

Regular Monthly Meeting of the

Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City

Thursday, July 25, 2013 8 P.M.

313 Monmouth Street

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Mayor James at 8:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Bucher, Hutchinson, Johnson, 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:**

R181 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 320 Hunter Street

R182 Authorizing Award of Contract Under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System (deer carcass removal)

R183 Authorizing Disposal of City Owned Equipment (police department monitors)

R184 Extending the Grace Period for Taxes Due August 1, 2013

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

6. **Ordinances:** for second reading and public hearing this evening:

O11 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Equipment and for Various Improvements in the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$238,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$226,100; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing
There were no persons wishing to speak.

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

O12 Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in and for the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$543,500 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation notes of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$516,325; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing
Mayor James opened the floor for public comment.

Theresa Graham, 25 Bernard Ave. questioned what streets. Lipsett reported Edwards, Chestnut, Stites, 8th and a few more.

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

O13 Ordinance of the City of Gloucester City; County of Camden, New Jersey Cancelling Certain Funded Appropriation Balances Hereofore Provided for Certain Capital Improvements and Reappropriating Such Funded Appropriation Balances for Other Capital Projects
There were no persons wishing to speak.

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

O14 Amending the Ordinance (27-2009) Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (Program Monitor)
There were no persons wishing to speak.

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

O15 Amending Chapter 76 of the Code of the City of Gloucester City
There were no persons to speak.

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

O16 Modifying the Land Use Ordinance

Mayor James opened the floor for public comment.

Theresa Graham, 25 Bernard Ave. questioned the ordinance. Kearney reported it is a parcel of City owned land and will be rezoning the area.

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

7. **Old Business/New Business:**
a) Bills paid from June 28 to July 17, 2013
Bills paid on July 18, 2013

\$655,516.41
\$874,994.21

Total amount being approved

\$1,530,510.62

At this time Hutchinson made a motion to add a late bill from Dave's Towing in the amount of \$4,031.44 be added to the bill list, 2nd by Parry to approve.

8. **Roll Call:** Baus, Bucher, Hutchinson, Johnson, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative. **Communication:** from Ed Gorman – permission to hold Informal Irish Music Session Sept. 13th which would include sale of beer. Jentsch to contact him regarding sale of beer.

Mayor James added on a communication from Gloucester City Youth Soccer League for waiver of fee for Gloucester Heights Fire Hall. All in favor as long as hall is available.

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to make payment to RT for LSRP in the amount of \$10,279.17. All in favor.

9. **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*

Mayor James opened the floor for public comment.

Theresa Graham, 25 Bernard Ave. questioned if Ordinance 16 would allow rezoning for billboards.

Kearney reported it was a possibility.

Jess Torres, 213 Bergen St. reported Planning Board fought billboards years ago and took to Supreme Court; questioned who is responsible for King Street property maintenance most especially P & B lot. Mayor reported City owns the property and Public Works just recently took care of the area; questioned funding for trees -Lipsett moving forward

Bob Booth, 114 N. Burlington St. – on behalf of Gloucester City Business Association, in favor of Organic Diversions coming to City. Wants City to approve them as redeveloper.

R185 To Enter Into Closed Session for the discussion of redevelopment, personnel, contracts.

Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve.

Motion by Bucher, 2nd by Baus to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

After closed session with the same members being present motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to appoint Daniel Harkins as Pumping Station Operator permanently. All in favor.

Motion by Bucher, 2nd by Baus to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK