Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, April 16, 2015 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. Call to Order: by Mayor James at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James. Johnson was excused.

4. Sunshine Law: This meeting is being held in conformance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, otherwise known as the "Sunshine Law". It has been legally noticed in accordance with the law and copies have been given to those requesting the same.

5. Public Comment Period: The Governing Body, in accordance with P.L. 2002, c. 80, have adopted the following guidelines relative to the Public Comment Period (PCP) at Caucus, Worksession, Special and Emergency Meetings of the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City: The PCP shall occur at the beginning of each meeting; it shall be no longer than one half-hour in length; every person wishing to speak may do so once during the period for no longer than five minutes. No changes have been made for the PCP of the regular monthly meetings.

John Gorman, 223 S. Broadway – difficulty parking due to Cathy's Creations having 2 (1) hr. parking signs.

Theresa Graham, 25 Bernard Ave. –complained about the substance abuse education center at Broadway and Center. Individuals are constantly hanging on Broadway.

6. Remediation/Redevelopment Construction Progress Report –Jeff Dey provided report from March 2015. Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve invoice $12,394.00. All in favor.

7. Minutes: April 6, 2015 Work Session and Executive-Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

8. Reports: Committees of Council:

a) Celebrations–Baus- Memorial Day and July 3 celebration are next events; Holt donated $15,000 for fireworks.

b) Finance & Administration- Spencer – 6.7 cent increase in taxes; received 2 pension bills – wants to hold till 2016 so not to increase this year anymore; Business Association concerned about entryway into Gloucester Market Street; Master Plan – business association members are working on it but need some resident input; Governor vetoed UEZ; interested tenant Monmouth St. (tobacco store); McMichael's has an issue with UEZ loan; need to find money for marketing – will discuss with finance.

c) Fire- Nothing to report.

d) Housing- Hutchinson – O'Hara's property – potential medical school tenant

e) Licensing- Jentsch reported taxicab owners are provided false insurance certificates. Governing Body will have to revoke their licenses after Wood sends letter.

f) Police- Drug raid above Mark Ford office

g) Public Works- Parry – repairs being done at 313 and 512 Monmouth St.; fuel pump ordinance next week; summer help needed – 2 per Council person

9. Licenses:

10. Resolutions

R081 Adopting Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations
R082 Refunding Payments on Various Tax Records
R083 Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
R084 Correcting Billing Charges on Utility Records
R085 Authorizing Application for Tonnage Grant
R086 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 214 Morris Street
R087 Authorizing Signing of Agreement Modifications for Broadway Streetscape Improvements – Phase II (*completion date revision)*
R088 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property (*telephone equipment)*

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to approve. All in favor.

11. Communications:

a) From Gloucester City VFW – sale of poppies May 21, 22 and 23-approved.

b) Letter from Theresa Gillespie – interest in donating portion of mini hole land. Solicitor to review.

R089 To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of personnel, real estate and contracts.

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to enter into closed. All in favor. Meeting went into closed at 7:35 p.m.

After closed with no action being taken, motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kathleen Jentsch

ATTEST: KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK