

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 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
	Mr. Hutchison-abs.	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone-abs.	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Deputy Chief Minosse, Police
	Mrs. Trotto	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Brian Burns of Erial inquired about the Roselin Bridge resolution and timeline.

Elizabeth Dugan of Blenheim asked what funding source will be used for the roadwork referred to in resolutions on tonight's agenda. Mr. Mercado explained.

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

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Executive Session:

June 14, 2021

Regular Session:

June 14, 2021

June 28, 2021

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stubbs. Roll call vote: Mrs. Stubbs abstained from the June 28th meeting, Mrs. Winters abstained from the June 28th meeting, Mrs. Trotto abstained from the June 14th meetings. All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

O-21-06

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-03-03 LAND DEVELOPMENT REGARDING PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

Joe D'Amico of Blackwood asked for clarification regarding the ordinance. Mr. Lechner clarified. A discussion was held regarding electric vehicle charging stations.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked what spurred this initiative. Mr. Lechner clarified.

Brian Burns of Erial asked council to table this ordinance.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked council to table this ordinance.

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

Mrs. Trotto made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Stubbs. Roll call vote: Motion Carried. 4-1.

O-21-07

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-03-03 LAND DEVELOPMENT REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.
There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-21:07-206

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 \$ 7,381,237.16

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 46,520.25

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 12,486.50

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 7,709.26

ANIMAL

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,900.00

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 19,834.50

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 620,728.12

Adopted: July 12, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

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.

R-21:07-207

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE
CERTIFICATES**

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #17-00206, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block7812, Lot 3, assessed to Barrila Danielle, at a tax sale held on December 28, 2017, and was redeemed by homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #18-00490, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 11701, Lot 3, assessed to TLF REO LC, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2018, and was redeemed by homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate #18-00490 included CCMUA charges in the amount of \$807.92 and GTMUA charges in the amount of \$422.43 to be refunded upon collection, and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #19-00674, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 14701, Lot 24, assessed to Ferguson Robert G II & Duncan Jes, at a tax sale held on December 27, 2019, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00045, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 1306, Lot 20, assessed to Console Adrian Delmar (Est of), at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00630, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 14601, Lot 4, assessed to CD'S Profit LLC, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate #20-00630 included GTMUA charges in the amount of \$155.52 to be refunded upon collection, and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00699, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 15805, Lot 12, assessed to Henderson Sherman F & Marie, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #20-00981, issued to the Township of Gloucester, for delinquent taxes on Block 18601, Lot 7, assessed to Watson John Irvin Jr, at a tax sale held on December 29, 2020, and was redeemed by the homeowner paying the full amount of the delinquency and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Gloucester are hereby authorized to endorse the above Certificates of Sale for cancellation and refund GTMUA the amount of \$577.95 and CCMUA in the amount of \$807.92.

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-208

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF VITAL STATISTICS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the following refunds be and are hereby authorized:

Non-resident Marriage License Application

Megan Long

175 Philadelphia Avenue
West Deptford, NJ 08086

Total Amount - \$28.00

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-209

RESOLUTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, there exists outstanding checks which have been outstanding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditure be deposited into the proper fund;

Gloucester Twp. – Court – General Account for Republic Bank – ACCT. 1229206

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Keelan Victor	3/9/2020	12474	25.00
Keelan Victor	4/20/2020	12494	25.00
Isabel Castro-Hidalgo	6/8/2020	12512	1.00
Rudolph Wilson	7/7/2020	12520	2.00
Weldon Mathews	7/7/2020	12521	1.00
Victor Perez	8/3/2020	12536	3.02
Sergio Sanchez-Cardona	8/3/2020	12538	2.00
Robert Levin	8/3/2020	12542	16.39
Duane Holmes	9/9/2020	12552	1.42
Victoria Ballard	9/9/2020	12557	135.00
Deayna Dawson	10/5/2020	12567	2.00
Christina Callaghan	10/5/2020	12571	40.98
Paul Nwoga	11/12/2020	12581	50.00
Christina Callaghan	11/12/2020	12584	20.49
Daniel Jeffers	12/7/2020	12591	1.00
Angela Furgus	12/7/2020	12593	25.00
Christina Callaghan	12/7/2020	12595	20.49
Raul Arvelo-Sanchez	1/4/2021	12602	17.00
Michael Smith	1/4/2021	12603	1.68
Paul Nwoga	1/4/2021	12604	50.00
Christina Callaghan	1/4/2021	12605	20.49
Sharif Alwan	2/8/2021	12614	<u>170.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>630.96</u>

Gloucester Twp. – Court – Bail Account for Republic Bank – ACCT. 1229214

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Devona Jones	5/18/2020	63565	<u>10.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>10.00</u>

Adopted: July 12, 2021

Attest:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

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.

R-21:07-210

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR 407 MAIN STREET
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of 407 Main Street has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities for site improvements, namely concrete curb and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Ordinance has been amended since the application was granted to include concrete curb and sidewalks as a required component of a grading plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the remaining Cash Performance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,142.72 be released.

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-211

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES FOR
THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE I
BLOCK 18301 LOTS 16,17 & 18
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Estates at Lakeside Phase I has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Letter of Credit #20511001 from the 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the original amount of \$643,804.92 for site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Estates at Lakeside Phase I as follows:

	<u>Original Guarantee</u>	<u>Reduction #1</u>	<u>Reduction #2</u>
Public Facilities	\$643,804.92	\$615,196.92	\$331,291.32

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-212

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES FOR
THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE II
BLOCK 18301 LOTS 16,17 & 18
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Estates at Lakeside Phase II has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Letter of Credit #20551001 from the 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$292,252.20 for site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Estates at Lakeside Phase II as follows:

	<u>Original Guarantee</u>	<u>Reduction #1</u>
Public Facilities	\$292,252.20	\$213,028.20

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-213

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES FOR
THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE III
BLOCK 18301 LOTS 16,17 & 18
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Estates at Lakeside Phase III has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Letter of Credit #20591001 from the 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$456,648.48 for site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Estates at Lakeside Phase III as follows:

	<u>Original Guarantee</u>	<u>Reduction #1</u>
Public Facilities	\$456,648.48	\$345,384.48

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-214

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF SECURITIES FOR
THE ESTATES AT LAKESIDE PHASE IV
BLOCK 18301 LOTS 16,17 & 18
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, the developer of The Estates at Lakeside Phase IV has supplied the Township of Gloucester with Letter of Credit #20621001 from the 1ST Colonial Community Bank in the amount of \$298,470.60 for site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has inspected this project and has given his report to the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby authorize the reduction of securities for The Estates at Lakeside Phase IV as follows:

	<u>Original Guarantee</u>	<u>Reduction #1</u>
Public Facilities	\$298,470.60	\$231,414.60

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-215

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE**

ATTORNEY GENERAL – SFY21 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has awarded the Township of Gloucester a Body Worn Camera Grant (#21-BWC-169) in the amount of \$299,586.00 from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Body Worn Camera Grant Program will provide for an allotted fixed dollar amount for each camera to be purchased and any excess funds to be used for ancillary equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, are authorized to accept the Body Worn Camera Grant (#21-BWC-169) from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$299,586.00 for the purchase of body worn cameras and apply any excess funds for the purchase of ancillary equipment.

Adopted: July 12, 2021

Attest:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

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.

R-21:07-216

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159 P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Finance may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item has been made available by Law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the Township has received a grant in the amount of \$299,586.00 Body Worn Camera Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Gloucester hereby requests the Director of Division of Local Finance to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2021 CY Budget in the amount of \$299,586.00 which is now available as revenue from the receipt of the Body Worn Camera Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$299,586.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS “EXCLUDED FROM CAP”	
Body Worn Camera Grant Program	\$299,586.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township CFO email a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

ADOPTED: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-217

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR
THE 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$44,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$44,000.00 be properly advertised and bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Advertising of Bids is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following items:

2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-218

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR VARIOUS
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials, supplies, and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$44,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the State Statutes require that items exceeding \$44,000.00 be properly advertised and bids are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Advertising of Bids is hereby authorized, in accordance with the respective specifications for the following items:

One (1) 2021 Three (3) Yard Dump Truck

One (1) 2021 Seven (7) Yard Dump Truck

One (1) 2021 30 Yard Tri-Axle Dump Truck

One (1) 2021 New Chassis with Stand Up Right Hand Drive and 37 Yard Recycling Body

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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.

R-21:07-219

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF ITEMS THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ), A STATE APPROVED NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011,c139 allows the Township of Gloucester, as a local contracting unit, to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement, and

WHEREAS, Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) is a Cooperative Purchasing Program in which the Township of Gloucester is a participating municipality, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby confirm, authorize and approve the purchase of the following items pursuant to the following State Approved cooperative purchasing awards through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ).

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ESCNJ NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mohawk Resources LTD	#65MCECCPS	(4) Truck Lifts	\$14,837.26 Ea.

Total: \$59,349.04

ADOPTED: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

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.

R-21:07-220

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF ITEMS THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA), A STATE APPROVED NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011,c139 allows the Township of Gloucester, as a local contracting unit, to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement, and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a Cooperative Purchasing Program in which the Township of Gloucester is a participating municipality, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester does hereby confirm, authorize and approve the purchase of the following items pursuant to the following State Approved cooperative purchasing awards through the contract with Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA).

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTRACT#</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GT Mid Atlantic	#032119	Case Fork Lift Model 588H	\$100,639.00
Groff Tractor	#32219-CNH	Case Backhoe Model 590SN	\$119,628.00
Timmerman Equipment Company	#041217-ODB	John Deere Leaf Machine	\$108,982.14

ADOPTED: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township
Nancy Power, RMC

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-21:07-221

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF AN AMENDED GREEN ACRES PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR ROSELIN BRIDGE (EIL INVESTMENTS) PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2650 ERIAL ROAD, BLOCK 14601, LOTS 2, 5, 6 AND 13

BETWEEN Gloucester Township, Camden County, having offices at 1261 Chews Landing Road at Hider Lane, P.O. Box 8, Blackwood, NJ 08012, hereinafter “ Local Government Unit” ; and

The State of New Jersey by the Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Mail code 501-01, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, hereinafter “State” (collectively the “Parties”)

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit has submitted an application to the State for financial assistance under the Green Acres Program; and

WHEREAS, the State has reviewed said application and has found it to be in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program and has approved the Local Government Unit’s request and awarded funding (“Green Acres Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to execute this Amended Green Acres Project Agreement (“Project Agreement”) to govern the Local Government Unit’s use of Green Acres Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit has agreed to utilize the Green Acres Funds and to hold and use the premises hereinafter described in accordance with the Green Acres Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit has previously entered into a Green Acres Project Agreement awarding Green Acres Funds, dated March 24, 2003 that was subsequently amended on May 24, 2006, August 13, 2009, November 9, 2010, and September 20, 2016, for a total project cost of \$4,426,117.29; and

WHEREAS, the State has not fully dispersed all previously awarded Green Acres Funds governed under the prior Green Acres Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration (ONRR) is tasked with the assessment and restoration of natural resources that have been injured as a result of hazardous discharges to the environment: and as a result of discharges at the Chemical Leaman Superfund

Site in Logan Township, Gloucester County, a natural resource damage settlement was paid to the ONRR; and

WHEREAS, this settlement is to be used to restore and enhance natural resources that have been damaged by Chemical Leaman; and

WHEREAS, the ONRR wished to contribute settlement funds towards the purchase of the Roselin Bridge, LLC (aka EIL Investments) property in Gloucester Township, Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this property is consistent with the policies of the ONRR and will serve to directly restore injuries from the discharges through the enhancement of groundwater recharge and habitat preservation of this watershed property; and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to update the terms of the prior Green Acres Project agreement to include ONRR funding, and intent that this Project agreement shall supersede and replace the prior Green Acres Project Agreements between the State and the Local Government Unit and that the Local Government Unit's use of all Green Acres Funds shall be governed exclusively and bound by this Project Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the authorized signatories for the Township of Gloucester shall be the Township Solicitor, David Carlamere, and the Mayor, David R. Mayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in consideration of the principles, assurances and premises contained herein, the Parties agree to perform in accordance with the provisions, terms and conditions set forth in this Project Agreement. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey authorizes the execution of this Amended Green Acres Project Agreement.

Adopted: July 12, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked the following questions:

1. *Does there exist a project budget for the \$4.4 million Green Acres project that is referenced in resolution #221? How can one obtain this budget?* Mr. Mercado stated this information can be obtained and will be accessed tomorrow.
2. *Can you please tell me where one can find the public meeting schedule for the GT Economic Development Corp?* Mr. Mercado stated they meet the second Thursday of each month at 8 am in the Mayor's Office.

Sam Sweet of Elizabeth Place asked the following questions:

1. *It was recently reported by Gloucester Township that the Small Business Grant was running out of money. The Program had over \$400,000 in it. As of the last meeting only 23 companies were approved. At the most that is \$115,000. Has that number of approved applications increased that high in the past 2 weeks?* Mr. Mercado stated this information is not true.
2. *Can you please provide updated numbers on this program?*
3. *How many companies have applied?* 97
4. *How many have been approved?* 67
5. *How many have been denied? If so, what are the reasons?* 30
6. *How many are in review?* 3
7. *Can you please provide an updated list of the companies that were approved and received funds?* 23
8. *Finally, is the fee paid to Triad that was out of the actual funds, a fixed fee or is based on time?* Approximately \$65,000.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road inquired why an amended redevelopment plan was completed for the Villages of Gloucester prior to a redevelopment study being completed. Mr. Lechner explained the Redevelopment Study was for a section of an already existing Redevelopment Plan that encompasses a larger area. Mrs. Coyne inquired into T&M billing. Mr. Lechner referred Mrs. Coyne to T&M. Mrs. Coyne asked if any stakeholder meetings have been advertised for the public to attend. Mr. Lechner clarified.

Ray Polidoro of Erial thanked council for tabling the ordinance. Mr. Polidoro asked council if invocations will be brought back to the meetings. Mr. Mercado stated in the fall. Mr. Polidoro asked for an update regarding the property transaction between the township and the housing authority. Mr. Carlamere did not have an update. Mr. Polidoro asked if a discussion was held for the property transaction being completed for a \$1.00. Mr. Mercado stated no. Mr. Polidoro expressed his concerns with the Market to Affordable Program.

Brian Burns of Erial asked if a meeting has taken place regarding the Hayes property. Mr. Carlamere explained. Mr. Burns offered to take council on a tour of the property.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates thanked council for tabling the ordinance. Mr. Krug asked about the Market to Affordable Program. Mr. Mercado clarified. Mr. Krug inquired into the redevelopment study for the Villages of Gloucester. Mr. Mercado and Mr. Lechner explained. Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked when the community is able to voice their ideas for redevelopment areas. Mr. Lechner stated the community can speak at the advertised public hearing during the planning board meeting. Mrs. Coyne provided a timeline of AP Construction's property purchases.

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

POLLING OF COUNCIL:

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for coming out.

Mrs. Stubbs thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Mr. Burns for his dedication.

Mrs. Trotto thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for attending and thanked Mr. Lechner for the information he provided.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

Council President
Orlando Mercado