

Caucus Meeting of the  
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City  
Thursday, September 17, 2015 7:00 P.M.  
512 Monmouth Street  
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor James at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James being present.
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.  
Robert Phelps, 108 S. Broadway – his sister's fence damaged with graffiti and no one to help with clean up. Mayor provided Steckclair's contact info.
6. Remediation/Redevelopment Construction Progress Report –Jeff Dey provided August report.  
Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to pay invoices totaling \$32,483.50. All in favor.
7. **Minutes:** September 8, 2015 Work Session and Executive (with redactions)  
Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve. All in favor.
8. **Reports: Committees of Council:**
  - a) Celebrations–Baus–Gloucester Day Oct 3- meeting Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 7 pm Democrat Club; next regular meeting Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Mun. Bldg. Johnson reported Msgr. Hodge will welcome any events to be placed in church bulletin
  - b) Finance & Administration- Spencer – Wunsch unable to chair Master Plan Committee – Parry agreed to chair; McMichael's loan in default; UEZ state rep coming to do audit; 1 unit on Monmouth for sale; Marketing Plan \$25,000 has been set aside; pop up park was discussed.
  - c) Fire- Battalion Chief and Lt. interviews took place.
  - d) Housing- Nothing to report.
  - e) Licensing- Jentsch reported on licenses below
  - f) Police- Mayor – police body cams should be implemented next week in accordance with Attorney General directive.
  - g) Public Works- Parry–Martin's Lake almost completed; Jerome Barton out another 3 weeks; Univ. Ave. park ongoing; clean up day Oct.10; Lipsett reported bid opening for Road Repair Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and DEP inspection next week.
9. **Licenses:**
  - a) St. Mary's Raffle #4-2015 Basket Auction; Raffle #5-2015 50/50 (October 24, 2015)  
Request for Waiver of City fee Motion by Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve. All in favor.
10. **Resolutions**
  - R206 Correcting Billing Charges on Utility Records
  - R207 Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
  - R208 Making Adjustments to Various Tax Records
  - R209 Authorizing Refund of Key Deposits for the Gloucester City Marina
  - R210 Resolution Concerning the Rental License Issued to KUS Property
  - R211 Resolution Concerning the Rental License Issued to OK Gloucester Market Corp.
  - R212 Resolution Concerning the Rental License Issued to PGRR LLC
  - R213 Resolution Concerning the Rental License Issued to Shamkat MalikMotion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parry to approve. All in favor.
11. **Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing this evening**
  - O29 Ordinance Modifying Certain Bulk Requirements in the Highway Commercial District that Borders Upon a State Highway – Planning Board approved last night.  
Motion by Baus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parry to approve.
- Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James** voting in the affirmative.
12. **Communications:**
  - a) from Gloucester City Sportsman AC – request to close Burlington St. between Hudson and Bergen Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> for Breast Cancer Fundraiser; request to hang banner on Broadway and Market Street- approved.
  - b) from Lois Riding – request for leave of absence – Planning Board Secretary-approved
  - c) from Tom George – request for lighting at ballfields during evening hours for softball (Sept & Oct)

c) From T&M Associates–Realignment of S Broadway–proposed NJ Transit Bus route during detour-approved.

d) from Chief Hagan – Volunteer Firefighter Placement – Eric M. Glassman

Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve. All in favor.

**13. Round Table:**

Spencer – Tom Underwood, Brown St. complaint – taxis/limos parking and multi families living in one home.

Lipsett – interviews with Fire Committee next week.

Parry – Mark Ryan coin drop Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, Feral Cat coin drop Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

**R204** To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of personnel, litigation and real estate.

Motion by Baus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson. All in favor.

Meeting went into closed at 8:35 p.m.

After closed session with the same members being present the following action was taken:

**R205** Authorizing Planning Board to Conduct Preliminary Investigation into an Area in Need of Rehabilitation

Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve. All in favor.

Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK