

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 7, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Mayor Kelly
Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Deputy Clerk read 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 January 2, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on January 2, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

Council Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated we are starting a new year with new hopes from our community even the ones that don't have place to go. But thanks to all the volunteers and our Mayor calling for Code Blue to have a place to sleep safe. It is very important that we continue to work together on behalf of our City and Citizens and keep our lines of communications together. We are a team and we need to keep working together as a team as usual.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW:

C - Councilman Spence will give invocation and flag salute.

E – Presentation – Promotion of Officer Wayne Miller to Sergeant by Chief Ott and Mayor.

J-2 Resolution appointing Independent Hearing Officers - Councilman Zapolski inquired if there were any local attorneys that fill this type of request?

Administrator Goodreau responded that Mr. Coldren is not an attorney and there is no professional qualifications required. We did put out an RFP and the local attorneys had an opportunity to respond and we received only two.

Additional Resolutions

J-4 Resolution authorizing dedication by rider for donations for Code Blue Operation. The Mayor and Administrator elaborated upon.

J-5 Resolution possibly added after executive session discussion, litigation authorizing confidential settlement.

k- Schedule of Bills, Councilman Zapolski posed questions regarding GPM bill in the amount of \$5,026 listed when we have no professional contract with them since 2009. Also why it is coming out of the Auditor? Comptroller explained there is no current line item for engineering and water and sewer. It has always been listed under Auditor but in the detailed budget they work with it is broken down.

Administrator stated that he would have to up date that contract in order to pay them. It was agreed to remove the item from the schedule until there is a resolution to the matter and we can legitimately pay them.

Councilman Zapolski inquired about the Web Master last payment is on the schedule of bills and there are some questionable items on the site and once we pay him there is no obligations for him to correct them.

Mayor explained that the Web Master and Kevin Rabago will be continuing to work on the site even after the final payment as his name is associated with the site and he does not want his work to be seen in a negative light.

Mr. Rabago stated that this a soft launch of the site and in the next two or three weeks we will have to iron out some of the kinks and any changes are to be funneled to him and he will be working with the Web Master concerning them.

L-Application, Clerk added an application for Raffle License from Woodland Country Day School.

M-Reports, Clerk added the following reports: Police Department, Zoning Officer, Municipal Clerk and Zoning Board.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Zapolski pointed out two major applications to Planning Board which will be bring an increase valuable to the ratables Bob Novick Auto Mall new showroom and White Wave added improvement.

Mayor Kelly stated that two others have made a commitment to Bridgeton, one being the restaurant on Washington Street which also is a Market so people are investing in the City.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Zapolski presented two versions of an Ordinances regarding Senior discount on construction fees. Councilman Zapolski elaborated upon and after discussion it was agreed to place one version (flat \$250) on for adoption at this evening's Council meeting and over the course of a year a tracking report will be submitted.

Greenwich/Fairfield Shared Services Fire Code – Administrator explained that the State requires that it can only be in effect as of January 1, 2014. We will have to redo the shared service agreements. The Townships will adopt their Ordinance and then we will do our part reflecting January 1, 2014 as the effective date instead of an August, 2013 date.

Water/Sewer Emergency Generators: Administrator stated he had forwarded a copy on the generators; also Mark Lavenberg is present to elaborate upon the request for reason we need to do this; as is Mary Jane Lake, Comptroller, so we can also look at the cost.

Mr. Lavenberg elaborated upon the use and condition of the present generators. The reason money being available and this may be the last chance to obtain funding for this and he recommends we take advantage of the grant money at this time. After discussion regarding financial aspect and impact it was agreed to be considered upon receipt of additional information.

Municipal CDC 2014 fee schedule: Administrator presented fee schedule by CDC which is less than we anticipated based on the Equalized Valuations 2013.

Special Meeting: Administrator stated we will need to set the date and time for advertising. After discussion it was agreed to have the Special Meeting, Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 4:30 pm for Land Dimensions Engineering to give us a presentation on the action plan for Bridgeton City Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson

RESOLUTION NO. 147- 13 authorizing an executive session to discuss Litigation: Lamplugh vs. City of Bridgeton, and Port Authority, Personnel: Tax Assessor, Public Safety: Class I and Class II Officers and Contract: Revaluation was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original Resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

President Lugardo-Hemple informed Council of up coming reappointments needing to be confirmed at next Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond,
City Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President
Date: _____