

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2022 @ 7:30 PM  
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	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mr. Mignone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto-abs.	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

**R-22:03-073**

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM DISCUSSION  
OF EXEMPTED SUBJECT MATTER AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER PURSUANT  
TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey provides that certain matters may be discussed in “Executive Closed Session” without members of the public being permitted to attend; and

**WHEREAS**, the following items, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, are permitted closed session discussion,

1. Confidential Matter under Federal or State Statute or Court Rule.
2. Matter which would jeopardize the receipt of Federal Funds.
3. Matter constituting unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
4. Matter involving collective bargaining.
5. Matter involving purchase, lease or investment using public funds, or involving setting of bank rates.
6. Matters involving investigation of violations or possible violations of law. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that disclosure could impair such protection.
7. Matters involving Attorney Client privileges.
8. Matters involving personnel.
9. Matters involving proceedings which could result in civil penalty, suspension or loss of license.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that there exists a need to discuss Litigation and Personnel in executive closed session and that the public be and is hereby excluded from this discussion on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that disclosure to the public of the executive closed session matter shall not be made public until such matter has been resolved.

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk

Nancy Power, RMC

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

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	Mrs. Stubbs-abs.	
	Mrs. Winters	Chief Harkins, Police
	Mrs. Trotto-abs.	Mr. Chadwell, Engineer
	Mr. Mercado	

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion. Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for clarification regarding the wording used for resolutions 79 and 80 for hiring of tax appeal consultants. Mr. Carlamere explained. Ray Polidoro of Erial inquired as to wording used in resolutions 79 and 80. Mr. Carlamere explained. Mr. Hutchison expressed his concerns regarding the wording. Mr. Polidoro asked if there is a conflict of interest between Marmaro Law and the mayor. Mr. Carlamere explained. Mr. Polidoro asked if Marmaro Law is involved with Blue Sky Power. (WOMAN) questioned the location of a proposed cannabis facility near the Howard Johnson known for high drug activity. Mr. Carlamere explained the procedure for cannabis facilities. (WOMAN) asked how the township is planning to educate children regarding marijuana. Mr. Mercado and Chief Harkins explained the LEAD program. There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

**BID REPORT:**

**2022 SPECIAL TAX APPEAL COUNSEL  
READVERTISED  
BIDS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 16, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Marmero Law, LLC	\$150.00 per hour
Law Office of Timothy D. Scaffidi	\$195.00 per hour – Attorney Services \$75.00 per hour - Paralegal Services
	\$200.00 flat fee - Simple Ordinance
	\$100.00 flat fee - Simple Resolution
	\$500.00 flat fee - Simple Bank Opinion Letter
	Postage - Actual
	Photocopying - \$0.24 per page
	Reimbursable Expenses – Actual

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

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION)**

**O-22-03**

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN UPDATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has adopted a development fee ordinance creating a dedicated revenue source for affordable housing and establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.1(d) requires that a municipality with an affordable housing trust fund receive approval of a spending plan from the Council on Affordable Housing or a Court prior to spending any of the funds in its affordable housing trust fund; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.10 requires a spending plan to include the following:

1. A projection of revenues anticipated from imposing fees on development, based on pending, approved and anticipated developments and historic development activity.
2. A projection of revenues anticipated from other sources, including payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on sites zoned for affordable housing, funds from the sale of units with extinguished controls, proceeds from the sale of affordable units, rental income, repayments from affordable housing program loans, and interest earned.
3. A description of the administrative mechanism that the municipality will use to collect and distribute revenues.
4. A description of the anticipated use of all affordable housing trust funds.
5. A schedule for the expenditure of all affordable housing trust funds.
6. If applicable, a schedule for the creation or rehabilitation of housing units.
7. A pro-forma statement of the anticipated costs and revenues associated with the development if the municipality envisions supporting or sponsoring public sector or non-profit construction of housing.
8. A plan to spend the trust fund balance in accordance with an implementation schedule approved by the Committee.
9. The manner through which the municipality will address any expected or unexpected shortfall if the anticipated revenues from development fees are not sufficient to implement the plan.
10. A description of the anticipated use of excess affordable housing trust funds, in the event more funds than anticipated are collected, or projected funds exceed the amount necessary for satisfying the municipal affordable housing obligation.

**WHEREAS**, the Township's planning consultant, Bach Associates, has prepared an updated Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan for the Township consistent with the requirements set forth above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has submitted the updated Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan to the Court for its review and approval as part of its obligations under the Settlement Agreement between the Township of Gloucester and the Fair Share Housing Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court has entered a Conditional Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which will provide the Township and the Township Planning Board and Township Zoning Board of Adjustment with immunity from Mount Laurel lawsuits through July 1, 2025, subject to certain conditions identified by the Court, one of which is that the Township adopt an ordinance adopting the updated Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan for the Township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the updated Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan is hereby adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect, immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law, and upon final approval of the Mayor of the Township of Gloucester.

Introduced: March 14, 2022

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Mayor  
David R. Mayer

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 28, 2022 and to advertise by synopsis, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**ORDINANCE: SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)**

**O-22-02**

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,207,922, THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$8,747,526; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

Mr. Mercado opened the public hearing.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates provided a possible alternative using Covid funds instead of bonding. A discussion was held.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court suggested council should demand accountability from the administration to avoid overborrowing. A discussion was held.

Shaunessy Smithman of Millbridge Gardens asked council to consider putting signs on every street sign depicting the township, police, and fire department addresses at wheelchair height. Ms. Smithman also requested a location to bring stillborn children.

Sam Sweet of Erial asked council how borrowed money can be cancelled. Mr. Cardis described the procedure prescribed by the state. A discussion was held.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road stated the state paid down a large amount of debt and believes the township should follow suit.

Sam Sweet of Erial had questions regarding engineering estimates. Mr. Chadwell explained. Mr. Sweet inquired into playgrounds. Mr. Cardis explained. Mr. Sweet inquired into the installation of a bmx track. A discussion was held. Mr. Hutchison asked Mr. Cardis how the capital budget is prepared for public works. Mr. Cardis explained. Mr. Sweet inquired into leaf machines. A discussion was held. Mr. Sweet inquired into police vehicles. A discussion was held. Mr. Sweet inquired into generators. A discussion was held. A conversation regarding bonding and budgeting was held.

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.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**R-22:03-074**

**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	\$ 10,039,624.04
<b><u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u></b>	
Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 64,752.62
<b><u>ANIMAL TRUST</u></b>	
Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 6,932.30
<b><u>DEVELOPERS ESCROW</u></b>	
Per attached computer read out of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 3,346.50
<b><u>TRUST</u></b>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 10,838.50
<b><u>OPEN SPACE TRUST</u></b>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 2,292.19
<b><u>MANUAL CHECKS</u></b>	
Per attached computer readout of the claims presented in the amount of	\$ 17,476.09

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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 accept, seconded by Mr. Mignone. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0.

**R-22:03-075**

**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:

Marriage License Application

Phillip W. Boyd  
830 Roosevelt Ave.  
Glendora, NJ 08029

Total Amount - \$28.00

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:03-076**

**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:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
17909	7	Wendell Morsell 14 High Woods Ave. Sicklerville, NJ 08081	2022	\$4,576.44	Overpayment

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:03-077**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR THE  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HEALTH & WELLNESS TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget provides funds for the purchase of certain materials and supplies and equipment whose aggregate value will exceed \$44,000.00, and

**WHEREAS**, 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:

**THE GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP HEALTH & WELLNESS TRAIL**

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:03-078**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GRANTING AN  
AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE TO  
DAVE & BUSTER’S OF NEW JERSEY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Dave & Buster’s of New Jersey, Inc., 2481 Manana Drive, Dallas, TX 75220 has submitted an application to the Office of the Township Clerk for an Amusement Games License pursuant to the Amusement Games Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-100 et seq., and such regulations as promulgated under Chapter 3, Office of Amusement Games Control, N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.1 et seq., to operate at its location at 400-600 Premium Outlets Way, Blackwood, NJ 08012 ( Block 13105 Lot 1), of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.3 (a) provides that no license shall be issued in any municipality unless and until the issuance thereof has been authorized by a resolution duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester which shall, among other things, specifically recite that the premises to be licensed are located in a recognized amusement park in the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinances O-18-07 and O-18-10 of the Township of Gloucester designate the premise 400-600 Premium Outlets Way, Block 13105 Lot 1, of the Township of Gloucester, Camden County, New Jersey, as part of the “Interchange Redevelopment District, which recognizes “Amusement Devices, Coin Operated” as permitted uses within the district, and such designation is in accordance with requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.5 (2018); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk of the Township of Gloucester has deemed the application of Dave & Buster’s of New Jersey, Inc. to be complete.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester that Dave & Buster’s of New Jersey, Inc. is hereby GRANTED an Amusement Games License to operate at the premise located at 400-600 Premium Outlets Way, Block 13105 Lot 1, effective the date of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.3 (b), a CERTIFIED COPY of this Resolution, together with a copy of the application endorsed to show the granting of the license, shall be forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Commission within three business days of the Township License being granted.

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:03-079**

**RESOLUTION OF CONSENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor-Council Plan B form of government under the provisions of the optional Charter Law States, "The executive power of the Municipality shall be exercised by the Mayor", and

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Services Proposals were received by an open and fair bidding process. The position for Special Tax Appeal Counsel are as follows:

Marmero Law, LLC

Special Tax Appeal Counsel

1 year  
(December 31, 2022)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, that the consent of the Council be and is hereby given to the above appointment of the Mayor of the Township of Gloucester.

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to amend the language, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll call vote. Motion carried. 4-1.

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

**R-22:03-080**

#### **RESOLUTION OF CONSENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor-Council Plan B form of government under the provisions of the optional Charter Law States, "The executive power of the Municipality shall be exercised by the Mayor", and

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Services Proposals were received by an open and fair bidding process. The position for Special Tax Appeal Counsel are as follows:

Law Offices of Timothy D. Scaffidi Special Tax Appeal Counsel 1 year  
(December 31, 2022)

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Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

ATTEST:

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**R-22:03-081**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF BLACKWOOD WELLNESS, LLC TO OPEN A CLASS 5 ADULT USE CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESS LOCATED AT 816 N. BLACK HORSE PIKE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, Blackwood Wellness, 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 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business located at 816 N. Black Horse Pike. pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.24:6I-72(4); and

**WHEREAS**, Adult Use Cannabis Retail Businesses are permitted uses in the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District in Gloucester Township if it satisfies bulk requirements set forth by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the premises located at 816 N. Black Horse Pike is within the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District of Gloucester Township and satisfies 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) requires a Municipality with a governing body to demonstrate local support for the suitability of a cannabis business’ 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 816 N. Black Horse Pike is appropriately located within the Township’s Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District and suitable for the operation of a Class 5, Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business, subject to approval by Gloucester Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gloucester Township Council supports the application of Blackwood Wellness, LLC to the State of New Jersey CRC for a Class 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business to open and operate at 816 N. Black Horse Pike in the Township of Gloucester; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this Resolution of Support is conditioned upon and subject to all site restrictions and or limitations contained in Ordinance O-21-09; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon receipt of the application for Blackwood Wellness, LLC 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 Blackwood Wellness, LLC to operate at 816 N. Black Horse Pike pursuant to Gloucester Township Code, conditioned upon the CRC awarding a Class 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business license to Blackwood Wellness, LLC upon satisfaction of all local requirements, the Township Council may issue a notification of award.

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:03-082**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF UNITY RD. SNJ, LLC TO OPEN A CLASS 5 ADULT USE CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESS LOCATED AT 2751 SICKLerville ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, Unity Rd. SNJ, 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 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business located at 2751 Sicklerville Rd. pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.24:6I-72(4); and

**WHEREAS**, Adult Use Cannabis Retail Businesses are permitted uses in the Highway Commercial Zoning District in Gloucester Township if it satisfies bulk requirements set forth by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the premises located at 2751 Sicklerville Rd. is within the Highway Commercial Zoning District Zone of Gloucester Township and satisfies 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) 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 2751 Sicklerville Rd. is appropriately located within the Township’s Highway Commercial Zoning District and suitable for the operation of a Class 5, Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business, subject to approval by Gloucester Township;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gloucester Township Council supports the application of Unity Rd. SNJ, LLC to the State of New Jersey CRC for a Class 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business to open and operate at 2751 Sicklerville Rd. in the Township of Gloucester; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this Resolution of Support is conditioned upon and subject to all site restrictions and or limitations contained in Ordinance O-21-09; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon receipt of the application for Unity Rd. SNJ, LLC 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 Unity Rd. SNJ, LLC to operate at 2751 Sicklerville Rd. pursuant to Gloucester Township Code, conditioned upon the CRC awarding a Class 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business license to Unity Rd. SNJ, LLC upon satisfaction of all local requirements, the Township Council may issue a notification of award.

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**R-22:03-083**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF ROYAL HIGHNESS DISPENSARY, LLC TO OPEN A CLASS 5 ADULT USE CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESS LOCATED AT 543 BERLIN-CROSS KEYS ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER**

**WHEREAS**, Royal Highness Dispensary, 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 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business located at 543 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd. pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.24:6I-72(4); and

**WHEREAS**, Adult Use Cannabis Retail Businesses are permitted uses in the New Vision Business Park District (NVBP) Zoning District in Gloucester Township if it satisfies bulk requirements set forth by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the premises located at 543 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd. is within the New Vision Business Park District (NVBP) Zoning District of Gloucester Township and satisfies 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) 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 543 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd. is appropriately located within the Township’s New Vision Business Park District (NVBP) Zoning District and suitable for the operation of a Class 5, Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business, subject to approval by Gloucester Township;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gloucester Township Council supports the application of Royal Highness Dispensary, LLC to the State of New Jersey CRC for a Class 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail Business to open and operate at 543 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd. in the Township of Gloucester; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this Resolution of Support is conditioned upon and subject to all site restrictions and or limitations contained in Ordinance O-21-09; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon receipt of the application for Royal Highness Dispensary, LLC 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 Royal Highness Dispensary, LLC to operate at 543 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd. pursuant to Gloucester Township Code, conditioned upon the CRC awarding a Class 5 Adult Use Cannabis Retail

Business license to Royal Highness Dispensary, LLC upon satisfaction of all local requirements, the Township Council may issue a notification of award.

Adopted: March 14, 2022

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President of Council  
Orlando Mercado

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Township Clerk  
Nancy Power, RMC

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

**GT E-GOV ACCESS:**

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked Council the following question:

1. GT is receiving \$6.8 million in 2021 and 2022 from the Federal American Rescue Plan Grant. How will these grant funds be reported in the 2022 GT Budget?
2. Does GT have a written spending plan for these funds?

Mr. Mercado stated the budget is being worked on by the administration and there currently is no spending plan for these funds.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Paul Krug of Blackwood Estates expressed his concerns with the passing of the capital budget.

Ray Polidoro of Erial asked how much the township budgeted for snow removal this year and asked if the unused funds will carry over to next year. Mr. Cardis explained. Mr. Polidoro expressed his concerns with the passing of the capital budget. Mr. Polidoro inquired about the solar panels on the Public Works Car Port. Mr. Cardis explained.

Shaunessy Smithman of Millbridge Gardens asked council to address stillborn children.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked if the mayor consults with council to make appointments. Mr. Mercado explained.

Sam Sweet of Erial believes Bialowas Concrete violated the non fair and open contract. Mr. Carlamere clarified. A discussion was held. Mr. Sweet asked if potential cannabis developers can apply for variances. Mr. Carlamere clarified.

Amol Kooly of Cobblestone Farms stated the township is supportive of business owners in the township including himself.

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

**POLLING OF DIRECTORS:**

Mr. Cardis offered his prayers to the people of Ukraine.

Chief Harkins stated the police department was certified as an A.B.L.E. Project Certified Police Department and explained what this entails.

Mr. Chadwell explained the current bidding environment.

**POLLING OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Hutchison appreciated the back and forth dialogue this evening.

Ms. Grace thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Mr. Mignone thanked everyone for coming tonight. Mr. Mignone stated April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the opening day for the Field of Dreams.

Mrs. Winters thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Mercado thanked everyone for their comments.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Council President  
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power, RMC  
Township Clerk