

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
August 21, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Business Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Bertram

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 August 17, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on August 17, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

AGENDA REVIEW:

F. Administrator pointed out correction on Executive Session Minutes of June 6, being one word to should be for, Clerk noted correction to be made.

Zapolski also stated corrections were made to August 7 public and work sessions which was revised and sent prior to meeting.

G-1 Ordinance amending Chapter 247 Parks/Recreation Council members and Administrator brought forth various questions and corrections, agreed to remove it from agenda, after issues resolved by Solicitor and placed back on at the September 18, 2012 meeting. Issues of concern were pointed out by Administrator and Council.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple asked that the concerns and questions be E-mailed to the Solicitor and Ordinance will be placed back on the agenda second meeting in September.

G-2 Ordinance amending Chapter 265 Vacant Properties Councilman Zapolski pointed out under definition of a Vacant Property to replace the wording as, grounds are maintained in good order "or" where the building is in a habitable condition, which was agreed upon by Council.

Also discussed was who the Public Officer should be?

It was agreed to remove from the agenda until the meeting of September 18, 2012 and Solicitor recommendations received.

J-3 Councilman Zapolski gave a history of the proposed zoning ordinance and presented hand out from City Planner, which was a summary of the recommendations and proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance. He also gave review of the process of adopting the ordinance revision.

Councilman Spence also stated this also addresses the upstairs downtown living which people were interested in and commended Councilman Zapolski who took this on nineteen months ago along with the committee.

J-7 Administrator explained that this is an agreement to start the process of obtaining the property. Solicitor Bertram pointed out that there must be an ordinance to purchase the property.

J-9 Councilman Zapolski questioned the numbers not being consistent in the Resolution \$6,122 and another place \$6,100. Administrator stated that they both should be \$6,100.

Clerk presented Resolution from Fire Department, regarding closing of Commerce Street for Memorial Stair Climb on September 11, 2012, Council agreed to place this on the September 4, 2012 Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence reported on the River Fest and Crab Fest will be held this weekend.

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Administrator presented two ordinances regarding Peddling and Soliciting, 1) Amending Chapter 254 and 2) Amending Chapter 149-26 for next Council Meeting.

Administrator informed Council of several Public Works equipment bids that will be awarded on September 4, 2012 which are covered under the Bond Ordinance.

Administrator informed Council that we have the opportunity to apply for grant under DOT for Safe Streets to Transit Program information sent by Engineer Stephen Nardelli deadline October 16, 2012. Administrator pointed out that a sidewalk needed along Mayor Aitken Drive, good time to put in for it.

Administrator reported that Wireless Edge has contacted us that now under tax assessment laws to lease property to a non-government agency it becomes taxed. The value of the cell tower generates about \$8,000 taxes and is not a part of the lease. The Administrator explained the terms which would cover this extra tax cost at the conclusion it was agreed to go forward with this lease agreement.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple distributed pictures of various gang graffiti that has returned on areas that had been previously cleaned up. Discussion concerning the clean-up of these areas and also requesting the Chief communicate with the different gangs regarding the matter.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple also stated she has received signs clean up Park smoke free.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple the Indian Avenue students sent gift to Councilman Spence.

Councilman Zapolski brought to the attention of Council the Resolution regarding small balances passed at last meeting looked at the list should be able to collect these balances. Discussion concerning the collection of these balances was entered in at the conclusion no solution.

Administrator stated he has distributed Supplemental Explanation of Total County Taxes for 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Spence

RESOLUTION NO. 49-12 to enter into an executive close session to discuss the following:

Real Estate - Renewable New Jersey, 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. Thompson 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