

Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, August 17, 2017 7:00 P.M.
512 Monmouth Street

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Pro Tem Dan Spencer at 7:00 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer being present. Baus arrived 7:02 pm and Mayor James 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 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.
Barbara Stout, 927 Paul St. – produced photos of fire hydrant placed in front of her home. Public Works will discuss and come up with an option
Mary Hartz, 926 Paul St. – there was one previously in the area – how long had it not been functional. Foder reported it would have been able to be used in an emergency.
Barbara Stout – upset no one noticed in original proposal that fire hydrant was needed. Spencer reported Engineer would have to address that.
Donald Grace, 318 Sherman St., President of Steelworkers – provided signatures of employees – would like residency ordinance revised-suggested 3-5 year residency and then be able to move out of town-crime and cost of living issues;
John Gerber, 127 Barnaby – outdated ordinance and unfair – wants option to be able to move out of town.
Donald Grace – if someone inherits a home in another town – they are not permitted to live there.
Jim Macauley introduced himself as new owner of Highland Tavern
6. **Remediation/Redevelopment Construction Progress Report** –July 2017 – Jeff Dey – Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve bills totaling \$22,970.39. All in favor.
Rocco D'antonio – 7 years working with City – ribbon cutting in October – all agreements substantially done.
7. **Minutes:** July 20, 2017 Caucus and Executive (with redactions); July 27, 2017 Regular and Executive (with redactions) August 7, 2017 Special – Motion by Keating, 2nd by Parry to approve. All in favor.
8. **Reports: Committees of Council:**
 - a) Celebrations – Baus – meeting Sept. 13th 6:40. Spencer – 150th Special meeting August 28th
 - b) Finance & Administration- Nothing to report.
 - c) Fire- Nothing to report.
 - d) Housing- Hutchinson asked Resolution 211 be tabled –mailing issue; Chatham Square and Gloucester Terrace were sold this week as well as annex.
 - e) Licensing- Nothing to report.
 - f) Police- Chief reported building had no air this week; mold issues; roof leaking. Library reported man sexually gratifying himself. Len to look to see if we can permanently ban him from library.
 - g) Public Works- Parry – community center roof out for bid; problem with persons painting driveways-Len will check into it; some summer help leaving – can use help. Eric Foder needs manpower due to Matt Camp resigning.
9. **Resolutions**
 - R196 Correcting Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R197 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for Property Used for Public Playground Block 276, Lot 1.01, Walnut Avenue
 - R198 Making Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R199 Authorizing Senior and Veterans Deductions
 - R200 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement by and Between the City of Gloucester and the Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Relative to Inspection, Videotaping and Cleaning of its Sanitary Sewer System for the City of Gloucester
 - R201 Rescinding Resolutions 151-2017 and 178-2017 (*Liquor License Renewals for Hector Hernandez – ABC requires Special Ruling*)
 - R202 Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 456 N. Broadway
 - R203 Authorizing a License Agreement Between the City of Gloucester and Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless
 - R204 Authorizing the Execution of a Contract By and Between the City of Gloucester City and Chief of Police Brian MorrellMotion by Keating, 2nd by Johnson to table until after closed All in favor.
 - R205 Authorizing a Person to Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License 0414-33-021 (*Highland Tavern*)
 - R206 Awarding a Contract Under the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System (*deer carcass removal*)
 - R207 Awarding a Contract to Enterprise Network Resolutions Contracting, LLC for Demolition of Various Structures

- R208** Authorizing Renewal of 2017-2018 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (*Chubby's*)
R209 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Tristan Morales -614 Division St.
R210 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Brian Major – 314 Monmouth St.
R211 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Real Portfolio, LLC -302 Mercer St.
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to table. All in favor.
R212 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Magdi Yousef-31 S. Burlington St.
R213 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Tom Page – 301 Hudson St.
R214 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Joseph Perretta-111 N. Willow St.
R215 Resolution Concerning the Rental Registration Permit Issued to Gustavo Firpi, Jr. – 213 Bergen St.
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Johnson to approve. All in favor.

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

- O23** Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (*Police Chief*)
No one from the public wishing to speak.
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to table until after executive. All in favor.

For 2nd reading and public hearing this evening:

- O26** Amending Ordinance 04-2017 Authorizing Roadway Changes
No one from public wishing to speak.
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Keating to approve.

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

**** *This ordinance was introduced on June 15th and 2nd reading and public hearing was tabled July 20th:*

- 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
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry, Spencer and Mayor James

- R216** Designating Salaries for Employees Serving in Titles with Salary Ranges
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to table until after executive. All in favor.

11. Old Business/New Business:

- a) Handicap Parking Request – 210 Cumberland Street and 21 Marlboro Ave.
ok for next meeting agenda.

12. Communications

- a) from Gloucester Catholic High School – request for use of Proprietor's Park for outdoor Family Mass Sept. 30th 5 pm - ok
b) from Robert Morrell – request for 5K Run/Walk in memory of Cpl. Marc Ryan Nov. 18, 2017- ok
c) from GCEDC – minutes June 5, 2017 and August 7, 2017
d) from Farzin Kalhor – appeal of grass cutting bill of \$1200
e) from Steelworkers Union – request to discuss changing residency ordinance.- discussed above.
f) from Doug Anderson – asking if City is interested in purchasing Jackson Hewitt building (514-518 Monmouth St.) EDC and BA speaking with him. City not interested
g) from Gloucester City Youth Soccer League – Invitation to Opening Day Sept. 10th at 11

Parry reported John Nolan is Chair of PB/ZB and Ken Baus is Vice Chair

Spencer reported City accepting proposals for new planner.

Baus questioned trash bin on Boradway near Hoagie Heaven – been there for weeks – Lipsett to speak with Stecklair.

- R217** To Enter Into Closed Session for discussion of personnel, negotiations and contracts.
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Johnson to approve. All in favor.

Meeting went into closed at 8:10 pm

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

- R204** Authorizing the Execution of a Contract By and Between the City of Gloucester City and Chief of Police Brian Morrell
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to take off table – no action. All in favor.

- O23** Ordinance 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 Keating, 2nd by Baus to defeat.
Roll Call: Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry and Spencer voting against.

- R216** Designating Salaries for Employees Serving in Titles with Salary Ranges
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Spencer to take off table – no action. All in favor.

For first reading this evening, 2nd reading and public hearing to be held Sept. 21, 2017 at 7 pm 512 Monmouth St.

O27 Ordinance 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 Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve.

Roll Call; Baus, Hutchinson, Johnson, Keating, Parry and Spencer voting in the affirmative.

R218 Authorizing Emergency Appropriations Not to Exceed \$80,000

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

R219 Authorizing Contract with Christine L. Brown, CPA, PC for an amount not to exceed \$40,000

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

ATTEST:


KATHLEEN M. JENTSCH, CITY CLERK

