

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
May 15, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple  
Councilman Spence  
Councilman Surrency  
Pres, Zapolski  
Mayor Kelly  
Business Administrator Goodreau  
Municipal. Solicitor 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 May 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 11, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pres. Zapolski elaborated upon the purpose of the Work Session for the Bridgeton High School Students, Mock Council/Mayor, who remained for the Work Session.

AGENDA REVIEW

J-4 Resolution was explained by Administrator and Council Pres. Zapolski regarding insertion of revenue in the Budget to the students.

J-6 Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple recused herself from this Resolution as her husband is named in the Resolution

J-7 Councilman Spence inquired as to how the lead city is chosen, he was informed that the State designates the lead city.

J-8 Solicitor explained that Dickson will rehabilitate the property and it will be placed on tax roll.

J-9 Administrator explained this will give transparency of the expenditures of the funds raised for repairing the statute.

J-12 Council Pres. Zapolski explained this is the mechanism on the accounting process of unspent funds.

J-13 It was explained this is approving the way the funds are being used.

J-14 Administrator questioned why this was taken off the agenda.

Pres. Zapolski explained the meeting requested at the April 17<sup>th</sup> work session with Administration to discuss the overall UEZ plan had not been held.

Councilman Surrency, liaison person, explained he had met with Administration and recommended the resolution for adoption.

Pres. Zapolski stated that he was unaware of that meeting, and noted that liaisons serve as information conduits and do not give approval (or speak for) for the entire Council.

Discussion concerning the matter ensued and at the conclusion it was agreed to place the resolution back on the agenda with amendment to paragraph 3 “Projects to be funded are main Street Organization Projects and Administration, (\$75,000) Outdoor Market Bazaar (\$50,000), and 2 Class II Police Officers for UEZ and downtown area patrols (\$54,000). Additional project within this category that exceeds the procurement bid threshold shall be individually approved by City Council. Funds may be shifted between projects or returned to future projects as required.”

J-18 Pres. Zapolski presented resolution honoring Julia Jean Rugenus naming Community Room of the Bridgeton Hall of Fame after her due to her years of service to the senior citizens of Bridgeton.

Pres. Zapolski restated Council’s desire to meet with the Administration to discuss the overall UEZ plan and the associated funding.

J-19 Resolution appointing Class II Officer Buffalino was presented and placed on agenda for this evening.

K Schedule of Bills amended and total changed from \$372,480.68 to \$987,480.68 due to Splash Park budget Account charged changed and Down payment of Ladder fire Truck added

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: None

#### OTHR BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Housing Authority reappointment of Mary McFarland was addressed with recommendation by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, Council agreed to place the resolution for appointment on the next meeting.

Executive Session Minutes approval, Pres. Zapolski informed Council that minutes can be voted upon by voice vote as long as they are listed separately rather than roll call vote. The Solicitor will look into this further.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple RESOLUTION NO.259-11 to enter into an executive close session to discuss the following:

All areas, Executive Minutes, Personnel, Police Department grievance personnel policy Real Estate Renewable New Jersey, update, Litigation-NJHMF Mortgage Carter, Contracts – Board Education, Cell Tower award, Bridgeton Evening News building, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original Resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency 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