

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 17, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

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 July 13, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on July 13, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Councilman Zapolski distributed UEZ funding financial status report and made presentation to Council on same.

At the conclusion it was agreed that the Administrator and Councilman Zapolski would meet and Councilman Zapolski would bring back answers to questions that arose from the report. During discussion the Mayor expressed concern over a reference to "manipulating funds". It was agreed that the implication was nothing more than reallocating funds – editorial privilege in the choice of words. Council was very appreciative to Councilman Zapolski for the report.

AGENDA REVIEW:

G-1 Councilman Zapolski inquired if there would be any more cost to the City on this property (Blue Spot) Solicitor informed him no.

Councilman Zapolski also inquired about the vacant property ordinance, Solicitor stated he would have it in place for next meeting and Administrator added that he is also working on that Ordinance.

H-2 Administrator stated that there is an additional title to the ordinance Library Associate with minimum \$20,000 and maximum \$40,000.

The Solicitor stated that there would be a 45 day wait on activating that title.

J-4 Councilman Zapolski inquired why removal of UST by City, Administrator explained this would help in the sale of the property and CDBG funds will pay for clean up.

J-6 Pres. Lugardo-Hemple asked for explanation of the discharge mortgage. Solicitor explained that they have complied with the ordinance and program.

J-7 Councilman Zapolski presented tax exempt property information and pointed out concern over effect on tax base by adding another tax exempt property.

After discussion it was agreed to look into this property further (non-conforming, etc.) This item was removed from the agenda.

J-8 Pres. Lugardo-Hemple suggested that title which is stated below should be at the beginning of the resolution.

Councilman Thompson inquired if the income of the household is applied for regarding this deduction, the Administrator informed him that only the spouse's incomes are used.

J-10 Councilman Zapolski inquired why this Resolution was necessary. Administrator explained to be able to use Park Bond Funds.

Councilman Spence inquired why stadium could not be used.

Discussion at conclusion it was agreed to meet and clarify on new cost of new stadium and possible matching funds.

This item was removed from the agenda.

J-13 Administrator requested to be added to agenda UEZ funds used for electrical improvement at Riverfront

J-14 Administrator requested to be added to agenda UST bid removal from water works building

J-15 Administrator requested to be added to agenda award bid to Ricky Slade Construction for zoo parking lot improvement and expansion.

J-16 Administrator requested to be added to agenda authorizing contract with Long Marmero and Associates as labor counsel.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

1. Councilman Thompson inquired about the curbing on Bank Street, Director Dellaquila stated that is taking place and should be in shortly.

2. Pres. Lugardo-Hemple suggested that our Work Sessions be recorded to help the Clerk in preparing the minutes and for more accuracy, which all agreed upon.

3. Administrator gave an update on the request from Anthony's Hot Dog World Maintenance Bond Release: Business was sold, there is a tax lien, water and sewer bill not paid.

4. Councilman Spence inquired about temporary signs up. Administrator reported they are being pulled out if they have no permit.

5. Councilman Spence expressed concern over street openings and the condition they are left in when the work is done.

Administrator reported that they are checked after the work is completed.

Director Dellaquila asked that he be contacted if any one sees that they are left in bad condition, he checks and contacts them to come back and fix the road and has been successful in this process, it was suggested if not a performance bond may need to come into play.

6. Pres. Lugardo-Hemple inquired about court collection which the Administrator gave an updated regarding municipal court collection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Spence

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12 to enter into an executive close session to discuss the following:

Litigation- Renewable New Jersey, Vivint Home Security Solicitors/Canvassers, and Zoo contribution. Real Estate – CNG location update and N. Pearl and Commerce Street Mini Park 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 Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Spence that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President