

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Invocation:

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	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	Mr. Lechner, Community Development
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto-abs.	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road inquired into the resolution regarding the hiring of a Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Harkins clarified. Mrs. Coyne inquired into the resolution releasing escrow funds for a cannabis facility. Mr. Carlamere further explained.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates thanked Mr. Lechner for his years of service and inquired into the ordinance regarding the role of the planner. Mr. Mercado explained.

Sam Sweet of Erial inquired into the lease referenced in the resolution regarding the cannabis facility. Mr. Carlamere clarified. Mr. Sweet asked who owned the company. Ms. Riley, attorney at McCarter & English, explained.

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

**PROCLAMATION: DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2021 YEAR END
HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN**

Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, read the Proclamation

WAIVE THE READING AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:

Executive Session

November 8, 2021

Regular Session

November 8, 2021

November 22, 2021

Mr. Mignone made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: Mr. Hutchison abstained from the November 8th Executive Session and November 22nd Regular Session. All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

BID REPORT:

**2021/2022 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS FOR PARTICIPATION IN
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP'S SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
RFP'S RECEIVED NOVEMBER 23, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>
A.P. Construction, INC (4)	Class I Truck	\$218.50 per hour
A.P. Construction, INC (2)	Class II Truck	\$230.00 per hour
A.P. Construction, INC (6)	Front End Loader	\$235.75 per hour
A.P. Construction, INC (1)	Backhoe	\$193.20 per hour
A.P. Construction, INC (1)	Skid Steer	\$193.20 per hour
A.P. Construction, INC (5)	Pick-up Truck	\$126.50 per hour
Area 51 (1)	Class II Truck	\$230.00 per hour

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Bialowas Concrete Construction, INC (6)	Pick-up Truck	\$126.50 per hour
Joseph's Landscaping & Irrigation (8)	Class I Truck	\$218.50 per hour
Joseph's Landscaping & Irrigation (3)	Class II Truck	\$230.00 per hour
Joseph's Landscaping & Irrigation (1)	Front End Loader	\$235.75 per hour
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Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (2)	Class II Truck	\$230.00 per hour
Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (4)	Front End Loader	\$235.75 per hour
Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (2)	Backhoe	\$193.20 per hour
Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (6)	Skid Steer	\$193.20 per hour
Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (10)	Pick-up Truck	\$126.50 per hour

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to accept the bids, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE(S) FIRST READING - INTRODUCTION

O-21-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Gloucester be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Article IX, "Position of Engineering", Section § 2.48, §2.49, and §2.50 be and is hereby amended as follows:

1. **ARTICLE IX, POSITION OF ENGINEERING AND PLANNING**

§ 2.48 Creation: Municipal Engineer

Within the administration of the Township of Gloucester there shall be the position of Municipal Engineer. The position of Municipal Engineer, previously titled under Article IX [inactive and deleted], is hereby continued. The position of Municipal Engineer shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Township Council, and shall serve for a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment and until the appointment and qualification of a successor, provided that the then current serving Municipal Engineer contractually extends the Professional Services Contract on a monthly basis. In lieu of appointing an individual, a firm of engineers may be appointed, with a designated member who is a licensed civil engineer of the State of New Jersey to serve in the capacity of Municipal Engineer. Compensation shall be set in an annual salary or fixed fee basis or at an hourly rate and based on actual time and expenses agreed on prior to rendering services.

§ 2.48.a Creation: Planner

Within the administration of the Township of Gloucester there shall be the position of Planner. The position of Planner, previously titled under Article XIV is hereby continued. The position of Planner shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Township Council and shall serve for a term of one (1) year from the date of appointment and until the appointment and qualification of a successor. Compensation shall be fixed, by the salary ordinance. He/She shall be a duly licensed Planner of the State of New Jersey. In lieu of appointing an individual, the Mayor may appoint a firm of Planners, each member of which shall be a licensed Planner of the State of New Jersey.

§ 2.49 Duties and Responsibilities: Municipal Engineer

The duties and responsibilities of the Municipal Engineer shall be as follows:

- a.) Provide engineering services to the various departments, boards and agencies of the Township as directed by the Mayor, or as may be requested by the Township Council or other authorized authority.
- b.) Prepare plans and specifications for public works and improvements undertaken by the Township.
- c.) Provide and maintain maps, plans and specifications, surveys and records with respect to public property, works and facilities owned and operated by the Township government.
- d.) Maintain the tax map on a current basis;
- e.) Attend all Council Meetings;

§ 2.49.a Duties and Responsibilities: Planner

The duties of the Planner shall be as follows:

- a.) Provide planning services to the various departments, boards and agencies of the Township as directed by the Council, Mayor or other authorized authority, as may be appointed or authorized by other statutory board of authority.
- b.) Prepare all plans and specifications for public works and improvements undertaken by the Township.
- c.) Attend Council meetings as may be requested by Council.

§ 2.50 Appointment of Additional Engineering Consultants

From time to time, additional engineering consultants may be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council, or by a majority vote of the Township Council, to perform a specific task relating to Township projects. All such Municipal Engineer and engineering consultants shall execute a professional services contract in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, wherein the specific task to be performed shall be defined and the rate of compensation shall be provided.

§ 2.50.a Appointment of Additional Planning Consultants

From time to time, additional planning consultants may be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council, for specific tasks relating to Township business. All such additional Planning Consultants shall execute a contract where-in the task to be performed shall be defined and the rate of compensation specified in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 2, Article XIV “Department of Community Development and Planning”, Section § 2.65 and § 2.66.1 shall be amended as follows:

1. § 2.65 Creation; Appointment; Compensation

There is hereby created a Department of Community Development & Planning. The head of the Department of Community Development and Planning shall be the Director, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council until appointment and qualification of a successor. He/She shall receive compensation as shall be fixed, by salary ordinance. The Director shall be the appointing authority for all technical personnel necessary to carry out the functions of the Department. He/She shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the Mayor, shall be responsible for the proper inspection of all structures within the Township. He/She shall supervise, coordinate and direct the proper disposition of all applications pertaining to Community Development, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and serve as administrative officer of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and oversee the general planning development of the Township. There may be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, an Assistant Director to the Director of the Department of Community Development and Planning and whose duties shall be established by the Mayor.

2. That Chapter 2, Article XIV, “Department of Community Development and Planning” Section § 2.66.1 titled “The Duties of the Planner” and § 2.66.2 titled “Appointment of Additional Planning Consultants be and is hereby deleted from Chapter 2, Article XIV from the Code Book of the Township of Gloucester.

SECTION 3 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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: December 13, 2021

Adopted:

Mayor
David R. Mayer

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on January 10, 2022 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mrs. Winters. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

O-21-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER ENTITLED, “PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Chapter 5 of the Code of the Township of Gloucester be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5 entitled “Personnel Policy and Procedures” be and is hereby amended in its entirety.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions 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: December 13, 2021

Adopted:

David R. Mayer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Mr. Mignone made a motion to adopt on first reading, to have a second reading and public hearing on January 10, 2022 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

O-21-12 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE O-04-13 REPEALING AND ADOPTING THE BLACKWOOD WEST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.
Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked why a meeting from 2003 was referenced. Mr. Lechner clarified.
Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates asked how council can ensure the following through of this new plan. Mr. Mercado explained.
There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

O-21-14 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-03-03, LAND DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE A MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY BY AN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTER TO INCLUDE A MARIJUANA RETAIL DISPENSARY AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE HC – HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.
Denise Coyne asked where a dispensary can be placed. Mr. Lechner explained.
Hugh Giordano of Argyle Avenue provided information supporting medical cannabis dispensaries.
Ray Polidoro of Erial expressed his concerns with this topic.
There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

R-21:12-328

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 \$ 9,544,484.54

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 527,794.76

ANIMAL TRUST

Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 13,976.80

TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 39,992.75

OPEN SPACE TRUST

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 2,896.79

DEVELOPERS ESCROW

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 6,270.00

MANUAL CHECKS

Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of \$ 63,213.83

Adopted: December 13, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk,
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-329

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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

Project ID # 9097
553 Cross Keys Road
Block 18403 Lot 20
NSPAC 1, LLC
404 Creek Crossing Blvd
Hainesport, NJ 08036
Balance of unexpended escrow: \$50,000.00

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-330

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDING OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester to authorize the refunding of the following credit balances:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
15703	147	Corelogic 3001 Hackberry Rd. Irving, TX 75063 Attn: Heather Williams	2021	\$1,366.63	Overpayment

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-331

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERAN OR OTHER EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2021 4TH QUARTER AND 2022 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CREDIT TAXES AND REFUND ANY OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the following names are owners and residents of property in the Township of Gloucester, and

WHEREAS, they have made proper application for Total and Permanent Service-Connected Disability tax exempt status on their property designated with the block and lots listed below and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted proper evidence of Total and Permanent Disability rating from the U.S. Veterans Administration in accordance with State Regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the Tax Collector is authorized to grant said exemption, credit property taxes as stated 2021 and 2022 and refund any resulting credit balances.

Block	Lot	Name	Comment	Amount to be Credited
13605	36	Eric Teel	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 10/27/21	2021 – \$850.87 2022 – \$2,552.60 Assessment – 135,000
14405	1	Perry Barner	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 10/13/21	2021 – \$1,233.62 2022 - \$3,698.08 Assessment – 183,300
16407	1	Ronald Luton	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 11/01/21	2021 – 1,468.74 2022 – 4,406.22 Assessment – 218,400
17909	7	Wendell Morsell	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 10/12/21	2021 – 1,830.58 2022 – 5,491.72 Assessment – 278,400
18322	9	Curtis Harbin	Add Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption As Of 10/12/21	2021 – 206.46 2022 – 619.37 Assessment – 213,400

19001 4	Whansley Pierre	Add Disabled Veteran	2021 – 887.69
		Tax Exemption	2022 – 5,322.17
		As Of 11/15/21	Assessment – 263,800

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-332

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR BRYN MAWR DG, BLACKWOOD, LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the developer of Dollar General has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project within the Township of Gloucester; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the performance guarantee in the amount of \$42,509.00 in the name Bryn Mawr DG, Blackwood, LLC be released.

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-333

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SECURITIES FOR THE COLONY AT CHEWS LANDING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the developer of The Colony at Chews Landing has supplied the Township of Gloucester with securities covering this project, within the Township of Gloucester; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that Letter of Credit #419680 established in the original amount of \$174,928.00, reduced to the amount of \$58,309.20, be released along with a cash guarantee in the amount of \$19,436.00 in the name of RRA Colony Partners, LLC.

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-334

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND VARIOUS CONTRACTORS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR 2021-2022

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, determined that there is a need for Snow Removal in the Township of Gloucester.

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have been provided, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received bids or quotes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that the proper Township Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the following contractors for snow removal at contract prices shown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the below named contractors shall provide proof of liability insurance and other appropriate insurances before delivery of a fully executed contract.

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COST</u>
A.P. Construction, INC (4)	Class I Truck	\$218.50 per hour
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Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (6)	Skid Steer	\$193.20 per hour

Marksmen Landscaping, LLC (10)

Pick-up Truck

\$126.50 per hour

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-335

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE ADVERTISING OF RFP'S FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New Jersey pursuant to Public Contracts and Pay-to-Play legislation authorizes requests for qualifications for various professional services and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Soliciting of RFP's via the Gloucester Township Website is hereby confirmed, in accordance with the respective specifications provided through the office of the Business Administrator for the following position:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-336

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 676 - DISPATCHERS UNIT CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the proper officials be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the Township of Gloucester and Teamster's Local Union 676 for Dispatchers for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

Adopted: December 13, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-337

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
GLOUCESTER AFFIRMING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Gloucester is party to an individual employment agreement (“Agreement”) with the Deputy Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has a term commencing December 6, 2021 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide clarified contractual language, the Township and the Deputy Chief have drafted an Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Deputy Chief have provided for terms and conditions to extend through December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby authorizes the Mayor to review and to execute said Agreement upon its finalization.

Adopted: December 13, 2021

ATTEST:

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

R-21:12-338

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF RESINATE BLISS, LLC
TO OPEN A CANNABIS CULTIVATOR AND/OR CANNABIS MANUFACTURER AT
553 BERLIN-CROSS KEYS ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

WHEREAS, Resinate Bliss LLC (“Resinate Bliss”) has notified the Mayor and the Township Council of its intent to submit an application to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“CRC”) for a Class 1 Cultivation License and Class 2 Manufacturing License to operate adult-use cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facilities at premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road; and

WHEREAS, cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facilities are permitted uses in the NVBP Zone in Gloucester Township if it satisfies bulk requirements set forth by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road are within the NVBP Zone of Gloucester Township and satisfy the bulk, lot size, yard size, lot area, and distance requirements set forth by Gloucester Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g)(1) requires a Municipality with a governing body to demonstrate local support for the suitability of a cannabis business's proposed location to the CRC by adopting a resolution evidencing the suitability of the proposed location by indicating that the intended location is appropriately located or otherwise suitable for activities related to the operations of the proposed cannabis business; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Ordinance No. O-21-09, Gloucester Township Code requires that subject to the authority of the CRC to approve and issue cannabis licenses authorized by law, any applicant desiring to conduct business as a cannabis establishment within the Township shall be required to separately obtain the approval of Gloucester Township pursuant to the Township's local authority under N.J.S.A. 24:6I-45(c)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Gloucester Township has determined that the premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road are appropriately located within the Township's NVBP Zone and suitable for the operation of a cannabis cultivation facility and a cannabis manufacturing facility, subject to approval by Gloucester Township;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gloucester Township Council supports the application of Resinate Bliss to the State of New Jersey CRC for a Class 1 Cultivation Facility and Class 2 Manufacturing Facility to open and operate at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road in Gloucester Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of Resinate Bliss's application from the CRC, Gloucester Township is hereby authorized to review said application for compliance with all state and local licensing requirements, and thereafter recommend further action as may be necessary on the issuance of a local cannabis retail license to Resinate Bliss to operate at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road pursuant to Gloucester Township Code, conditioned upon the CRC awarding a cultivation and/or manufacturing license to Resinate Bliss. Upon satisfaction of all local requirements, the Township Council may issue a notification of award.

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-21:12-339

RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CY 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain CY 2021 Budget Appropriation balances are expected to be insufficient for the remainder of the year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Gloucester, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations in the CY 2021 Budget of the Township of Gloucester, as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1-01-20-110-004-200	Public Information OE		\$10,500.00

1-01-20-140-000-200	Data Processing OE	25,000.00	
1-01-20-150-000-100	Tax Assessment SW	40,000.00	
1-01-20-155-000-200	Township Attorney OE		\$20,000.00
1-01-22-195-000-100	Construction Code SW	20,000.00	
1-01-22-200-001-100	Code Enforcement SW	18,000.00	
1-01-23-210-000-200	Liability Insurance OE	70,000.00	
1-01-23-215-000-200	Workers Compensation OE		50,000.00
1-01-23-220-000-200	Group Insurance OE		150,000.00
1-01-25-240-004-100	Police Admin SW	10,000.00	
1-01-25-240-005-100	Police Special Officers SW		18,000.00
1-01-25-250-000-100	Police Communications SW		65,000.00
1-01-26-290-000-200	Streets OE	100,000.00	
1-01-26-300-000-100	Public Works SW	14,000.00	
1-01-26-300-000-200	Public Works OE	10,000.00	
1-01-26-305-000-200	Sanitation OE		53,000.00
1-01-26-315-000-200	Vehicle Maintenance OE		15,000.00
1-01-27-340-000-200	Animal Control OE		50,000.00
1-01-28-375-000-200	Parks & Playgrounds OE	30,000.00	
1-01-30-415-000-200	Compensated Absences		5,500.00
1-01-31-430-000-200	Electricity OE		60,000.00
1-01-31-435-000-200	Street Lighting OE	39,000.00	
1-01-31-446-000-200	Heating OE		10,000.00
1-01-31-460-000-200	Gasoline OE		100,000.00
1-01-32-465-000-200	Sanitation Landfill Disposal OE	120,000.00	
1-01-43-490-000-100	Municipal Court SW	100,000.00	
1-01-43-490-000-200	Municipal Court OE		10,000.00
		\$606,500.00	\$606,500.00

Adopted: December 13, 2021

 President of Council
 Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

 Township Clerk
 Nancy Power, RMC

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

R-21:12-340

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER AND RESINATE BLISS LLC TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 553 BERLIN-CROSS KEYS ROAD TO OPERATE A CANNABIS CULTIVATOR AND/OR CANNABIS MANUFACTURER

WHEREAS, certain property located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road is designated as in need of redevelopment and located in the NVBP zone; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road has remained vacant for several years; and

WHEREAS, Resinate Bliss LLC has notified the Mayor and the Township Council of its intent to submit an application to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission (“CRC”) for a Class 1 Cultivation License and Class 2 Manufacturing License to operate adult-use cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facilities at premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road; and

WHEREAS, cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facilities are permitted uses in the NVBP Zone in Gloucester Township if it satisfies bulk requirements set forth by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road are within the NVBP Zone of Gloucester Township and satisfy the bulk, lot size, yard size, lot area, and distance requirements set forth by Gloucester Township; and

WHEREAS, Gloucester Township and Resinate Bliss LLC intend on entering into a lease agreement whereby Gloucester Township will lease the premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road to Resinate Bliss LLC; and

WHEREAS, Gloucester Township may lease township-owned property to private entities when the property is in an area designated in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Resinate Bliss LLC will redevelop the property for an adult-use cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-7.10, Resinate Bliss LLC requires as part of its application a certification of landlord that the landlord is aware that the tenant’s use of the premises will involve cannabis cultivation and manufacturing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Township is aware of and approves of Resinate Bliss LLC’s intent to operate a cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility on the premises leased to it by the Township of Gloucester located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Gloucester Township Council supports the application of Resinate Bliss to the State of New Jersey CRC for a Class 1 Cultivation Facility and Class 2 Manufacturing Facility to open and operate at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road in Gloucester Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the issuance of a local cannabis retail license to Resinate Bliss to operate at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road pursuant to Gloucester Township Code, conditioned upon the CRC awarding a cultivation and/or manufacturing license to Resinate Bliss, Gloucester Township will lease the property located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road to Resinate Bliss LLC for the purposes of operating a Class 1 Cultivation and Class 2 Manufacturing facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Gloucester Township shall be authorized to sign an Expression of Intent or similar agreement to lease the property located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road to Resinate Bliss LLC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township of Gloucester shall certify that the Township is aware of and approves Resinate Bliss LLC’s intent to use the leased premises located at 553 Berlin-Cross Keys Road for a cannabis cultivation and manufacturing facility.

Adopted: December 13, 2021

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

Township Clerk
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

GT E-GOV ACCESS:

Elizabeth Dugan of Blenheim had the following questions for council:

As everyone is aware, Gloucester Township as well as Mainstage decided to cancel the Pumpkin Festival, the Food and Craft Beer event, and the Trunk-or-Treat event which were scheduled during the month of October (on 10/3, 10/16, and 10/29, respectively). The last two events were cancelled due to COVID concerns.

Council took issue with me questioning the rationale for cancelling the October events and mentioned that they were not sure if events in the upcoming months would take place. However, there was a tree lighting event sponsored by Gloucester Township held last night (12/12) attended by a decent crowd, and a good number of them were not wearing masks or standing 6 feet apart.

I present to council the following COVID new case statistics for each date mentioned above for Camden County from the New York Times:

10/3 - 111 new cases, 156 average over 7 days

10/16 - 97 new cases, 106 average over 7 days

10/29 - 80 new cases, 96 average over 7 days

12/12 - 221 new cases, 254 average over 7 days

On the dates that the events were cancelled, the cases in our county were about half or more of yesterday's cases.

Regarding the above, I have the following questions:

1. Please explain why the event last night was not cancelled, but the events in October were given that the cases in our County were much higher last night than they were on the 3 dates in October? Mr. Mercado stated Pumpkin Festival was cancelled because Mainstage could not secure enough volunteers. Mr. Mercado explained the Food and Truck Festival was cancelled because there were not enough vendors able to attend and volunteers from the Scholarship Committee. Mr. Mercado explained Trunk and Treat was cancelled because thousands of children would be standing in line for hours. Mr. Mercado explained the Tree Lighting Ceremony was organized by the Mayor's Office and coordinated with the Police Department.

2. If the Township was concerned about COVID spreading in crowds, why were there no reasonable precautions taken to protect the crowd last night such as handing out masks or keeping the crowd spaced out? Mr. Mercado explained vaccinations and boosters are available and possibly came into play as to why the event occurred.

3. Would you agree that you did not want any political candidates running against the incumbents to attend the October events during a major election year, and that's why the events were cancelled? Mr. Mercado stated this was a safety concern and staffing/vendor concern.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked for an update regarding the Market to Affordable Program. Mr. Mercado explained the program has been suspended. Mr. Polidoro asked for information regarding the land deal. Mr. Carlamere explained. Mr. Polidoro referenced the marijuana facility in Bellmawr. Chief Harkins clarified the original ordinance addressed air filtration. Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road had questions regarding the leasing of the land for the dispensary. A discussion was held.

Sam Sweet of Erial is following up on his request for minutes from the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Sweet expressed his concerns regarding representation.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates expressed his concerns with business owners being landlocked during the Christmas Parade. Mr. Krug suggested the township notify business owners to obtain a permit to sell food during the event. Mr. Krug expressed his concerns with council not receiving the minutes from the Planning Board. Mr. Krug asked for an update regarding the information he provided for turf rolling rental equipment. Mr. Krug expressed his concerns with the township limiting itself with one dispensary company.

Dawn Sabello of Little Gloucester Road asked for information regarding Little Pond Golf Course. Mr. Carlamere clarified. Ms. Sabello asked council to clarify issues for the public. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

POLLING OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. Lechner thanked the mayor, council, and the residents for giving him the opportunity to be the township's planner. Mr. Mercado spoke of Mr. Lechner's kindness and professionalism. Chief Harkins updated council regarding enhanced operations at the outlets and dwi controls. Chief Harkins thanked Target for helping the police department with Shop with a Cop.

POLLING OF COUNCIL :

Mr. Hutchison thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs. Grace thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a great holiday season.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming out tonight and shared some Covid information with residents.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Chief Harkins for all his hard work.

Mrs. Winters urged residents to be careful with Covid.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for coming out this evening and thanked everyone for contributing to the Mayor's Toy Drive. Mr. Mercado thanked public works and the police department for their help with the tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Mercado announced that the meeting will be moved to December 29th and Reorganization is January 3, 2022.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Power, RMC
Township Clerk

Council President
Orlando Mercado