

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, November 10, 2022 6:00 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Baile at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Hutchinson, Johnson, Page, and Mayor Baile. Baus arrived at 6:04 p.m. Berglund and Timm 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.

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. No persons wishing to speak.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Engineer's Report:** Provided by Joe Rayday.
 - II. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** Veteran's Day Ceremony tomorrow.
 - b) **Community Dev.:** L. Ryan provided a report.
 - c) **Finance & Administration:** City purchasing the old Comcast lot behind Nash Engraving.
 - d) **Fire:** Chief Hagan reported that the ladder truck is back in service.
 - e) **Housing:** W. Ackley provided a report.
 - f) **Licensing:** VFW Raffle License 5-2022 and Pine Grove Bingo 1-2023 and Raffle License 1-2023.
 - g) **Police:** Chief Morrell requested adding Ordinance to prohibit guns in Public Park.
 - h) **Public Works/Water Dept:** No report.
6. **Resolutions for Discussion:**
 - R Resolution Adopting Neighborhood Preservation Program to Implement and Administer a Plan for Year Two
 - R Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Leaf Collector for the Public Works Department
 - R Resolution to Conduct Electronic Tax Sale
 - R Resolution to Allow a Charge of \$25.00 per Notice of Tax Sale on Delinquent Accounts
 - R Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R Resolution to Refund Payments on Various Tax Records
 - R Resolution to Refund Payments on Various Utility Records
 - R Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
 - R Resolution Authorizing Payments to Certain Employees in Consideration of their Waiver of Group Health Benefits
 - R Resolution to Place Municipal Charges on Tax Properties where Service Work, Fines or Legal Fees were Ordered and Work was Performed as Outlined
 - R Resolution to Provide for Budget Transfers

7. **Ordinance for Second Reading next week (11-22-2022):**

O 21-2022 Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (Chief Housing Inspector)

Ordinances for First Reading next week (11-22-2022):

O 22-2022 Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (Fire Fighter Local 51)

O 23-2022 Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (Steelworkers Salary)

O 24-2022 Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (CWA)

O 25-2022 Ordinance Amending the Gloucester City Development Ordinance and Zoning Map and Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Gloucester City

8. **Correspondence:**

- a) From St. Mary's Parish 175th Anniversary Committee- requesting use of the Fishing Pier at Proprietor's Park on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from 5pm to 7pm. Approved. All in favor.
- b) From VFW – requesting to waive local city fee for raffle license 5-2022. Approved. All in favor.
- c) From Pine Grove Civic Association – requesting to waive local fees for Bingo and Raffle Licenses 2023. Approved. All in favor.

Carlo Romano, 50 Division Street, Somerville, NJ – 1 S. Burlington St., LLC – discussed the old Annex building and other options to move forward with his project. Possibly a Pilot Agreement and Redevelopment. H. Long suggested CCIA.

R247 Closed Session.

Motion By: Hutchinson, **Second By:** Baus to enter in to Closed Session at 6:49 p.m. All in favor.

Motion By: Hutchinson, **Second By:** Page to out of Closed Session at 6:56 p.m. All in favor.

After Closed Session the following action was taken:

R248 Resolution to Provide for Budget Transfer

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

R249 Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Keyboard Clerk 1 for the Gloucester City Fire Department as of November 28, 2022.

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

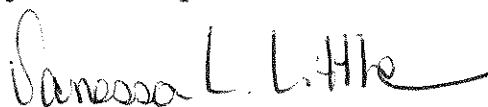
Motion By: Hutchinson, **Second By:** Page to once again open the floor to public comment. All in favor.

- Brian Pate, Cherry Street – stated that kids are riding around town with weapons and is asking for police support. He is concerned with business problems.

9. **Presentation:** SouthPort - David Papen with Cross Pond Tradeworks.

Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Hutchinson to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:



VANESSA L. LITTLE, CITY CLERK