Worksession Meeting of the

Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City

Monday, June 2, 2014 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** .by Mayor James at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James being present. Baus arrived 7:40 p.m.
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.

   Frank Wunsch, 909 Highland Blvd., requested Council to help in finding a location for soccer fields. Hutchinson reported Temple Avenue residents are against having it on Sevenson property as will impact their parking.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):** May 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve. All in favor.
7. **Reports:** **I. Engineer's Report** - Paul Kelley reported on the following projects: King St. Pump Station; 2013 Road Resurfacing; Broadway Improvements Phase III, NJEIT Fund Program for various water sewer improvements; update on reconstruction of Monmouth, Cumberland and Hudson St. Spencer questioned Small Cities grant application – Kelley reported due September – discussion on knocking down Annex Bldg. or working on Hudson St.
   Keating questioned TAP and Safe Routes to School apps. – Kelley reported ready for submission.

   II. Committees of Council:

   a) Celebrations –Parry reported Memorial Day events went well, next event July 3rd
   b) Finance & Administration-Spencer reported bond rating has gone up –thanked Frank and Jack for their help – will do press release; gave report of EDC/UEZ meeting to be attached to minutes.
   c) Fire–Michael Hagan gave report–cadets starting FF1 program; needs provisional firefighter as there is no current civil service list; starting pump, ladder and hose testing. Discussion on whether City can get reimbursed for personnel being called to I295/Rt. 42 sites during construction.
   d) Housing-starting process of cutting grass on vacant properties; will be titling truck from police to use for housing; Charles Pike bldg.. – c.o. being done for consulting firm; Chatham Square dumpster – need to relocate or provide residents with larger cans – being used by others; Mayor requested Joe to start process with St. Joseph's; 411 and 537 Monmouth St. –Kearney suggested lien on property.
   e) Licensing-Jentsch requested approval for Social Affair permit listed below. Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in favor.
   f) Police-Chief reported Joe Rafferty requested police at schools tomorrow for Primary Election because of security issues; Chief will have cars parked in front of schools and will check periodically; Spencer had concerns because he had spoken with Joe Rafferty and Joe did not have any concerns. Requested a Court Attendant during court hours; Police Officer cert listed a disabled veteran- interviews will occur after deadline; Officer Blackistan retiring before end of year; Drug raid at Anyzek rental property – will be going after rental revocation; received certification for Sgt. Explained the new system he would like to implement which justifies another Sgt.
   g) Public Works-Schindler reported EPA stormwater inspection June 9 and 10; many utility cave-ins.; confirmed unbilled hook up at Sgt. Scrap- need utility collection report. Tedesco reported slide at Billy Flynn done; currently mulching parks; training Scott Hagan; windows being installed Friday at Municipal bldg. PEOSH inspection–minor issues except salt barn–needs to come down – imminent threat.
8. **Resolutions**

R140 Authorizing the Mailing of 2014 Third Quarter Estimated Tax Bills
R141 Adopting the 3 Year Cooperation Agreement with the County of Camden
R142 Authorizing Waiver of Hall Rental Fee

R143 Awarding a Contract to Duncan Solutions Professional Account Management, LLC for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services *(municipal court debt collection)*
At this time Spencer requested an additional resolution be added- Mrs. Kain contacted him and Mr. Kain needs as soon as possible.
R144 Authorizing Handicapped Parking Space: 501 N. Brown St.
Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Johnson to appove. All in favor.
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Parry to approve Resolutions 140-143. All in favor.
At this time Hutchinson made a motion to pay Arthur Corsini $1,000 as financial advisor for Orens lawsuit, 2nd by Parry. All in favor.

9. Licenses:

a) Social Affair Permit – Heroes to Hero 5K Run/Walk Oct. 18, 2014-see above.

10 Ordinances:

for first reading this evening with second reading and public hearing to be held on June 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. City Hall, 313 Monmouth St.

O12 Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey

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

11. New Business/Old Business

a) League Conference – agreed to Tropicana

12. Communications:

a) from Blue Sky Tower – interested in purchasing cell site lease – not interested
b) FYI - from William Brandt (ICAC) Hoagie sale June 7th

13. Round Table:

Johnson requested meeting with animal control regarding feral cat issue

Lipsett reported Dorie Willett retired; Library Director interviews next Monday at 6:30 at library if anyone wants to be there;

Baus – theme for July 3rd – Salute to Our Hometown Heroes; discussion on changing office hours on July 3rd; union issue – will continue in closed.

R146 To Enter Into Closed for discussion of personnel; litigation, contracts, real estate.
Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Baus to enter into closed. All in favor.
Meeting went into closed at 8:35 p.m.
After closed with the same members being present, the following actions were taken:
Motion by Hutchinson,, 2nd by Baus to authorize Chief to hire Part time Court Attendant for approximately 4 hrs. a week at $19. Hr. All in favor.

Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve promotion of William W. Johnson, Jr. to Police Sergeant effective June 10th (after 5 day notice date). All in favor with exception of Spencer. Spencer requested it be noted that he is not opposed to William Johnson but is not in favor of additional Sergeant position.

Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Keating to adjourn. All in favor.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M Jentsch

KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK