

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY
County of Camden, State of New Jersey
#R 086 -2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLDING AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING INVOLVING URGENT AND IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH AROSE IN AN UNFORESEEN MANNER AND A DELAY OF THE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE NOTICE WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL HARM TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b)

WHEREAS, on or about Tuesday, April 28, 2020, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City (“City”) desired to meet for an emergency meeting which was convened without adequate notice; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 10:4-9(b) permits the City to engage in such an emergency meeting without adequate notice upon the affirmative vote of three quarters of the members present if (1) such meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and (2) the meeting is limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance; and (3) notice of such meeting is provided as soon as possible following the calling of such meeting in accordance with the statute; and (4) either (a) the public body could not reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided; or (b) although the public body could reasonably have foreseen the need for such meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided, it nevertheless failed to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), second-quarter property taxes are due for property taxpayers within the City of Gloucester City on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), local governments may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became

delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through May 11, 2020 for second-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, losses, or suffering by individuals and local government units as the State and its political subdivisions respond to the spread of COVID-19, on April 28, 2020, The Honorable Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, issued Executive Order 130, permitting municipalities to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on a date no later than June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City have desired to engage an Emergency Meeting take action in accordance with Executive Order 130 to provide maximum notice to its taxpayers regarding the institution of a grace period to the fullest extent permitted by the Order, concluding on June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes to avoid the substantial harm that was likely to result from a delay in holding the meeting of taxpayers unnecessarily submitting property tax payments prior to the grace period being extended; ; and

WHEREAS, such an emergency meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the meeting will be limited to those urgent and important matters, as outlined above; and

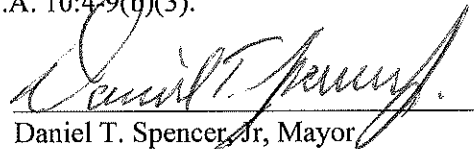
WHEREAS, notice of the meeting will be provided as soon as practical in the place and manner as prescribed by statute; and

WHEREAS, the need for this emergency meeting could not have been reasonably foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

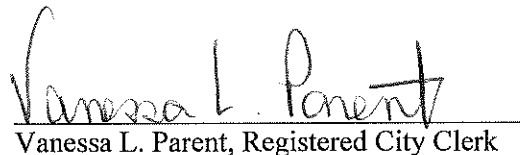
1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

2. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City hereby declare upon the affirmative vote of three quarters of the members present to hold an Emergency Meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b), as such a meeting is required in order to deal with matters of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest, as outlined above.
3. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City hereby further declare that the Emergency Meeting will be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance, as outlined above.
4. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City hereby further declare that the need for such meeting could not reasonably have been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide notice of such meeting as soon as possible in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9(b)(3).


Daniel T. Spencer, Jr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester this 28th day of April, 2020.


Vanessa L. Parent, Registered City Clerk