Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, April 23, 2015 7:30 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order**: by Mayor James at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call**: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James being present.
4. **Open Public Meetings Act Notice:** This meeting is being held in accordance 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. **Resolutions:**

R090 Providing that Budget be Read by Title Only
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

Public Hearing on 2015 Municipal Budget
Mayor James opened the floor for public comments
Theresa Graham, 25 Bernard Ave. – how much is state giving-same as last year; what cuts were made-Mayor reported each department's line items were reviewed line by line; SAFER Grant ran out – City will be required to pay for 3 firefighters as well as pay for their benefits; police contract allows for $50,000 in college fees; increased library funding; cameras for police dept.
Pat Heiser, 917 Market St. – bus and truck traffic speeding-Chief to be contacted;
Theresa Graham, how much savings with new ambulance company - $700-800,000 per year.

R091 Adopting 2015 Municipal Budget
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to adopt.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative. Keating voted against.

R092 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property (*hydraulic rescue tools)*
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to approve. All in favor.
R093 Authorizing Refunds on the Planning and Zoning Board Escrow Account
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve. All in favor.

6. **Ordinances**: *for first reading this evening with second reading and public hearing to be held on May 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. 313 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, NJ*

O13 Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided for Capital Improvements and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for Other Capital Projects
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer, and Mayor James voting in favor.
for second reading and public hearing this evening:
O05 Amending Chapter 37 of the Gloucester City Code (*building subcode fee change wording from "estimated" to "total" cost)*
There were no persons wishing to speak.
Motion by Parry, 2nd by Keating to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O06 Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (CWA White Collar) (*additional title Clerk 3)*
There were no persons wishing to speak.
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O07 Creating a New Chapter 35 of the Code of the City of Gloucester City Entitled "Claims, Payment of"
There were no persons wishing to speak
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O08 Amending Section 87, Article VII of the Gloucester City Code Entitled "Overnight Parking"
Patricia Heiser, 917 Market St. questioned No parking signage on opposite side of Monmouth St. Mayor reported she can request for in front of Erin's Garden if she would like

Motion by Parry, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O09 Amending Schedule C, Section 87-10 of the Vehicle and Traffic Chapter of the Code of Gloucester City Entitled "No Parking" (*Grove Street)*
There were no persons wishing to speak.
Motion by Parry, 2nd by Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O10 Amending Chapter 66A Public Facilities User Fees of the Gloucester City Code (*discounted rate for retirees use of community center) and (increase fees marina)*
There were no persons wishing to speak.
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative. Johnson voted against. Keating questioned if fees for community center were covering costs -yes

O11 Authorizing Execution of a Quit Claim Deed
There were no persons wishing to speak.
Motion by Parry, 2nd by Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O12 Accepting an Easement
There were no persons wishing to speak.
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

7. New Business:`

Bills paid from March 27 to April 16, 2015	$ 754,174.92
Bills Approved April 23, 2015	$ 276,812.37
Total amount being approved	$1,030,987.29

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

8. Open Forum: *The Governing Body has approved the following rules governing the procedures of the Open (General) Public Forum: Any citizen or taxpayer wishing to address the Governing Body may do so after approaching the rail, stating his or her name and address and being recognized by the chair. Said citizen or taxpayer will then be permitted to address the Governing Body for five minutes. After all persons wishing to address the Governing Body have had the opportunity, persons may approach the rail for a second and final five-minute interval during this session*
Theresa Graham, 25 Bernard Ave. questioned plans for Chatham Sq. Apts. – Mayor reported talking to developers; questioned Organic Diversions – Mayor reported they are still committed
Neil O'Brien, attorney for Rex McWilliams – purchase of McMichael's – the withdrawal of consent made by McMichael's attorney is a violation of the order.
Pat Heiser, 917 Market St. – problem with after school cars speeding at corner of Monmouth and Champion. Lipsett to speak with Chief.

Mayor reported Middle School groundbreaking May 4th
Spencer on behalf of Johnson who was unable to speak – NJBPU has energy help available;
Spencer – Cooper River being dredged – requested 1 concert be held at Prop. Park on July 30th.
Spencer – this is his 5th year as chair of finance and working on budget – there will be no promotions, increases, vacancies filled other than contractual employee increases
Keating – a lot of hard work has gone into budget – doesn't want to create a false economy – there are things we are forestalling until next year that he feels should be addressed this year.
R094 To Enter Into Executive Session for discussion of litigation, contracts, negotiations. Motion by Keating 2nd by Hutchinson to enter into closed. All in favor. No action will be taken from closed.
Meeting went into closed at 8:20 p.m. and adjourned from closed.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Jentsch
KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK