

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 18, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Mayor Albert 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 September 14, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on September 14, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bridgeton Villas - Mr. George McLoof, complex owner, President of Longstreet Development, addressed Council about improvements at the Villas Apartments. He explained his intention to improve the existing housing, hoping to encourage Council to pass a resolution of need and facilitate the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. Along with Mr. McLoof, Mr. Paul Dice, Executive Director of Millville Housing Authority and a team of colleagues attended to answer any inquiries from Council. At the conclusion of the presentation Council agreed to have a resolution prepared for their October 2, 2012 meeting regarding the project.

2013 Municipal Budget- Business Administrator introduced the 2013 SFY Municipal Budget with an increase of 12 cent to the local purpose tax rate which he elaborated upon and responded to Council's questions. Council placed the Budget on the agenda for approval at this evening's Council meeting and scheduled the Public Hearing on same for Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 6:30.

AGENDA REVIEW:

J-1 Questions arose regarding the Resolution which Council agreed to wait for Administrator to respond

J-2 Councilman Zapolski questioned the need for new appointments to the Port Authority, Solicitor explained .

J-4 Solicitor Baker explained the setting of compensation for the Zoning Board Solicitor needed as it was not listed in salary ordinance.

J-5 Councilman Zapolski asked where money was coming from to pay for the library emergency clean up. He was informed that it was be covered by insurance.

J-8 thru J-11 Resolutions added to the agenda

J-1 Administrator returned and explained the Resolution and it was also amended to list Eagle Street with the other properties.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence commented on the Memorial Stair Climb held on September 11, 2012 by Fire Department was excellent and Fire Chief Schoch also commented on the Climb and thanked everyone for their support and he is looking forward to doing it again next year.

Councilman Spence also informed those present of up coming events. (Christmas House Tour, Festival of Lights and Swedish Museum)

Councilman Surrency spoke on how well the Bridgeton Legion event went and the honoring of the Woodruff Family.

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Administrator informed Council the committee for City Park Vision will make presentation on October 2, 2012.

Administrator also informed Council of the need for change order to fill in gap at the bulkhead with aluminum which he will have at the next Council meeting and FEMA will pay 75% of the cost.

Mayor announced September 20, 2012 Employee Appreciation Night and October 18, 2012 Senior Prom Night both with be held at the Marino Center.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency 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