

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: President Edwards

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: City 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 November 30, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and the Press of Atlantic City on November 30, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW

C. Invocation/Flag: Councilman Spence

F. Minutes Councilman Zapolski pointed out corrections to the last Council meeting item G-3 Block 226 Lot 33 would be removed and there is no mention of that in the minutes and it has only been taken out of the ordinance title.

Councilman Zapolski also corrected statement regarding New Jersey Ethanol that he was to accompany them and report back to Council, it was suggested but no commitment was made that he would accompany them and report back. It was agreed to remove it from the minutes.

Councilman Spence also commented that we should not put Mike on the spot or anyone without any prior discussion.

Pres. Edwards stated that it has been agreed to be removed from the minutes

Councilman Zapolski pointed out that NJ Ethanol has still not paid their taxes.

Solicitor stated that it is the fourth quarter taxes not paid.

H-3 PILOT Ordinance with CA Villas LLC, Councilman Zapolski pointed out that the Block 226 and Lot 33 which was removed is still in the title and also in the Whereas clauses, which should be removed.

Pres. Edwards stated that it will be removed from the Ordinance.

J-3 Resolution to remove from tax sale, Solicitor stated that we should have the Bill of Sales this week regarding Block 116 and Lot 36.01 then we will own the structure.

J-4 Resolution canceling balances improvement water/sewer utility Councilman Spence inquired regarding the resolution, Comptroller Lake responded balances from various water tower improvements.

J-5 Resolution cancelling grant balances, Councilman Spence inquired about balances, Comptroller responded these were balances from unspent funds from the various grants.

J-7 Resolution accepting Trailer from County, Councilman Zapolski inquired about storage location and also any financial obligation to the City.

Chief Bowen responded that we have the Trailer already so location is established and there is no cost to the City except for tires and licensing as it is not used that often.

J-11 Resolution authorizing shared service agreement Greenwich, Councilman Spence inquired if it was the same amount and what other municipalities do we have shared services.

Administrator stated that it was, and we have them with Hopewell, Stow Creek and Shiloh and now that we have data we will charge according to calls received.

J-12 Resolution sale surplus property, Councilman Spence inquired if it had been offered to County or other organizations.

Administrator stated that it has been offered and only one responded and had problem obtaining the title due to the vin number not consistence with DMV it being so old.

J-16 Resolution emergency expenditure for Library, Councilman Spence inquired if this would hold up the work.

Administrator responded that it would not and the insurance is covering the majority of work.

J-17 Resolution emergency appropriation for Library, Solicitor inquired why the July lighting strike is mentioned Councilman Zapolski stated that it has to be combined with it to make sure it does not exceed the three percent of the appropriation for the budget.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out that certain wording should be in the Resolution regarding the reason for the emergency.

Comptroller stated that it is in her Certification attached.

Councilman Zapolski stated that the statute states we have to give a specific reason in the Resolution and it gives a list of those reasons which he submitted.

It was agreed to place the wording of public safety for the reason in the Whereas clause.

ADDITION

Resolution regarding Fire Works Display all requirements met confirmed by Fire Chief Bowen.

K Schedule of Bills, Councilman Zapolski questioned the expenditure for Park Equipment. He was informed that it was for a Brush Mower.

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported that the Library anticipated opening on January 3, 2016.

Also reported on the Holiday Parade, Festival of Lights and Historic House Tour and that 200 homeless were fed during Thanksgiving with Pastor Weinstein.

Pres. Edwards commented on the Holiday Parade his first time participating it was a great event And also he spent sometime with the Chief of Police and Fire Chief which was an experience and interesting, attended a Community Meeting.

Administrator thanked Melissa Hemple, Park Recreation Director for success of the events held in the Park along with Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and called on Ms. Hemple for comments.

Ms. Hemple commented this is the third year that they have done all three days and over three thousand attended, they had ten families or organizations that participated with decorations and activities this years theme was Peace on Earth. Thanked all the Departments that helped.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple inquired about 586 N. Pearl Street and Administrator stated she would obtain information for next meeting.

Reorganization Meeting, Clerk stated will be held on January 3, 2017 with Work Session at 5:30 which Council agreed upon.

New Jersey Ethanol Councilman Zapolski inquired if it has been re-inspected?

Administrator informed it has not but will reach out to the Planning Board regarding the matter for the next meeting.

Councilman Spence commented that there are violations through out the City are not being dealt with, one is on Marion Street which is a pile of trash on the sidewalk, various places where cars are parked on the sidewalks other parking violations do we have a procedure to take care of these violations, is there any kind of procedure?

Administrator stated that there is a procedure to handle these matters through the courts by Police and Code Enforcement which takes time. Also stated other methods are being looked into.

Jean Garrison, resident, complained about Taxi Cab blowing horns in the neighborhood.

Michael Abbott, resident, commented people call him with complaints, and he has found Administrator and Chief Gaimari very co-operative in handling the problems.

Father David Rivera, resident, commented he would assist in getting information out to the Spanish speaking neighborhood regarding complaints being received.

Council Procedure was presented by Councilman Zapolski.

Motion was made by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski hold to discussion on procedures until next meeting and that there is a need to establish rules for Council Meetings which motion was carried by.

Councilman Spence stated periodic reports from the Economic Development Department and also from the Special Assistance to the Mayor.

Administrator stated that a brief report will be forth coming in January.

Motion was made by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple that starting in January that reports be received from the Economic Development Department also on open and on going projects which was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Administrator stated that reports regarding the Assistant to Mayor should be requested from the Mayor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Spence the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

President Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____