire Nicholas Stewart as Interim Fire Fighter.

Motion By: Page **Second By:** Baus to approve. All in favor. Hutchinson abstained.

Public Works to hire Colin Chapman as Laborer 1.

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

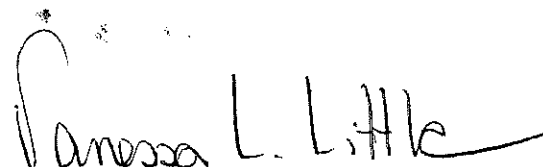
Authorization for the City of Gloucester City to Transfer Ownership of Retiring Canine Dog "Blitz" to Patrolman Michael Calzonetti.

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

Mayor Baile stated that all are invited to walk in the St. Patrick's parade.

Motion By: Page **Second By:** Hutchinson to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:



VANESSA L. LITTLE, CITY CLERK