

**Work Session Meeting of the  
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City  
Monday, December 1, 2014 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, 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. There were no persons wishing to speak.
6. **Southport Remediation/Redevelopment Construction** – Progress Reports for October provided by Jeff Dey, Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve expenditures in the amount of \$32,992.50. All in favor.
7. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):** November 25<sup>th</sup> (pending)
8. **Reports:** **I. Engineer's Report** - Tim S. from R & V reported on the following projects: Water Street and Freedom Pier Improvements – on schedule – need inspection contract – will provide proposal; NJDOT Local Aid award will not be given until summer 2015; Greenwood/Sherwood – getting quotes for striping; City Hall Rooftop AC Unit – explained the unit cools and does not condition; City Hall and Fire Station Roof – will be doing additional leak testing; Railroad Crossing Inspections – DOT reported City needs to do stripings, Klemm, Park and Johnson at Nicholson; Jentsch to check files to see if there is any old information on this.

**II. Committees of Council**

- a) Celebrations – Baus reported Christmas event Saturday, if it rains it will be held in Cold Springs School; meeting Thurs. 6 p.m.
  - b) Finance and Administration – Spencer reported need to reschedule next Finance meeting; Lipsett reported drafting MOU for Steelworkers; asked CWA about beginning negotiations next week; UDAG monies getting low; EDC met tonight – getting dates for a committee to review Master Plan; façade loan suspended-lack of funds; UEZ application has been filed by new business; asked to support Senate Bill S2509 enabling legislature for UEZ for ½% of point in revenue; 526 Monmouth St. completed; 2015-EDC to work with City to get RFP for concepts from marketing co.; Mayor and Council will be interviewing for all professionals in which more than one was submitted. Lipsett to get some dates together.
  - c) Fire-Chief reported Highland Blvd. fire still under investigation; 2 oven fires; filing for AFG grant; provided a list of items for Gov Deals.
  - d) Housing – O'Hara's purchased-medical training; 3 Planning Board applications on next agenda; will meet with Jentsch re: abandoned property ordinance and amending same; Johnson questioned Sylvan Ave. wood pile – Steckclair sent out letter –City will demolish.
  - e) Licensing – Nothing to report
  - f) Police- Lipsett – need to replace Blackiston and Mark Ridge going to retire as well as Chief.
  - g) Public Works – Tedesco reported still working on leaf schedule; working on Christmas lights; fuel pump quotes received; tax office painting all done; Jentsch office being worked on next.
9. **Resolutions**  
**R269** Authorizing Payments to Certain Employees in Consideration of their Waiver of Group Health Benefits  
Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve. All in favor with exception of Keating who abstained.

10. **Licenses:** None

11. **Ordinances:** None this evening

12. **Old Business/New Business:**

- a) R192 Revoking Resolution 127-2014
- b) R193 Entering Into Redevelopment Agreement
- c) O16 Approving Financial Agreement
- d) Handicap Parking Request – 215 Bergen Street – still being reviewed by Ward Council.
- e) Engineer's report – see above.
- f) GCEDC minutes from October and November were distributed to all
- g) Request from VFW to purchase property – Mayor will speak to them.
- h) From New Jersey Mystics Team – waiver of hall rental fee for Softball Team fundraiser-denied – not team that plays here locally.
- i) From Fred Schindler – amending emergency restrictions ordinance- will be discussed further with Public Works
- j) Discussion of Ordinance 22-2014 that has been adopted (re: prohibitions). Everyone will review further.

13. **Communications:** None

14. **Round Table:**

Parry questioned Ott's and why they are not providing monthly updates – Mayor will contact Jeff Lucas.

Spencer reported Swim Club wants to meet again. Will be contacting Lipsett.

Lipsett reported Mercer St. Railroad Crossing beginning tomorrow.

**R270** To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of real estate/contracts  
Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keating to enter into closed. All in favor. Meeting went into closed at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK