

Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, AUGUST 18, 2016 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor James at 7:15 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Johnson, Keating Parry, and Mayor James being present. Hutchinson and Spencer 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.

No one wished to speak.

6. Remediation/Redevelopment Construction Progress Report- Mr. Dey gave a report on Southport. Motion by Keating and 2nd by Johnson to approve payment of \$13,644.62 and \$9,457.02 for Southport bills. All in favor.
7. **Minutes:** July 21, 2016 Caucus and Executive (with redactions); and July 28 Regular Meeting Motion by Keating and 2nd by Baus to approve minutes. All in favor.
8. **Reports: Committees of Council:**
 - a) Celebrations – Baus stated that there will be a Celebrations meeting on September 8th.
 - b) Finance & Administration- Keating gave update on upcoming Tax Collector interviews
 - c) Fire- need to set up interviews for Fire Lieutenant position
 - d) Housing- None
 - e) Licensing- None
 - f) Police- will be conducting interviews for Police Officer next week
 - g) Public Works- had a committee meeting tonight. Need to come up with a plan for Fred's retirement
9. **Resolutions**
 - R149 Making Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R150 Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
 - R151 Correcting Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R152 Refunding Payments on Various Tax Records
 - R153 Placing Municipal Charges on Tax Properties Where Service Work, Fines or Legal Fees Were Ordered and Work was Performed as Outlined
 - R154 Rescinding Resolution 142-2016
 - R155 Rescinding Resolution 143-2016
 - R156 Awarding a Contract Under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System (deer carcass removal)
 - R157 Renewing Membership with the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund
 - R158 Awarding the Purchase of Two Sport Utility Vehicles to Beyer Ford for the Gloucester City Police Department

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

Mayor introduced Robert Chevalier who is the owner of CFI. CFI is one of the largest commercial furniture companies in the country. They outfit large companies with furniture. They have recently outfitted the Comcast Center in Center City with furniture. They are looking into purchasing the GAF properties on Charles and Water Streets. Mr. Chevalier has concerns about the condition of Charles Street. He would like to put his showroom in Gloucester but Charles Street is an issue.

Mayor James stated that the city will fix Charles Street. It will not happen overnight but Charles Street will get rectified.

Mayor James stated that the City will be in touch. If you need anything reach out to Jack.

O22 Amending Ordinance 21-2006 and Amending the Gloucester City Development Ordinance

Mayor James opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 22-2016.

No one wishing to speak, Mayor James closed Public Hearing.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 14-2016 was made by Johnson, 2nd by Keating. All in favor.

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

11. New Business/Old Business:

- a) Handicap Parking Space: Adding 331 Greenwood Avenue
Will approve at next week's Council meeting.

12. Communications:

- a) From Robert Morrell- 6th Annual Mark T. Ryan Memorial 5K Run- Nov. 19, 2016
- b) From NJ Division of ABC – Notice of Charges- Cheerleaders Too
- c) Request from King Street Pub to block off Street August 27, 2016

Motion by Keating, 2nd Baus to allow the Ryan Memorial Run and blocking off King Street as long as GCPD is ok with request.

R159 To Enter into Closed for the discussion of personnel, litigation, negotiations and real estate.

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to enter into executive session. All in favor.

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

Motion by Baus, 2nd by Johnson to approve permanent appt of Jerald Hubbs to position of Battalion Fire Chief effective 8/18/2016. All in favor.

ATTEST:



JACK LIPSETT, INTERIM CITY CLERK