

**Caucus Meeting of the  
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City  
Monday, April 17, 2023 6:00 P.M.  
313 Monmouth Street**

**Minutes**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Baile at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Berglund, Budesa, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile present. Baus arrived at 6:01 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. No persons wishing to speak.

5. **Reports:**
  - I. **Engineer's Report:** Report provided by Joe Rayday.
  - II. **Committees of Council:**
    - a) **Celebrations:** L Ryan reported that the City Easter Egg Hunt went well. The City fireworks event will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> and the Fishing Derby will be held on April 29, 2023.
    - b) **Community Dev.:** L. Ryan provided a report.
    - c) **Finance & Administration:** B. Morrell reported that the budget is being reviewed and non-Rep salaries are being worked on. B. Morrell also reported that the Atlantic Street project is moving forward.
    - d) **Fire:** Chief Hagan emailed a report to Mayor and Council.
    - e) **Housing:** W. Ackley provided a report.
    - f) **Licensing:** Clerk Little reported on Dog, Cat, Food and Coin Licenses being due.
    - g) **Police:** B. Morrell is requesting to amend the Traffic Ordinance for issues with tractor and trailers on Johnson Blvd.
    - h) **Public Works/Water Dept:** A. Tedesco sent a report to Mayor and Council.

6. **Resolution:**  
**R083** Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation  
**Motion By:** Berglund, **Second By:** Timm to approve. All in favor.

**Resolutions for Discussion:**

- R Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Contract Between CTX Infrastructure for Barnard Ave. Utility Improvements
- R Resolution to Award a Contract to Caravella for 51 South Brown Street Building Demolition
- R Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veteran Deductions
- R Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
- R Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records

7. **Ordinances for discussion:**

**O 13-2023** Ordinance for Adoption of the Flood Plain Management Regulations of the City of Gloucester City, Camden County, State of New Jersey

**O 14-2023** Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of a Limited Billboard Easement by the City of Gloucester City Subject to Certain Conditions

**O 15-2023** Ordinance Amending Police Policy Rules and Regulations

**O 16-2023** Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14

**8. Correspondence:**

- a) From the Bells of St. Mary's Church requesting use of Proprietor's Park on June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. All in favor.
- b) American Legion requesting to have an event from 3:00 -7:00 p.m. on May 6<sup>th</sup> with May 7<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. All in favor.

**R084 Closed Session**

**Motion By:** Timm, **Second By:** Page to enter into Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. All in favor.

**Motion By:** Page, **Second By:** Baus to come out of Closed Session at 6:50 p.m.

After Closed Session no action was taken.

- Budesa requesting more signage in city parks.

**Motion By:** Page, **Second By:** Budesa to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
**VANESSA L. LITTLE, CITY CLERK**