

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Monday, February 13, 2023 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:** Berglund, Budes, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile being present. Baus 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.

- Rose Walker, 133 Westminster Avenue – stated that there is no home or water line on that property. She is requesting the water fee to be waived. H. Long will get this resolved.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Engineer's Report:** Joe Rayday provided a report.
 - II. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** Timm reported that they are finalizing the details for the St. Patrick's Day parade and are working on the Easter Egg Hunt at the school along with the April 1st Autism Walk.
 - b) **Community Dev.:** L. Ryan provided a report.
 - c) **Finance & Administration:** No report.
 - d) **Fire:** Chief Hagan provided a report.
 - e) **Housing:** W. Gallagher provided a report.
 - f) **Licensing:** Bingo 2-2023, Raffle 5-2023, Raffle 6-2023 and Raffle 7-2023
 - g) **Police:** No report.
 - h) **Public Works/Water Dept:** No report.

6. **Resolutions for Discussion:**

- R Resolution Authorizing Refund of Rental Facility Registration and License Fee
- R Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Gloucester City to Execute an Agreement of Sale by and between the City of Gloucester City and Comcast of Wildwood, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, to Purchase Property Located at 534 Nicholson Road, Gloucester City, New Jersey, Identified on the City Tax Map as Block 224, Lot 6, Subject to Certain Terms and Conditions
- R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Space: Removing 314 Sherman Street
- R Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veteran Deductions
- R Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
- R Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Chief Financial Officer for the City of Gloucester City
- R Resolution Authorizing a Contract to Root 24, Inc. for the Combined Sewer Video on Ellis & King Streets
- R Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City of Gloucester City Planning and Zoning Board to Review a Proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment for Block 48, Lots 2, 2.01 and 2.02 within the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey
- R Resolution Authorizing a Contract to Think Pavers for the Johnson Park Jogging Trail Reconstruction

R039 Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Space: 525 Bergen Street

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

7. **Ordinances for Second Reading Next Week:**

O 01-2023 Ordinance of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending the Gloucester City Land Development Ordinance 36-96 to Provide for a Cannabis Establishment as a Conditionally Permitted Use Overlay Zone

O 02-2023 Ordinance of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey to Amend and Supplement the Code of the City of Gloucester City, Entitled "Cannabis Municipal Tax" to Collect a Statutorily Authorized Two Percent (2%) Municipal Transfer Tax on Cannabis Sales by Class I, II and V License Holders and One Percent (1%) Municipal Transfer Tax on Cannabis Sales by Class III License Holders

Ordinances for First Reading Next Week:

O 03-2023 Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Property Located at 534 Nicholson Road, in the City of Gloucester City, identified on the City Tax Map as Block 224, Lot 6, Subject to Certain Terms and Conditions, in Accordance with the New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 ET SEQ.

O 04-2023 Ordinance Amending Ordinance 22-2019 and Replacing Chapter 86B, "Vacant Property Registration" of the City Code Regarding the Registration and Maintenance of Certain Properties

O 05-2023 Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 26-2022 and Adopting a Redevelopment Plan Amendment for Block 48, Lots 2, 2.01 and 2.02 within the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

O 06-2023 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Operation and Easement Agreement

8. **Correspondence:**

- a) From Jack Murphy, Holy City Volunteers – requesting to hold their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 2-8 p.m. at the Softball Complex. All in Favor. Approved.
- b) From Ken Wallace – requesting to reinstate his rental registration permit for 23 N. Harley Ave. Referred to Housing Committee.
- c) From Tina Clements – requesting Proprietor's Park for a wedding ceremony on June 3, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.. All in Favor. Approved.
- d) Letter from Rose Walker following up on her dispute regarding the water charges at 133 Westminster where no home or line exists. H. Long to follow-up.

R039 Closed Session

Motion By: Berglund, **Second By:** Timm to enter into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

Motion By: Berglund, **Second By:** Johnson to come out of Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

No action was taken after Closed Session.

Motion By: Baus, **Second By:** Budesza to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. LITTLE, City Clerk