

Caucus Meeting of the
Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City
Thursday, January 17, 2019 7:00 P.M.
313 Monmouth Street

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Spencer at 7:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Baus, Berglund, Johnson, Keating, Parry, and Mayor Spencer being present. Hutchinson arrived at 7:24 PM
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.
6. Remediation/Redevelopment Construction Progress Report – Jeff Dey provided January 2019 report.
7. **Minutes:** December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting, December 27, 2018 Closeout Meeting and Annual Re-Organization Meeting, January 03, 2019. Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to approve, All in favor, with exception of Berglund who abstained from December 20th & December 27, 2018 meetings.
8. **Reports: Committees of Council:**
 - a) Celebrations – Baus – January 28, 2019, 6pm will be the next meeting for upcoming events; Mayor Spencer – Mayor breakfast this Saturday at 9am
 - b) Finance & Administration- Keating – Budget reviews are next Saturday, January 26th; tax sale was today; temporary budget was done at reorg.
 - c) Fire- Mayor Spencer – fire will meet monthly; Chief Hagan said press release is coming out; ladder truck in need of repairs; Battalion Chief retired and asking to fill vacancy; fire dept. had a total of 1,602 calls total for 2018; yearly training is ongoing in the fire dept.
 - d) Housing- Johnson – monthly reports are coming out and all housing meetings will be held at the housing office.
 - e) Licensing- nothing to report
 - f) Police- will meet monthly; still waiting on 2 SUV's; looking to enhance duties of PO officer; police chariots are outdated and looking to sell them; PD is still working on accreditation.
 - g) Public Works- Parry – received list of Christmas decorations from PW; working on community center kitchen rehab; repairs at 512 Monmouth building is in progress; Veteran monument was hit and needs repair; Millers pond has 2 blockages; tree at the library is now taken down; gates at the marina needs to be fixed; Burlington street project is ongoing; Keating – trash is going up \$10.00 a ton.
9. **Resolutions**
 - R021 Resolution to Refund Payments on Various Tax Records
 - R022 Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R023 Resolution to Correct Billing Charges on Utility Records
 - R024 Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R025 Resolution to Adjustments to Various Tax Records
 - R026 Resolution Designating Handicapped Parking Spaces: Removing 844 Monmouth Street
 - R027 Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with United Steel Workers and Gloucester City
Motion by Hutchinson, 2nd by Johnson to approve. All in favor.
10. **New Business:**
 - a) Permanent Appointment of Daniel Harkins to position of Sewer Repairer Supervisor/Water Repairer Supervisor. Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor.
11. **Communications:**
 - a) Regarding: Old Saint Mary Cemetery – disputing water bill – Lipsett will send letter to pay bill in full.
 - b) From Alex Tedesco – request for leave of absence from permanent title. Motion by Parry, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor with Johnson abstaining.
 - c) From DOT – PSE&G bill for Rt 130 & Klemm Ave. – refer to Attorney
 - d) From Joe Duffin, Jr. – 890 Market St. water bill dispute – Lipsett will send letter to pay in full.

R28 To enter into Closed Session for discussion of Personnel; Contracts and Labor.
Motion by Keating, 2nd by Hutchinson to approve. All in favor. Meeting went into closed at 7:48 PM

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

R029 Resolution Extending Redevelopment Agreement with Westrum Development Company as Redeveloper for a Portion of Lands Located in the City of Gloucester

Motion by Keating; 2nd by Parry to approve. All in favor.

R030 Resolution Designating Certain Property in the City of Gloucester City as a Condemnation area in need of Redevelopment

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

R031 Resolution Appointing Certain Personnel for the City of Gloucester City

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Parry, All in favor with exception of Baus, Berglund, Hutchinson and who all abstained.

Motion by Keating, 2nd by Baus to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

ATTEST:


VANESSA L. PARENT, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK