

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2021  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Statement: Mr. Mercado read a statement setting forth the time, date and place of this meeting, that it was properly advertised, posted and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:	Ms. Grace	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor-abs.
	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator-abs.
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Mr. Mercado asked residents to keep the family of Ann Quintavalle in their thoughts and prayers. A former Deputy Clerk, Ann recently passed away.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked for clarification regarding where ordinance O-21-05 applies. Chief Harkins clarified. Mr. Sweet asked for the appointed tax assessor's background. Mr. Mercado explained.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING**

**O-21-04**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 4 AMENDING ORDINANCE O-04-13 ENTITLED THE BLACKWOOD WEST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Gloucester (the "Township"), in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, has designated an area within the Township, known as the Blackwood West Redevelopment Area, as being in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to stimulate redevelopment the Township has adopted by Ordinance O-04-13 the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan, as Amended by Ordinances O-05-12 (Amendment No. 1), O-06-31 (Amendment No. 2), and O-19-07 (Amendment No. 3) encompass an area known as the Blackwood West Redevelopment Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, Amendment No. 4 is permit "Tattoo/Body Piercing" when combined with either Retail Sales and Services (§B.3) or Personal Services (§B.4) in the BW-RD Blackwood West Redevelopment Zone at 12 N. Black Horse Pike (Block 10606, Lot 9); and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, a Governing Body may adopt, revise or amend a redevelopment plan for an "area in need of redevelopment"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, the Planning Board has recommended the changes set forth in this Ordinance pursuant to Planning Board Resolution \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has reviewed and accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to adopt this Fourth Amendment to the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance O-04-13, known as the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan, as prepared by the consulting firm Clarke ♦ Caton ♦ Hintz dated June 28, 2004 is hereby amended, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That the Development Regulations titled "Blackwood West Redevelopment Zone (BW-RD), Section B. Permitted Uses," is hereby amended by adding the following:

"13. "Tattoo/Body Piercing not to exceed 25% of the total first floor area or two stations,

whichever is less when combined with either Retail Sales and Services or Personal Services at 12 N. Black Horse Pike (Block 10606, Lot 9).”

SECTION 2. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection or part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: March 8, 2021

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Mayor  
David Mayer

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on April 12, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**O-21-05**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE BOOK  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED “SMOKING REGULATIONS”**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Chapter 70 known as the “Smoking Regulations” of the Township of Gloucester be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 70, known as “Smoking Regulations” be and is hereby amended to include the following:

§70.2. Definitions

To smoke shall mean the burning of, inhaling, exhaling and or the inhaling and exhaling the smoke and or vapor from or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette, pipe, battery or electronic smoking device, or other paraphernalia that can be used to consume tobacco, e-liquid, cannabis, marijuana products or a tobacco like substance. Tobacco products encompasses all smokeless tobacco, including, but not limited to, chewing tobacco; loose leaf tobacco; tobacco pellets; plug tobacco; twist or rope tobacco; dipping tobacco and dissolvable tobacco.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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Mayor  
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ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on March 22, 2021 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**RESOLUTIONS: CONSENT AGENDA**

**R-21:03-081**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, that the following bills are approved by the Township Council in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 0-82-16 and certified by the Chief Financial Officer that the claims are proper obligation of the township, that adequate funds are available to honor these claims in the account indicated and the claim should be paid:

**CURRENT ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 7,615,350.73

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 69,981.68

**TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 6,828.85

**OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,009.91

**ANIMAL**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 1,368.60

**DEVELOPERS ESCROW**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 46,505.50

**MANUAL CHECKS**

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 10,729,160.92

Adopted: March 8, 2021

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-21:03-082**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO GRANT SENIOR CITIZEN, DISABLED, OR VETERAN DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2021 AS INDICATED AND TO ADJUST ANY BALANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the following applicants are the owners of a residential property located in the Township of Gloucester, and,

**WHEREAS**, they have properly filed an application for a Senior Citizen, Disabled, or Veteran Deduction with proof of eligibility, and

**WHEREAS**, the Assessor has reviewed and approved said application and adjusted the records for 2021,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said deduction and/or adjust any resulting balances for the year 2021 and refund any balances for the amounts indicated.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Amount of Deduction</b>
12002	4	Carmela Greco	Add Surviving Spouse of Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
12102	1	Scott Schaeffer	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
12102	1	Laura Schaeffer	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
15812	1 C2003	Louis Leoni	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
17202	3	Richard Hargenrader	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
17603	7	Eileen Ranieri	Add Surviving Spouse of Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
20803	25	Louis Perrone	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00
21001	5	Lanny Frederick	Add Veteran Deduction 2021	250.00

Adopted: March 8, 2021

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**R-21:03-083**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE  
CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR POLICE  
ACCREDITATION SERVICES AND  
EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (“CALEA”) and the State of New Jersey Associations of Chiefs of Police offer a program to obtain accreditation in order to attain the highest standards of police department management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund is seeking to encourage police departments to pursue such excellence by providing a grant in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of cost to support the Gloucester Township’s Police Department’s efforts to attain accreditation from New Jersey Chiefs of Police or CALEA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and the governing body believe that the attaining of such certification is consistent with the goals of the Gloucester Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is committed to taking necessary action in order to support the accreditation process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester,(Herein After the “Municipality”) in the County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Chief of Police are hereby required to enter into an agreement with the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) for the receipt of funding of twenty-five percent (25%) of accreditation cost.
2. The Municipality agrees to provide funding for the remaining costs associated with becoming accredited. In addition, the Municipality shall attach a certification from their CFO that the balance of the funds are available to complete the police accreditation process.
3. The Member Municipality understands that the JIF shall not be responsible nor will it commit to provide any additional funding to maintain said accreditation, and this is a one time only grant per municipality.
4. If the Municipality does not renew its membership in the JIF while the accreditation is taking place, said grant would be due back to the JIF immediately upon membership expiration.
5. The 2021-2022 program will allow for six (6) municipalities to receive the grant monies to become accredited. The Executive Committee of the JIF will consider the grant applications on a first come, first served basis.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 8, 2021

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President of Council  
Orland Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

#### **RESOLUTIONS: REGULAR AGENDA**

**R-21:03-084**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR FOR  
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to appoint a Township Tax Assessor, and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has determined James Grandrimo possesses the knowledge, experience and ability to discharge the duties of the Gloucester Township Tax Assessor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREIN RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that James Grandrimo be and is hereby appointed to the position of Township Tax Assessor for the Township of Gloucester.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appointment of Township Tax Assessor shall take effect March 1, 2021 and be for a period of 4 years.

Adopted: March 8, 2021

ATTEST:

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk

Nancy Power, RMC

Mrs. Winters made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked the following question:

1. *Has payment been made to GT for the sale of the GT Housing Authority land parcel 12301 lot 4? If not, when will this payment be made? Is there anything delaying the finalization of the sale?*

Mr. Mercado stated payment has not been made yet. Currently, a title search is being completed.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his condolences to both the Quintavalle and Carlamere families. Mr. Polidoro asked for the status of the budget and what questions or discussions have been had regarding the budget. Mr. Mercado explained council will not be receiving the proposed budget until April. Mr. Polidoro asked if the school budgets come before council to be voted on. Mr. Mercado explained the school budgets do not come before council. Mr. Polidoro asked for clarification regarding the JIF grant. Chief Harkins explained. Mr. Polidoro acknowledged the police and fire departments for their response to the Howard Johnson fire.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates expressed his condolence to both the Quintavalle and Carlamere families. Mr. Krug continued his discussion regarding tax levy growth in the township. Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Krug had a discussion regarding growth.

Elizabeth Dugan of Blenheim asked council if a discussion was held with township employees regarding what priorities should receive focus with township offices being closed to the public. Mr. Mercado stated he will bring this issue to the Mayor and the administration and asked residents to contact council members via email to assist with these problems. Ms. Dugan inquired into manual checks issued to the county. Mr. Mercado believed these checks were for tax payments. Ms. Dugan asked council if there were plans to reduce the capital budget. A discussion was held regarding the capital budget.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked when the capital budget will be introduced. Mr. Sweet inquired about the legalization of marijuana and how it will affect Gloucester Township. Chief Harkins explained the administration, solicitor, and the Department of Community Development have been working together to address this. Chief Harkins outlined some of the new legislation and explained that townships cannot supersede the state law.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Chief Harkins stated as we near the 1 year anniversary of the shutdown, he wished to remember those that were lost and is proud of our community, police department and first responders in the township's response to the Covid Pandemic.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison expressed his condolences to the Quintavalle family and asked everyone to keep the Carlamere family in their thoughts. Mr. Hutchison thanked Ms. Dugan for attending and asking important questions. Mr. Hutchison listed all of the services the township provides.

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Mignone thanked the Chief and everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Winters thanked the Chief. Mrs. Winters reminded everyone to continue taking the pandemic serious.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mr. Mercado explained how council members are intimately and actively involved with the community. Mr. Mercado recalled Ann Quintavalle and her service to the township.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power, RMC  
Township Clerk