## Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City Monday, December 03, 2018 7:00 P.M. 313 Monmouth Street

## Minutes

- 1. Call to Order: by Mayor James at 7 pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:
- 3. Roll Call: Hutchinson, Keating, Parry, Spencer, Mayor James being present. Baus arrived at 7:05 pm and Johnson 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.

Our attorneys have advised us that we cannot prevent you from making remarks about our employees. They have requested that we advise you that our employees are not Public Officials and you are not immune from civil actions they may bring as a result of your remarks.

There were no persons from the public wishing to speak.

- 6. Southport Monthly Report Jeff Dey will be in attendance at Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 7. Minutes: November 20, 2018 Regular Monthly and Executive Session (with redactions). Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keating to approve. All in favor.
- 8. Reports: I. Engineer's Report –Norm Rodgers provided monthly report.
  - II. Committees of Council:
  - a) Celebrations -Baus- Christmas Parade Thursday 6:30; Pat Hagan reported Santa is going around town.
  - b) Finance & Administration-Spencer next meeting Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>; interviews being conducted for 2 Keyboarding Clerk positions; applications being accepted for Mayor's Aide and Community Development Director.
  - c) Fire -Patrick Hagan reported van sold on Gov Deals; roof repaired; training ongoing.
  - d) Housing-Ackley separation fence installed at trailers; staff will begin using tablets beginning of year.
  - e) Licensing-Jentsch reported on raffle below.
  - f) Police-Mike Morrell still waiting for SUVs; down one officer out on IOD
  - g) Public Works-Tedesco reported salt barn done; Miller's Pond still having issues with beaver; Community Center doors installed- requested removal of lights on Monmouth St trees they are being intentionally cut weekly. It was approved to remove them after the Parade. Fooder phones are now working; complaints regarding water sewer rate ordinance; still having flooding issues in City.
- 9. Licenses
- a) VFW Post 3620 Raffle 2-2019 and request for waiver of City fee Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keating to approve. All in favor.
- 10. Resolutions:
- R227 Resolution to Provide for Budget Transfers
- **R228** Resolution Authorizing Payments to Certain Employees in Consideration of their Waiver of Group Health Benefits
- R229 Resolution Authorizing and Designating Official Signatures on Various Gloucester City Bank Accounts
- R230 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 234 Somerset St.

Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keating to approve Resolutions 227, 229 and 230. All in favor.

Resolution 228 was being held until after closed session. Requires further discussion.

## 11. Ordinance: for final passage and public hearing this evening.

O23 Ordinance Amending Chapters 36, 46, 76, and 101 (various clerk's office fees)
There were no persons from the public wishing to speak. Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keating to approve.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James

## 12. New Business/Old Business:

a) Issue with speeding on Lane Ave. from Gail & Daniel Defeo Mike Morrell will look into it.

**R231** To Enter Into Closed for discussion of opt out waiver of benefits. Motion by Keating,  $2^{nd}$  by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

Meeting went into closed at 7:45 pm.

After closed session with the same members being present, the following action was taken:

R228 Authorizing Payments to Certain Employees in Consideration of their Waiver of Group Health Benefits – after further review with Solicitor and Finance Office Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK