

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JUNE 20, 2017
4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Edwards
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Council President Lugardo-Hemple
Mayor Kelly
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 June 14, 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 June 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

Gerard Velazquez, III, Executive Director Cumberland County Improvement Authority, to make presentations regarding the City Landfill Solar Project and Food Specialization Center Project adjacent to the Rutgers facility.

Mr. Velazquez called upon the representatives for the projects, Ian Robinson from Alternative Energy Development Group, solar project and Steve Cades for the Food Specialization Center.

Mr. John Peterson, architect, presented design for Food Specialization Center and Charles Fralinger, engineer, presented the site plan and aerial view.

The attorney presented what was needed from the City in a legal aspect solar project is redevelopment agreement and food specialization center for redevelopment agreement regards to the projects, Resolution and Ordinance also with the downtown project same will be needed there, CCIA will need to be named the redeveloper. He pointed out that the ordinance states portion of Church Street but should read all of Church Lane which will be corrected.

AGENDA REVIEW:

C. Invocation/Flag: Councilman Spence

G-1 Ordinance Salary Officers and Employees 2016, Administrator explained this should have been done for 2016. Councilman Spence inquired if this was same in line with union contracts, Administrator informed that it is and is the same as 2017.

G-2 Ordinance Establishing Identification Program. Councilman Spence commented more information is needed after discussion it was agreed to adopt on first reading and second reading would not be until July 18, 2017 meeting to give time for more information and discussion.

G-3 Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Property, Councilman Spence stated he is against the down town project because there are buildings down town that could be utilized for office space.

G-4 Ordinance Authorizing Vacation Church Lane, Solicitor stated anywhere the wording is portion of, strike it out, it should be vacation of Church Lane.

J-6 Resolution authorizing Fire Works, Councilman Spence inquired if funds available. Mayor responded that we have received more than enough donations to cover the cost.

J-12 Resolution authorizing sale of Seagrave Rescue Truck, Administrator explained this being the beginning of the process of sale to the City Vineland for \$630,000 so that amount of money will cover the cost of the type of truck we want.

J-15 Resolution renewal Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, Clerk presented the rest of licenses for 2017 all but La Palmas who is still awaiting tax clearance certificate from State and explained if not received would need to apply for an Ad Interim Permit to allow them to remain open after June 30 or Council could allow renewal upon receipt of clearance on tomorrow.

Council agreed to renew upon the Clerk's receipt of clearance on tomorrow.

J-18 Resolution advertise for Tennis Court/Futsal Repair, Resurfacing and Fencing, Councilman Spence stated the Committee only meant once. Administrator responded she had sent out and email to everyone on the Committee she also reported to Council at meeting and she was told to go out for quotes.

J-20 Resolution CCIA shared service agreement, Administrator stated this would only be for out side vendors and would save the City approximately \$15,000 when you compare the two.

J-21 Resolution contract Max Communications telephone services, Council President Lugardo-Hemple inquired if this the same one we had previously, and was informed that it was not by the Administrator.

Application: Catering Permit, Clerk requested Police Report, Chief Gaimari State was contacted and does not require report, Clerk stated Council requires report and is the issuing authority.

Chief is to provide written report to Clerk.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence commented on food truck at Sunset Lake most of people are not there but at the Splash Park.

Council Pres. Lugardo-Hemple inquired about electricity in the area of the Zoo and Splash Park and was informed by the Administrator that there is electricity.

Administrator stated that plans are being worked out regarding the truck and possible other vendors.

Council Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated she attended the Main Street activity at the pocket park.

Councilman Surrency stated he was sorry he was unable to attend the Juneteen this year at the pocket park.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / MAYORAL REPORTS:

Administrator reported on the following: regarding light usage at the baseball fields are paid for by permits issued, the Little League and Tournament do not pay.

Councilman Spence and Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated that Little League does pay, Administrator will go back and check with Parks and Recreation Director.

Realtor for City properties the QPA is putting together specifications for that position.

If anyone wanted to walk through 40 Preston Avenue it would be open Monday, from 10 am to noon.

Last night storm electricity went out in the Police Department and have issued with the generator that needs replacing.

Capping of the Landfill cost reported the longer we wait we are losing the money we have and may not be enough.

Mayor Kelly commented when you enter Atlantic City you will see a billboard advertisement of our City Zoo.

This coming Thursday he will be attending a meeting at the Edison College regarding Browns Field. There are agencies looking at the property on South East Avenue, thirteen acres funding for remediation.

He commented on article in newspaper regarding legalization of marijuana and he would like to talk to Council one on one to see how they feel regarding the legalization of marijuana. Also climate change is being talked about which we all will be affected by.

He has spoke to four different vendors who are interested in servicing the City Park and we will try during our July 4 Celebration in the Park and may work something for other events and through our present food truck.

Mayor announced that the 2 percent cap will expire and we are pushing for the Governor and present Legislature to extend the Cap so are budget will not have to absorb the over 2 percent.

We need to discuss and may be send a resolution to our leaders in the State to let them know how we feel and he will forwarding a resolution to that effect.

BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Solicitor Bertram stated Mr. Melnicove is present regarding New Jersey Ethanol but has submitted documentation on activities that have been going on and as promised he is present for any questions, concerns from Council regarding the matter.

Council having received the information with no questions, concerns at the present, Mr. Melnicove was excused.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency 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: _____