Worksession Meeting of the

Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City

Tuesday Sept. 2, 2014 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** .by Mayor James at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call**: Baus, Parry, Spencer, Mayor James being present. Hutchinson arrived 7:08, Keating arrived 7:15 and Johnson arrived 7:25
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.

At this time Mayor James introduced Wen Gu

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.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):** August 21, 2014 Caucus Meeting

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

7. **Reports:** **I. Engineer's Report** –Paul Kelley reported on the following projects: Water St. and Freedom Pier Utilities – public hearing held with no comments, addressing DEP final comments and then advertise for bids; 2014 Road Resurfacing – portions of Thompson, Washington and Somerset – in additional Chestnut St. and Walnut will be resurfaced as well as basketball courts. Mayor questions $55,000 for basketball courts – felt this was way too high; Broadway Improvements, Phase II, Reconstruction of Monmouth, Reconstruction of Cumberland – all completed; Reconstruction of Hudson – contractor shut down by PSE&G – anticipate starting Thursday. Parry questioned time frame for completion of Hudson – Kelley reported one month weather permitting.

II. Committees of Council:

a) Celebrations – Baus reported next meeting 16th at 6:30 re: Christmas event
b) Finance & Administration-Spencer – next meeting Thurs. at 5 pm
c) Fire –Chief reported working on smokehouse for Gloucester Day; marine unit training next week
d) Housing-Stecklair is in hospital as well as his mother
e) Licensing-Jentsch – 50/50 Raffle and Basket Auction Raffle for St. Mary's October 24, 2014
f) Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.
g) Police Chief- arrests at park; 100 Block Mercer St. – heroin; Thurs. comm. Meeting 3 p.m.; October 1st Blackiston retiring; parking issue Center and Broadway – ordinance to be added this evening; 25 lbs or marijuana found King & Hudson
h) Public Works-Zuccarelli – windows should be done soon; Sept. 15th Bellmawr working on Stites Ave.; still working on stop bars; Central Jersey is aware of Hudson St. construction. Baus questioned picking up of mattresses. Zuccarelli reported there are no bags left – Central Jersey will pick up as long as they do not see any signs of bugs.
   Schindler reported water works building hit hard by electrical outage that occurred on King St.; major damage and PSE&G was not helpful; Chestnut St. and Nicholson Rd. stations having issues but are being addressed. Spencer – unacceptable that PSE&G did not respond in a timely matter.

8. **Resolutions**

R207 Designating September as National Recovery Month

R208 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for Property Used for Public Playground Block 276, Lot 1.01, Walnut Ave.

R209 Authorizing Purchase of Two (2) 2015 Ford F250 Utility Trucks with Utility Body for the Gloucester City Public Works Department

R210 Authorizing Purchase of (4) Vehicles for the Gloucester City Environmental Utilities Department

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

9. **Licenses**: None
10. **Ordinances:** At this time discussion regarding parking issues on Center Street–requested the following ordinance be introduced this evening with second reading and public hearing Sept. 25th at 7:30 p.m.

O19 Amending Section 87 of City Code (parking)
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

11. New Business/Old Business

a) Request from Housing to increase fees –waiting for Stecklair to return from hospital for further discussion.

b) Handicap Parking Request – 511 N. Brown Street

R211 Authorizing Handicap Parking Space: 511 N. Brown St.

c) **R192 & 193** – tabled until Sept. 18th

12. Communications:

a) from Old Timers – request for waiver of Community Center fee for Oct. 17th annual gathering- to be discussed further re: alcohol being served.

b) from Ed Gorman – request closing Burlington St. between Hudson and Bergen from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Oct. 4th for Breast Cancer Fundraiser.- everyone in agreement.

c) from Robert Morrell – 5K Run – Cpl. Marc Ryan – Nov. 15th – everyone in agreement.

d) from DOT – FY2015 State Aid Programs (distributed)

13. Round Table: Nothing

R212 To Enter Into Closed Session: for discussion of litigation, real estate and personnel. Motion by Baus, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.
Meeting went into Closed at 7:55 p.m.

After closed with the same persons being present the following action was taken:
Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve promotion of Donald Grace to position of Equipment Operator/Mechanic effective Sept. 8, 2014. All in favor.

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Johnson to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK