

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
May 1, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple  
Councilman Surrency  
Councilman Thompson  
Pres, Zapolski  
Mayor Kelly  
Municipal. Solicitors Baker

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Zapolski

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: 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 April 27, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on April 27, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

AGENDA REVIEW

E-1 Employee of the Month – None

G-2 Pres. Zapolski discussed an additional section requiring a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 that the BA concurred with, as well as the Council. The resolution was so revised.

J-1 Pres. Zapolski inquired concerning what becomes of the money. Mayor Kelly explained that the unspent balances go back to where the original grant came from.

J-5 Resolution was held for discussion during Executive Session

J-6 Pres. Zapolski pointed out the agreement called for insurance and asked if it would be an added cost to the City. Solicitor responded he would need to look into it. After discussion, Council agreed to amend one of the sentences to add to the last line in the third paragraph "in a form satisfactory to the Solicitor".

J-11 Pres. Zapolski explained where the finances were coming from for the purchase of the fire truck which would cause no increase in taxes.

Chief Schoch informed Council that the truck should be delivered within 420 days and also described the various types of equipment that would be attached and thanked Council for their patience in accomplishing this purchase.

G-1 Pres. Zapolski pointed out a last minute revision to the ordinance, "The consummation of the transaction is subject to satisfaction of all conditions in the agreement of sale." He then asked about not having seen any "due diligence" building condition inspection reports. When it was learned that no reports were available, Pres.

Zapolski suggested that adopting a property purchase resolution seemed premature. After some discussion it was agreed to remove the Ordinance for further consideration.

#### OTHR BUSINESS/CONCERNS

1 Jessica Lundsford Act Resolution consider for next meeting

2. Youth City Gov Day Discussion- will be held on May 15, 2012 from 4:30 to 5 pm, Council Work Session will commence immediately following and Council meeting at 7 pm. The Fire Chief and Police Chief and Solicitor positions will be added along with Council and Mayor.

Mayor will prepare proclamation this year and next year a Resolution will be prepared stating the date for Youth Day.

3. Smoking in Recreation/Park Area – Ms. Lugardo-Hemple requested an amendment to Chapter 294, to specify no smoking in the Recreation/Park Area, having received several complaints from parents concerning the problem of smoking with children present. The resulting discussion addressed enforcement, posting signs, and making pre-game announcements that the game areas are smoke free. It was also suggested that the Youth Council present a mock ordinance.

4. Mayor reported on Adopt a Block members signing off also May 17, 2012 Senior Citizen Prom announcement as May is older American Month and also on the funds for statue has risen to \$11,000

5. Parade of Champions, Clerk presented Resolution to be held on May 31, 2012, will be placed on May 15, 2012 Agenda for permission to close streets.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple

RESOLUTION NO.247-11 to enter into an executive close session to discuss the following:

All areas, Executive Minutes, Attorney Client Privilege New Jersey Ethanol, update, Real Estate Renewable New Jersey, update, Litigation-Indian Avenue Sidewalk bid award, Board of Education update, and Cell Tower bid award, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original Resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

#### COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported that the Adopt a Block was successful. The children and youth enjoyed the event.

Councilman Thompson encouraged everyone to support the Youth to Youth events they will be holding another one at the Library.

Councilman Surrency had no comments.

Councilman Spence reported working on housing ordinance and held a meeting with the landlords, and looking at a better relationship with them.

Mayor stated he is working on having a workshop especially concerning the abandoned properties.

Pres. Zapolski commented on the recreation ordinance the appeal process and back ground checks on coaches.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Pres. Zapolski adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

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Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.  
Council President