

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 16, 2017
4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Edwards
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Zapolski
Council President Lugardo-Hemple
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: President Lugardo-Hemple called the meeting to order.

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: The Clerk read the statement of meeting notice, "Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-6 giving the time, date, location and agenda to the extent known has been given in the following manner:

1. by posting notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at City Hall Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on May 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and the Press of Atlantic City on May 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

Littoral Society, representative from Littoral Society gave a presentation on grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation which focused on Green Stormwater Infrastructure as far as City-owned parcels proposed projects in Bridgeton and also responded to how the various projects, plantings, and locations were selected.

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, it was suggested by Council President that a Community Meeting be held to alert the residents of the various programs and projects offered and it would be made more visible on the City web site.

Bridgeton Main Street Association, Director Steven Paul presented the BMS Budget, and 2016 Impact Survey Results and Economic Restructuring Action Committee and stated coming before Council for a refunding request.

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, it was agreed to remove the present Resolution authorizing funding off this evening's Agenda and have a Committee meet with Bridgeton Main Street Board and come back to Council. Also suggested by Mayor that BMS contact the Cumberland County Empowerment Zone Loan who have Special Event Loan Account that may be able to help them concerning funding.

AGENDA REVIEW:

C. Invocation/Flag: Councilman Spence

G-2 Ordinance Amend Administrative Code, Salaries Department Heads, Administrator stated that there was no changes.

J-5 Resolution was removed from Agenda until the next meeting.

J-9 Resolution award vacant/abandoned properties, Councilman Zapolski questioned the selection of the groups interviewed that the one selected is not asking for any money, only 30% of what they can recover for us over a two year period?

Administrator stated that was correct.

Councilman Spence asked what determines an abandoned property, which Administrator explained not rental properties only if vacant and abandoned by owner and is not registered as a vacant rental.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: No Reports

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / MAYORAL REPORTS: No Reports

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards RESOLUTION NO. 75-17 the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into an executive session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b:

1. Litigation NJ Ethanol
2. Personnel City Clerk

was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____