

**Caucus Meeting via Teleconference of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes**

Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5301
Call in Pin #: 6360419

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** By Mayor Spencer at 7:00pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating and Mayor Spencer all being present on the teleconference.
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.

*Kelly Smith- 311 9th Street – Complaint of tree in front of her home is overgrown and asked to remove.

5. **Reports:**
 - I. **Remediation /Redevelopment Construction Progress Report:**
 - a) Jeff Dey- No report this evening.
 - b) Rocco D'Antonio – 850 Water Street – addressed wet land mitigation permit.
 - II. **Committees of Council:**
 - a) Celebrations: Mayor Spencer – will attend Memorial Day ceremony. Fourth of July Events are cancelled.
 - b) Finance & Administration: Keating – Budget will be introduced tonight. Sending out estimated tax bills.
 - c) Fire: No Report
 - d) Housing: No Report
 - e) Licensing: Request to extend late fee for dog/cat and food license. Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Baile to approve. All in Favor.
 - f) Police:No Report
 - g) Public Works/Water Dept: Hutchinson – All PW employees are back to full staff. Mayor Spencer received complaints on Republic Trash Company.
 - h) Community Dev.: Lipsett – New Website will be introduced June 19th.
6. **Minutes:** May 4, 2020 Caucus Meeting
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in Favor.
7. **Resolutions:**
 - R089 Resolution Supporting PSE&G's Energy Strong Program – **TABLED May 4, 2020**
 - R090 Resolution Approving Coin Toss for Gloucester Memorial A.A. – **TABLED May 4, 2020**

8. Individual Resolutions:

R092 Authorizing Introduction of the 2020 Budget

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baile to approve. All in Favor.

R093 Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in Favor.

R094 Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in Favor.

R095 Resolution to Authorize the Mailing of 2020 Third Quarter Estimated Tax Bills

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in Favor.

R096 Resolution Authorizing Endorsement and Consent of Treatment Works Approval Application

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in Favor.

R097 Resolution Providing That Budget Be Read By Title Only

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

Public Hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget will be on June 18, 2020, 7:00pm via Teleconference and/at 512 Monmouth Street

R098 Resolution of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Authorizing the Southern New Jersey Employee Health Benefits Fund to Add Medicare Advantage Pharmacy Coverage

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baile to approve. All in Favor with the exception of Berglund, Hutchinson and Johnson who abstained.

R099 Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for the Sale of Land Located at Block 63, Lot 21 A/K/A 208 Ridge Avenue, in Accordance with the Requirements of the Local Lands and Buildings Law

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Johnson to approve. All in Favor.

R100 Resolution in Support of Senate Bill S-2475 and Assembly Bill A-3971 Authorizing the Issuance "Coronavirus Relief Bonds" by Municipalities and Counties

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve. All in Favor.

9. Old Business/New Business:

a) **Bills Paid from April 17 to May 21, 2020**

\$2,131,685.79

Bills Approved May 21, 2020

\$1,123,819.59

Total amount being approved:

\$3,255,505.38

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baile to approve.

Roll Call: Baile, Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson, Johnson and Mayor Spencer voted YES. Keating abstained.

10. Correspondence:

a) From Vanessa Parent – request leave of absence from Assistant Municipal Clerk

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in Favor.

b) Welsbach/General Gas Mantle Superfund Site Properties – Acknowledged

*Mayor Spencer – reported 75 total positive cases for COVID-19 in Gloucester City.

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

ATTEST:

VANESSA L. PARENT, CITY CLERK