Caucus Meeting of the
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF GLOUCESTER CITY
Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. Call to Order: by Mayor James at 7:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call: Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James being present. Hutchinson arrived at 7:15 p.m., Baus 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. There were no persons wishing to speak

6. Minutes: January 2 (re-org) and January 6 (work session)- Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Parry to approve. All in favor.

7. Reports: Committees of Council:

a) Celebrations – Keating reported working on donation letters for events; Ted Howarth taking over Gloucester Day event;

b) Finance & Administration- Spencer reported meeting with Dept. Heads on Saturday re: budgets;

c) Fire- Lipsett reported 1989 Squirt will be part of auction with minimum bid of $10,000

d) Housing- Lipsett reported met with Brett Wiltsey re: forcelosures; Durning needs Clubhouse and PBA looking for a place also – perhaps the two of them can share property; Triad will reach out to Hughes, Simila, Dilks and Labbree regarding 3 properties located at 4th and Market Sts.; Mayor reported St. Joseph's looking at 330 Morris St. Hutchinson reported still many not in compliance with vacant property ordinance; Discussion re: property next to Barbershop on Monmouth St.- possible condemnation

e) Licensing- Nothing at this time

f) Police- Nothing at this time.

g) Public Works- Parry reported met re: Ft. Nassau and what needs to be taken down.

8. Licenses: None

9. Resolutions

R040 Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
R041 Correcting Billing Charges on Utility Records
R042 Authorizing the Removal of a Line Item from Tax Sale
R043 Authorizing the Sale at Public Auction of City Owned Equipment
R044 Authorizing Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Police Benevolent Association and Police Superior Officers and the City of Gloucester City
R045 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 630 Market St. (moved)
R046 Authorizing Refunds on the Planning and Zoning Board Escrow Account

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

10. Ordinances: *for first reading this evening, with second reading and public hearing to be held on February 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. 313 Monmouth St..*

O01 Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-45.14

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

O02 Replacing Section 82 of the Gloucester City Code

Kearney will add wording re: reciprocal license.

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

O03 Implementing the Law Which Permits the Change of Method of Representation of the Common Council Of Gloucester City

After discussion it was decided that the Councilpersons just recently elected will be the at large members.

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

11. Old Business/New Business

a) Minutes from GCEDC to be entered in this meeting's minutes.

12. Communications:

a) from Superintendent of Schools Joe Rafferty – appointment of Brian Francis as Alt. for position of Joe Rafferty on Gloucester City Library Board

13. Round Table:

Parry reported Planning Board would like to recognize Jess Torres for 25 yrs of service – Once Spencer gets information he will prepare proclamation; need to recognize Crossing Guard, Louisa Llewellyn and Sports Teams; drawing of proposed school – would like Council's approval.

Spencer – need to discuss Trudy Levins insurance; issue with dogs running at large on new sports fields. Jentsch to amend ordinance.

Mayor – looking for funding for dog area.

Spencer – Spencer and Mayor need to meet with EDC; electric on Monmouth St. needs to be resolved.

Hutchinson reported there are 4 vacant properties affecting adjoining homes – possible small cities or RCA funds for demolition

Lipsett reported Holt needs City to sign off on allowing subleasing of 1st floor of Coast Guard base. Proposal from R & V as LSRP for old Sewerage Treatment Plant $2,000 – agreed.

Trevon Houser was in attendance and distributed Remediation/Redevelopment Construction Progress Report for Oct. through Dec. 2013. Will present reports on a monthly basis.

Mayor James – Monahan is new Present for Business Association.

R047 To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of real estate and litigation
Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Hutchinson, all in favor.

After closed session with the same members being present, the following actions were taken:
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve payment of RT bill in the amount of $7,686.96
All in favor with exception of Johnson who voted against.

R048 Authorizing Contract with R & V as LSRP for Old Sewerage Treatment Plant
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve. All in favor.

R049 Resolution Approving Easement with PSE&G
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve. All in favor.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hutchinson to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Jentsch

KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK