

**Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Monday, March 18, 2024 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:** Baus, Berglund, Cilurso, Johnson, Page, Timm and Mayor Baile present.
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.

- Dave Atkinson, 850 Powell Street, asked who makes the decision to put business on the Welcome to Gloucester City sign.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Engineer's Report:** Report provided by Joe Rayday.
 - II. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) **Celebrations:** L. Ryan reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. B. Morrell reported that the Battleship New Jersey will pass by Proprietor's Park around 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2024.
 - b) **Community Dev.:** L. Ryan provided a report.
 - c) **Finance & Administration:** B. Morrell reported that Non-Rep salaries will be discussed tonight and the CWA settled.
 - d) **Fire:** T. Quinn provided a report.
 - e) **Housing:** B. Gallagher reported that the inspector is working weekends for trash ordinance. Also, they are trying to resolve the housing issue at 412 Market Street.
 - f) **Licensing:** Dog/Cat License notices, Food and Coin License notices are mailed.
 - g) **Police:** B. Morrell requested to amend the parking ordinance. There will be some Police Officers retiring and the Department will hire new officers.
 - h) **Public Works/Water Dept:** No Report. R. Page stated that he will address the trash issues and more trash cans throughout town.

6. **Resolutions for Discussion:**
 - R Resolution Awarding a Contract to International Fireworks Manufacturing Co. for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services
 - R Resolution Authorizing Permit for Public Fireworks Display
 - R Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R Resolution to Provide for Budget Transfers
 - R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Space: Adding 410 Cumberland Street
 - R Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Space: Removing 525 Bergen Street
 - R Resolution Approving Coin Toss for American Legion Post 135
 - R Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for First Generation Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds for Administration of the Urban Enterprise Zone Program #2022-08008-1833 for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

- R Resolution of the City of Gloucester City Authorizing Triad Associates to Write the Gloucester City Urban Enterprise Zone Five-Year Plan
- R Resolution Authorizing Disposal of City-Owned Equipment (Housing)
- R Resolution Authorizing Disposal of City-Owned Equipment (Fire Dept.)
- R Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Outdated SCOTT Fire Equipment
- R Resolution Designating Salaries for Employees Serving in Titles with Salary Ranges (Non-Rep)

7. **Ordinances for Second Reading/Public Hearing on March 25, 2024:**

O 03-2024 Ordinance 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 05-2024 Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 50, Lot 1, a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area within the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

Ordinances for First Reading on March 25, 2024:

- O- Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (PBA Local 40)
- O- Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (SOA Local 40)
- O- Ordinance Approving the Application and Financial Agreement for a Long-Term Tax Exemption with VP Burlington, LLC for the Project Improvements Set Forth on the Application to be Constructed on Block 50, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Gloucester City
- O- Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property and the Improvements Thereon in and for the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$550,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$522,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

8. **Correspondence:** None.

R085 Closed Session:

Motion By: Page, **Second By:** Berglund to enter into Closed Session at 6:45p.m. All in favor.

Motion By: Berglund, **Second By:** Page to come out of Closed Session at 7:29 p.m. All in favor.

After Closed Session No Action Was Taken.

Motion By: Berglund, **Second By:** Page to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. All in favor.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. LITTLE, City Clerk