

**Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, June 27, 2019 7:30 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street**

Minutes

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

Individual Resolution:

R129 Authorizing the Appointment of Vanessa L. Parent to the Office of Registered Municipal Clerk
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in Favor.

5. **Oath of Office:** Vanessa Parent, City Clerk

6. **Proclamation(s):** *Mike Berry, Mike Barron and Joe Hargesheimer.

*Keith Tetrault gave Mayor Spencer 2 donation checks for Police K-9 and PAL

7. **Remediation /Redevelopment Construction Progress Report:** Jeff Dey- gave monthly report.

8. **Minutes:** May 16, 2019 Caucus with Executive and May 23, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting.
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in Favor.

Public Comment for Resolutions Only: (Mayor to Open and Close After Public Comment)

9. **Resolutions:**

There were no persons wishing to speak.

R130 Resolution Requesting Coin Toss for Gloucester City Youth Soccer

R131 Resolution Authorizing the City of Gloucester City to enter into the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program

R132 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to David L. Lopez for 307 Hunter St.

R133 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to A5 Development LLC for 10 North Willow Street

R134 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to James and Gina Sabatini for 709 Powell Street

R135 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to New Day 360 LLC for 606 Market Street

R136 Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 503 Chambers Ave. and 341 Hudson St. (on N. Sussex St.)

R137 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of City-Owned Equipment (HP Printer-Clerks Office)

R138 Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records

R139 Resolution Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions

R140 Resolution Authorizing Settlement and Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with CWA Local 1038

R141 Authorizing Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses

R142 Resolution Regarding Sustainable Land Use Pledge

R143 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Champion Road Project

R144 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Miller Ave. Project

R145 Resolution Authorizing Waiver of Local Housing Fees to Properties Caused by Flooding on June 20, 2019

R146 Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Agreement to Barron Iron Works in the amount of \$4,793.74

R147 Resurfacing Center Street

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve R130 through R147. All in Favor.

10. ORDINANCES FOR 2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING THIS EVENING

O-09 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 \$910,000 Therefore; 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 \$910,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

(Mayor to Open for Public Comment, and Close) Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Hutchinson

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

O-10 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 \$2,227,000 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 \$2,115,650; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

(Mayor to Open for Public Comment, and Close) Motion By: Keating, **Second By:** Hutchinson

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

O-11 Ordinance Amending Fire Prevention Fee Schedule & Permit Schedule (Ordinance 48-11, 48-12)

(Mayor to Open for Public Comment, and Close) Motion By: Johnson, **Second By:** Baus

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

ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING THIS EVENING, WITH 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD JULY 25, 2019, 7:30 PM, 313 MONMOUTH ST.

O-12 Non Rep Salary Ordinance

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve.

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

This is for 1st reading this evening, with 2nd reading and public hearing to be held July 25, 2019, 7:30 pm, 313 Monmouth St.

11. Old Business/New Business:

a) **Bills Paid from May 24 to June 20, 2019**

\$1,350,844.23

Bills Approved June 27, 2019

\$ 417,383.50

Total amount being approved:

\$1,768,227.73

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve.

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

b) Block Party application from Cheryl Sheets for: Gehrig Ave. on June 29, 2019 from 3-10pm.

Motion by Berglund, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

12. Communications:

a) Letter of request for leave of absence. – Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to approve.

b) From George Merryfield (We Can Foundation) for approval of July 6, 2019 walk – okay with approval of police

c) Letter from Leo Holt requesting permission to utilize the grass area on S. King St. on July 12, 2019.

Approved

13. **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.

Ethel Cookie, 832 Bergen St. – issue with neighborhood and amount of calls to police. Long spoke that this issue is currently pending in the courts and the City is aware of the problems and anticipates the courts taking appropriate action.

Kathy Osekee, 823 Bergen St. – questioned about how the rental process works.

Bryan Cowley, 823 Bergen St. – same issues with neighborhood.

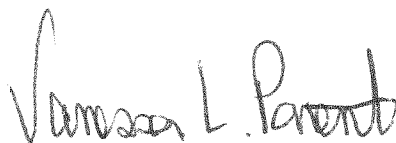
Lauren Johns, 820 Hudson St. – issue on Bergen has impacted family, safety and mental health; requested stricter background checks on tenants.

Daneen Green, 409 Monmouth St. – 411 Monmouth St. – house is empty; issues with animals in vacant property.

Kiela Vespez, 218 Hudson St. – flooding caused heater furnace issue. Mayor Spencer spoke on flooding issue. Keating explained FEMA approved City's damaged assessment.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Keating to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

ATTEST:



VANESSA L. PARENT, CITY CLERK