

Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor James at 7:00 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer, Mayor James being present. Hutchinson 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.
Mayor James opened the floor for public comments.
Denise George, 831 Powell St. – request for out of town team to use fields for practice. Mayor explained City does not accommodate out of town organizations. Looking into an athletic association.
Bob Booth, 114 N. Broadway-he felt as though if an item was tabled on an agenda, any individual involved should be notified of when action may be taken. Mayor explained we will make every attempt to make that happen. Mr. Booth is having voter registration availability 10-6 at Gloucester Travel for National Voter Registration Day Tuesday.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):** August 24th Regular and Executive; Sept. 5th Work Session and Executive (with redactions) Motion by Keating, 2nd by Johnson to approve.
7. **Reports: Committees of Council:**
 - a) Celebrations –Baus – next meeting October 12th 6:30; Parry reported working on calendar.
 - b) Finance & Administration-Spencer – Dedication of bell will be this Sat. 11 am. Barron did tremendous job; next finance meeting Sept. 25th; unveiling Mayor pictures at Oct. council meeting 6-7:30-refreshments will be served. Lipsett reported budgets have been distributed. Spencer reported Mayor's association passed resolution asking Legislature to renew arbitration cap. Frank Robertson has returned back to work. Keating has concerns about all 3 employees utilizing conference room due to space issues.
 - c) Fire -Nothing
 - d) Housing-Nothing
 - e) Licensing-See below
 - f) Police-Nothing
 - g) Public Works-Nothing
8. **Licenses:**
 - a) St. Mary's raffle 8-2017 50/50 and request for waiver of City fee
 - b) St. Mary's Raffle 9-2017 Basket Auction and request for waiver of City fee
 - c) St. Mary's Handbag Bingo 3-2017 and request for waiver of City fee
 - d) St. Mary's Raffle 10-2017 Basket Auction and request for waiver of City feeMotion by Patty, 2nd by Baus to approve. All in favor with exception of Johnson and Spencer who abstained.
9. **Resolutions:**
 - R235 Correcting Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R236 Refunding Payments on Various Tax Records
 - R237 Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
 - R238 Making Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R239 Authorizing Disposal of City-Owned Equipment (*Finance Dept. Printer and Scanner*)
 - R240 Authorizing Waiver of all Permit Fees in Connection with the Demolition of City Owned Structures
 - R241 Authorizing Purchase of Tractor Through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Pricing System
 - R242 Extending Redevelopment Agreement with Westrum Development Company as Redeveloper for a Portion of Lands Located in the City of Gloucester
 - R243 Designating VFW Military Museum as a Gloucester City Historical Site
 - R244 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 312 Mercer Street
 - R245 Resolution Amending Resolution 158-2017 (*Liquor License 0414-32-042 Rex McWilliams, LLC*)

R246 Awarding a Contract to Tortorice Contractors, LLC for Senior Center Roof Replacement and Library Roof Repairs

R247 Adopting Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties
Motion by Spencer, 2nd by Johnson to approve. All in favor.

10. Ordinances: for 2nd reading and public hearing this evening:

O27 Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (*Police Chief*)

Motion by Baus, 2nd by Keating to approve.

Roll Call: Baus, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

O33 Amending Chapters 71, 86 and 90 of the Code of the City of Gloucester City

Mayor James opened the floor for public comments

Bob Booth, 114 N. Broadway – business community does not like the way they are billed. Mike from Bowman & Company explained they are looking into formula based on usage. Mayor reported investigating other towns too. Mike from Bowman reported consumption method is going to be a dramatic increase.

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Spencer to approve.

Roll Call: Baus, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James voting in the affirmative.

R248 Designating Salaries for Employees Serving in Titles with Salary Ranges

Jentsch explained resolution in packets had the incorrect dollar amount. It should read \$134,600.

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Parry to approve resolution with amendment. All in favor.

11. Old Business/New Business:

a) Handicap Parking Request: 420 Market St. and 216 Warren St.
216 Warren St. being reviewed

R249 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Adding 420 Market St.

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

12. Communications:

a) from VFW Post 3620 – request for waiver of City fee for Pull Tab Raffle License

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Baus to approve.

b) from Denise George – use of softball fields – discussed above.

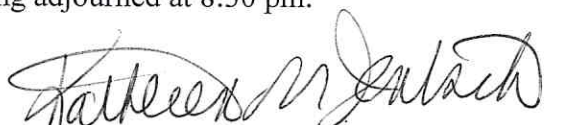
c) from Alesa Lacovara – request for painting of curb across from her property due to problems with bus drop off of child

Chief and Tedesco to go out and look at area and ordinance will be prepared by Solicitor Wood.

Parry reported nobody showed from Royal Farms at Planning Board hearing. Lipsett will contact their attorney.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Baus to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:


KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK