

**BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2009**

The Pre-Council Meeting, Work Session Portion of the Meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glassboro was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in the Municipal Building with Mr. Brigandi, Jr., presiding.

**OPENING STATEMENT**

The Clerk read the following:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting as required by said Act, has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for the year 2009, which schedule was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, mailed to the Plain Dealer and the Gloucester County Times and filed with the Borough Clerk on January 3, 2009.

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons answered roll call:

Mayor:	Mayor McCabe
President of Council:	Anthony Fiola
Council Members:	Ingres Simpson
	Joseph D' Alessandro
	George Cossabone
	Edward Malandro
	Hector Cabezas
Administrator:	Joseph A. Brigandi, Jr.
Solicitor:	Timothy Scaffidi, Esq.

**REVIEW BILL LIST**

Council Members reviewed vouchers for payment, before signing their approval.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS**

The Agenda was reviewed, with no questions from the Governing Body.

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

NONE

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Mr. Malandro, to adopt Resolution R: 166-09 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glassboro, to discuss Amico vs Glassboro.**

**Motion carried**

**Upon no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Malandro, seconded by Mr. Cabezas, to close the Closed Executive Meeting at 7:45 P.M. and proceed to the Regular Council Meeting.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glassboro was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in the Municipal Building, with Mayor McCabe, presiding.

**OPENING STATEMENT**

The Clerk read the following:

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**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor McCabe led the Salute to the Flag.

**OPENING PRAYER**

NONE

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons answered roll call:

Mayor:	Mayor McCabe
President of Council:	Anthony Fiola
Council Members:	Ingres Simpson
	Joseph D' Alessandro
	George Cossabone
	Edward Malandro
	Hector Cabezas
Administrator:	Joseph A. Brigandi, Jr.
Solicitor:	Timothy Scaffidi, Esq.
Engineer:	Mark Brunermer

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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Mr. Scaffidi introduced the following Ordinances, by title only, on Second Reading:

**ORDINANCE # 09 – 09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER  
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE RE-NAMING  
OF VICTORY DRIVE TO ISABELLA DRIVE**

A motion was made by Mr. Malandro, seconded by Mr. Cossabone, to open the meeting to the public.

Motion carried

There being no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Malandro, seconded by Mr. Cossabone, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 09-09 as written.

**ROLL CALL**

**For:** Fiola, Simpson, D'Alessandro, Cossabone, Malandro, Cabezas

**Against:** NONE

Motion carried

**ORDINANCE # 09 – 18**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS ONTO ROUTE 322 FROM  
BLOCK 15, LOTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 IN THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO,  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

A motion was made by Mr. Malandro, seconded by Mr. Cossabone, to open the meeting to the public.

Motion carried

There being no comments, a motion was made by Mr. Malandro, seconded by Mr. Cossabone, to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 09-18 as written.

**ROLL CALL**

**For:** Fiola, Simpson, D'Alessandro, Cossabone, Malandro, Cabezas

**Against:** NONE

Motion carried

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

IN RECOGNITION TO

***JULIANNA KOPAKOWSKI***

ON BEING AWARDED

\$1,000 COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP  
CONGRATULATIONS!

IN RECOGNITION TO

***GLENN CHEW, JR.***

ON BEING AWARDED

\$1,000 COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP  
CONGRATULATIONS!

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Fiola stated he was in receipt of the Clerk's Monthly Revenue Report.

Ms. Simpson stated she was in receipt of the Construction Report for December 2008. She also stated the Board of Health held a wonderful Health Fair event on Saturday.

Mr. Cabezas stated the Park and Recreation Department's 20th Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for June 12, 2009.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

NONE

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Scaffidi introduced the following **Resolutions, by title only**:

**RESOLUTION R: 161-09**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO FOR THE YEAR 2009  
(REVENUE RESCUE, L.L.C. – FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLING/COST RECOVERY)**

A motion was made by Mr. D'Alessandro, seconded by Mr. Fiola, for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution R: 161-09.

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION R: 162-09**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO  
(SICKELS & ASSOCIATES, INC. – NJDOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT  
PROGRAM TEA-21, PHASE 6)**

A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro, for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution R: 162-09.

**RESOLUTION R: 163-09**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RATIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
UNIT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO AND THE COMMUNICATION  
WORKERS OF AMERICA  
(LOCAL 1085)**

No action taken at this time.

**RESOLUTION R: 164-09**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE U.S. ROUTE 322  
SANITARY SEWER RELINING BY THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO  
(ALLSTATE POWER VAC, INC.)**

A motion was made by Mr. Cossabone, seconded by Mr. Fiola, for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution R: 164-09.

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION R: 165-09**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE NJDOT TRANSPORTATION  
ENHANCEMENT ARRA FOR 2009 TRAIN STATION IN THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO**

A motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Ms. Simpson, for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution R: 165-09.

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION R: 166-09**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO**

A motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Mr. Malandro, for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution R: 166-09.

Motion carried

Mr. Scaffidi introduced the following **Ordinance, by title only, on first reading**:

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**ORDINANCE 09 – 22**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 357, SECTION 5(A) AND SECTION  
6(A) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO  
(PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS)**

A motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Mr. D'Alessandro, to approve the foregoing Ordinance 09-22.

**ROLL CALL**

**For:** Fiola, Simpson, D'Alessandro, Cossabone, Malandro, Cabezas

**Against:** NONE

**Motion carried**

**COMMENTS BY BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR**

NONE

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR**

NONE

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Regulations of Participation at Borough Council Meetings**

1. The Chair must recognize a speaker.
2. The person must state his or her name, and address of residence for the record.
3. All persons recognized by the Chair must engage in respectful and orderly discourse. In the event of disrespectful, vulgar or inflammatory discourse, the Chair may exercise discretion and terminate the person's right to speak.
4. All statements to the Borough Council or the Administration must be addressed through the Chair.
5. Members of the public shall be given up to five minutes to address the governing body regardless of the number of issues during the Public Portion of the meeting and shall not be entitled to "borrow" time from others. At the discretion of the Chair and subject to the consent by the majority of the Council at a given meeting, this time allocation may be relaxed and extended which relaxation or suspension shall not constitute a binding precedent for other speakers on other issues. The limitations imposed herein relate solely to the Public Portion of the meeting and are not intended to apply to the Regular Business Meeting.

Mr. Scaffidi announced to those in attendance that the above noted Rules of Order, which are posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board, apply to this portion of the Public Meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Mr. Malandro, to open the meeting to the public.**

**Motion carried**

Melba Moore Suggs, 223 Second Avenue, came forward. She submitted a letter to the Governing Body, which she also read concerning the ongoing drainage issues as follows:

It is my understanding that the waiver request of inlet work was denied. This is something that was recommended by Mark Brunermer, the Borough Engineer. However, the original plans that were approved by the planning board, as well as Mr. Brunermer, called for basins to be put in.

During our endeavors to get the Certificate of Occupancy, Mr. Brunermer stressed the need to get the basins put in. Now that the basins have been put in, and because our neighbor dislikes the look of it next to his property, and has complained to the borough and Mr. Brunermer numerous times, we are now being asked to spend additional money for an unnecessary recommendation; just to make a neighbor happy.

If the engineer wanted inlets put in, he should not have approved the original plans with the basins. Instead, at that time, he should have stated that inlets would have been a better drainage system. We have already spent thousands of dollars getting the basins put in that were originally approved. What is the purpose of inlet work when the basins are used as the drainage system?

This recommendation to complete inlet work on the basis of drainage issues is unwarranted. There are NO drainage issues on this road. If there were, we would be the first to complain, as we are the only ones that use this road daily. The Borough and Council's previous concerns were how, and if, the basin would hold up during the winter months in relation to possible runoff during times of snow and frozen ice. As pictures have shown, there were NO runoff issues during that time.

There is NO stagnant water on the road or in the basin after a 24 hour period after a rain storm ends. This road does NOT have any public safety or drainage issues, nor is it environmentally unsafe.

I ask that you not take the engineer or my word for it, visit 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for yourself so that you can personally see that there are NO drainage issues and this recommendation is unwarranted.

I am asking that you reconsider withdrawing from our cash bond to pay for unnecessary inlet work on the

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recommendation of Mr. Brunermer. I understand that 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will become the borough's responsibility as a public roadway. However, I must reiterate that there are no drainage concerns on this roadway. I am further requesting that this matter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue be completely closed and our performance bond be returned to us.

Sincerely,  
Melba Moore-Suggs

Randi Woerner invited everyone in attendance to the Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 25 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, she stated that on June 6<sup>th</sup> a Yard Sale will be held to benefit the renovations for the Train Station.

**There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Mr. Cossabone, to close the Public Portion.**

**Motion carried**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**A motion was made by Mr. Fiola, seconded by Mr. Malandro, to pay all duly authorized bills.**

**Motion carried**

(See attached pages 1- 7, dated 05/12/2009)

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Mr. Brigandi stated that today Governor Corzine announced that the Light Rail System would run from Camden to Woodbury. Phase II would continue the line to Glassboro, as a Smart Growth Improvement.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Mr. Cossabone, seconded by Mr. Fiola, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 P.M.**

**Motion carried**

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Patricia A. Frontino  
Borough Clerk**

**SINCE THESE MINUTES ARE NOT TO BE A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT, THIS HAS BEEN A CONDENSED TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING. THE TAPE IS AVAILABLE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS FOR ANY INTERESTED PERSONS.**