

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
October 2, 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 28, 2012 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on September 28, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: City Park Vision Report

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Dale Goodreau, Business Administrator who presented the Vision Report for the City Park also present was Committee Members. At the conclusion of the presentation it was agreed that the consensus of Council's opinion would be relayed back to the Administrator and Solicitor regarding the Park Vision. It also was agreed to go forward with the grant application for the sidewalks in the park area.

AGENDA REVIEW:

F. Minutes of Council Meeting September 18, 2012 will be on for approval at next Council Meeting.

J-11 and J-12. Items were explained by the Business Administrator, J-12 it was agreed to take the number 27 doors out of the Resolution when talking about the windows.

J-14. Mr. Zapolski pointed out annual tax figures not being the same, which the Administrator and Solicitor explained. Mr. Zapolski stated according to the statute that the resolution should proceed the introduction of the budget and the budget was introduced last week. Solicitor was directed to look into the statute.

J-15 to J-17. Items added by the Administrator.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence elaborated on the Grant Project "Paint Your Town".

Councilman Zapolski stated he will meet with the Administration to discuss budget further.

Councilman Thompson commented that the Senior citizens are upset with the increased budget and asked to try and lower the twelve cent increase.  
Councilman Zapolski responded that the majority of the increase was outside council control it represents the money that was lost thru change in valuation as a result of tax appeals which the City has no control.

**OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:**

Administrator informed Council we would be receiving FEMA funds for the June 30, 2012 storm damage

Administrator presented problem regarding a resident on West Commerce Street receiving a large water bill which was from a unknown leak at the property. Discussion was entered into at the result the Administrator was to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Council President inquired about an amount of \$83,500 which was received from the Housing Authority, where is it placed in the budget?

Administrator responded that it would be placed in surplus

Clerk inquired the date and hours that Halloween would be celebrated, CDC stated that townships will be celebrating on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 hours 4 to 7 pm.

Council agreed City of Bridgeton would do the same.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency

RESOLUTION NO. 84-12, authorizing an executive close session to discuss Public Safety: police operations and Litigation: RNJ was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

**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:

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

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Gladys Lugardo-Hemple  
Council President