

**Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, August 26, 2021, 7:30 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Keating at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Michel and Mayor Keating being 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 for Resolutions Only:

5. **Resolutions Discussed at Caucus: R160 through R190**

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

- R160** Resolution to Award a Contract to Mount Construction Co. for Sussex Street Sewer Rehabilitation
- R161** Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 714 Hunter Street
- R162** Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 711 Hunter Street
- R163** Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 414 Middlesex Street
- R164** Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
- R165** Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
- R166** Resolution to Refund Payments on Various Tax Records
- R167** Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
- R168** Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (\$14,649.60)
- R169** Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (\$22,259.66)
- R170** Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (\$2,000.00)
- R171** Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (\$2,000.00)
- R172** Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (\$25,000.00)
- R173** Resolution Authorizing Approval of Shared Services Agreement with the County of Camden (park benches and tables)
- R174** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Triad Associates for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services
- R175** Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for Property Used for Public Playground, Block 276, Lot 1.01
- R176** Resolution to Accept FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
- R177** Resolution Requesting Permission of the Director of Local Government Services to Anticipate Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget of the City of Gloucester City Pursuant to 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159,P.L.1948)
- R178** Resolution Approving the Policy and Procedures Manual for the FY 2022 Small Cities Program Housing Rehabilitation Fund Non-Entitlement Community Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- R179** Resolution Authorizing Citizen Participation Plan FY2022 (Housing Rehabilitation Fund)
- R180** Resolution Identifying CDBG Fair Housing Officer FY2022 Housing Rehabilitation Programs
- R181** Resolution Authorizing Grant Management Plan FY2022 Small Cities Programs Housing Rehabilitation Fund: Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Housing
- R182** Resolution Approving to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Funding for an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program
- R183** Resolution Authorizing Citizen Participation Plan FY2022 (Public Facilities Fund)

- R184** Resolution to Commit to the Competitive Contracting Procurement Process Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-4.1 through 40A:11-4.5 for Certain Professional Services, Contingent Upon FY2022 Small Cities Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Street Improvements
- R185** Resolution Identifying CDBG Fair Housing Officer FY2022 Public Facilities Program
- R186** Resolution Authorizing Grant Management Plan FY2022 Small Cities Programs Public Facilities Fund: Street Improvements
- R187** Resolution Approving to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a Public Facilities Project
- R188** Resolution Approving to Issue a Request for Proposals, Under State Competitive Contracting Guidelines, for Implementation, Oversight, Creation and Submission of Required Reports and Grant Drawdowns Pursuant to a FY2021 Small Cities Housing Rehab Award to the City of Gloucester City
- R189** Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Emergency Interconnection Agreement between New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. and the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey
- R190** Resolution of the City of Gloucester City Authorizing the Sale at Public Auction of Certain Surplus for City Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use

6. Ordinances for 1st Reading this evening and 2nd Reading on September 23, 2021:

- O11** Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment for the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,200,000 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 \$1,140,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion By: Michel, **Second By:** Hutchinson to approve.

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

- O12** Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Equipment for and Various Improvements to the Sewer and Water Utility Systems in the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,050,000 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 \$1,050,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion By: Hutchinson, **Second By:** Baile to approve.

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

7. Old Business/New Business:

- a) **Bills Paid from July 24 to Aug. 26, 2021** **\$ 2,765,755.71**
- Bills Approved August 26, 2021** **\$ 216,500.98**
- Total amount being approved:** **\$ 2,982,256.69**

Motion By: Hutchinson; **Second By:** Berglund to approve.

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

- b) From Michael D. Kenney – Block Party request for 09/18/21 from 2pm-9pm. (Goldy Dr./Lambert)
All in Favor. Approved.
- c) From Ruben Gomez – Block Event request for 09/03/2021 from 10am-2pm (on Burlington St. between Bergen/Monmouth)
All in Favor. Approved.

8. Open Public Forum on any topic:

The Governing Body has approved the following rules governing the procedures of the Open (General) Public Forum:

- Any citizen or taxpayer wishing to address the Governing Body may do so after approaching the rail, stating his or her name and address and being recognized by the chair. Said citizen or taxpayer will then be permitted to address the Governing Body for five minutes. After all persons wishing to address the Governing Body have had the opportunity, persons may approach the rail for a second and final five-minute interval during this session. 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.

- Theresa Graham – Bernard Avenue – concerned for the filters in all City Owned Buildings. Asked what funding the City has for new filters.
- Maria Astudilo and Ivaliz Figueroa – 342 Morris Street – requesting to host a gender event at Martin's Lake from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
All in Favor for 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Ruben Gomez – asked for barricades for his event on September 3rd. Chief Morrell will handle.
- Bob Egner – 417 Market Street – asked council to amend parking ordinance referring to trailers.

Motion By: Michel, **Second By:** Baus to enter into Closed Session at 8:06 P.M. All in Favor.

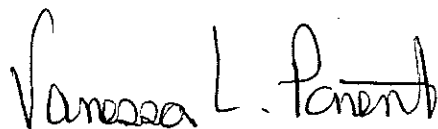
R191 Closed Session to discuss Personnel, Contracts. Estimated 10 minutes- may take formal action.

After Closed Session no action was taken. Mayor Keating opened the floor to the Council Members.

- Councilwoman Baus asking to combine fireworks next year with Westville and Brooklawn. Still in early discussions with the towns.
- Councilman Johnson asked to reschedule Housing Committee meeting on 9/21/2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- Councilwoman Baus asking why Charles Street construction has stopped. Chief Morrell stated a change order and pipe issue.

Motion By: Michel, **Second By:** Hutchinson to adjourn at 8:41 P.M. All in Favor.

ATTEST:



VANESSA L. PARENT, CITY CLERK