

Work Session Meeting of the  
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City  
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 7:00 P.M.  
512 Monmouth Street

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** .by Mayor James at 7 pm
  2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
  3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Parry, Spencer, Mayor James being present. Keating arrived 7:04
  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 comment  
Steve Heister, 408 N. Brown St. – curbing on Brown St. – contractors stating not going to last long.  
Tim S. from R. & V reported there will be concrete footing; he will check bid specs regarding slate and concrete  
Mary ?, 926 Paul St. – questioned who was doing the work. Tim S. reported Perna Finnegan is doing the work and there are provisions for concrete slab.  
Barbara Stout, 927 Paul St. questioned fire hydrant in front of her home. Mayor reported it will be removed and capped.  
James Renshaw, 500 N. Brown St. rumors that a consensus was done with neighbors as to whether they wanted slate or concrete. He is opposed to replacing with existing slate.  
Barbara Stout reported her sidewalk popped up during construction. Tim S is aware and addressing.  
Donald Grace, Steelworkers President, 318 Sherman St. – additional reasons for changing residency requirement – employee van stolen; drug use; code currently written is disparaging and discriminatory.  
Bob Marone, Bowman and Company gave presentation on new rate increase for water and sewer users. It was decided that an ordinance should be introduced this evening and fine tuned before publication next week.  
Bob Bevan provided report on riverfront as well as a marketing concept for Business Association, EDC and UEZ.
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):** August 17, 2017 Caucus and Executive (with redactions)  
Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve. All in favor.
7. **Reports:**
- I. **Engineer's Report** – Tim S. of Remington & Vernick provided monthly report. Discussion regarding laterals embedded in tree roots. Eric Fooder recommended re-route around tree and tie back in. Eric and Jack will look at the ones affected.
  - II. **Committees of Council:**
    - a) Celebrations –Baus – next meeting Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6
    - b) Finance & Administration – Spencer – next meeting Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>; Lipsett reported budget requests going out.
    - c) Fire –Hagan reported ladder truck out of service; SCBA equipment ordered and website updated.
    - d) Housing-Hutchinson – 15 S. Harley – court was today and Morris Court apartments – repair already complete.
    - e) Licensing-Nothing
    - f) Police-Chief Morrell – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> year long accreditation process-Lipsett reported JIF pays 25%
    - g) Public Works-Tedesco reported – bell installation next week; bricks at memory walk moving along; salt barn this month. Fooder reported treatment plant hit by lightning; insurance covering. Inspecting Paul and Brown daily; Goldy pump station – addressed except brush against lake – tax map error being looked at.
8. **Resolutions:**  
\*\*\*\* *this Resolution was tabled on August 17, 2017* – Howard Long revised this resolution to allow for one year probation instead of revocation.  
**R211** Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Real Portfolio, LLC for 302 Mercer St.  
Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve. All in favor.

\*\*\*\* this Resolution was tabled on August 24, 2017 and has been revised

**R226** Rejecting an Offer for Sale of Property (341 Middlesex St.)

Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

**R229** Authorizing Renewal of 2017-2018 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License 0414-33-009 (Max's)

Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Parry to approve. All in favor.

**R230** Authorizing Refund of Permit Fee (231 Jersey Ave.)

**R231** Rejecting an Offer for Sale of Property ((339 Middlesex St.)

**R232** Authorizing Change Order to Contract Between Kline Construction Inc. for Freedom Pier Water and Sewer Improvements (reduction)

**R233** Authorizing Change Order to Contract Between T.R. Weniger, Inc. for Marina Dredging (reduction)

Motion by Hutchinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve Resolutions 230 through 233. All in favor.

**9. Ordinances:**

\*\*\*\* This ordinance was introduced on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing was tabled July 20<sup>th</sup>:

**O21** Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements in and for the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$538,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$511,100; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to remove from table. All in favor.

Mayor James opened floor for public comment. There were no persons wishing to speak. Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baus to approve.

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

**10. Old Business/New Business**

a) Petition from employees re: residency requirement and possible change

b) Petition from Barbara Stout re: fire hydrant Paul St.

c) NJLM Bulletin (distributed previously)

**11. Communications:**

a) Request for Block Party Klemm to Highland for Ovarian Cancer fundraiser – ok as long as it is on Sylvan between Klemm and Highland.

b) Request for Block Party Brown to Johnson on Mercer – last Saturday in Sept.- ok

**R234** To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of personnel and litigation

Motion by Baus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to enter into closed. All in favor.

Meeting went into closed at 8:25 pm.

After closed with the same members being present, the following actions were taken:

For first reading this evening, with 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing to be held Sept. 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm, 512 Monmouth St.

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

Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to approve.

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

Motion by Keating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to promote Dan Harkins to Sewer Repairer Supervisor/Water Repairer Supervisor on an interim basis during the leave of Steve Harris effective Sept. 6, 2017. All in favor.

Motion by Baus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchinson to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

ATTEST:

  
KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK

**12. Adjournment**