Worksession Meeting of the

Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City

Monday, March 3, 2014 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** .by Mayor James at 7 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call**: Baus, Johnson, Keating, Parry, and Mayor James being present. Hutchinson arrived 7:20 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.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):** Feb. 20, 2014 Caucus and Executive (with redactions) Motion by Keating, 2nd by Parry to approve. All in favor.
7. **Reports:** **I. Engineer's Report –** Paul Kelley reported on the following projects: NJEIT Fund – has been re-activated and re-submitted; recommended award to contract to Xylem for Portable By-Pass Pump. There are extra monies remaining and stated Dave McPeak would need to know what we were doing with the monies and would require receipts. Kelley reported no contractors can begin work due to weather. Johnson questioned if roof was complete on senior center. Yes it is but there may be a punchlist item.

II. Committees of Council:

a) Celebrations –Baus reported meeting March 13th 6 p.m. discuss upcoming events; little response to Little Miss/Mister
b) Finance & Administration- Spencer reported meeting this Thurs. 6 p.m. will be discussing budget and various increases proposed by Schindler. Will introduce budget March 27th.
c) Fire –Chief reported Rotary requesting use of training room every Thurs.; 2 firefighters started training today; CPR training complete;assisted with Bellmawr fire.
d) Housing-Stecklair reported 2 houses being fined – 411 Monmouth and 537 Monmouth St.. Stecklair requested change in city code to allow for Police Chief's designee to handle residents not shoveling snow. Mayor questioned vacant properties – snow removal. Stecklair suggested having public works employees use snowblower on those properties and place lien on them. Discussion about trash pickup on Willow Street and other trash issues – will be meeting with trash company along with Tedesco.
e) Licensing-Nothing
f) Police- Chief reported 2 police cars should be on the road this week; city vehicle was hit by another vehicle - $1,000 damage and City was not at fault. Discussion about rehab home on Center and Broadway – re: parking complaints. Possibility of making one way Center to Broadway.
g) Public Works-=Tedesco reported light at Market and Broadway hit but the person that hit it was caught. Essex Street light is now operational. Fire House, police, Nicholson Rd. Fire – problems with leaking roofs; interviews tomorrow for position in public works.

8. **Resolutions**

R078 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 213 Bergen and 339 Bergen St. (moved)
R079 Authorizing Refund of Key Deposit for Gloucester City Marina
R080 Awarding a Contract to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. for Portable Centrifugal By-Pass Pump
R081 Refunding Overpayment for Dog License

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

9. **Licenses**: None
10 **Ordinances:**

Possible Water Rate Increase Ordinance

11. **New Business/Old Business**
12. **Communications:** None
13 **Round Table:**

Lipsett reported shredding event taking place March 29th at Library – flyers distributed

R082 To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of litigation and attorney client privilege.
Motion by Parry, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in favor.

After a brief discussion, motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to rescind resolution to enter into closed session.

Schindler was present – previously met with Jack, Bob Marrone and Frank regarding possible water rate schedule increase as well as other increases. Schindler's recommendation was a 20% increase on current charges and adding additional miscellaneous charges. It was decided to introduce on first reading this evening the 20% increase on current charges but to hold off on others.

For first reading this evening with second reading and public hearing to be held on March 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. 313 Monmouth St.
O04 Amending Section Chapters 71, 86 and 90 (Water Sewer Rate Increases)
Motion by Parry, 2nd by Keating to approve. Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

R083 Authorizing Bid for a 2nd Portable Centrifugal By-Pass Pump as well as a Generator
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in favor.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hutchinson to adjourn. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST: Kathleen M Jentsch

KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK