

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
December 18, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Mayor Albert Kelly
Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitors Baker/Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Deputy 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 December 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on December 14, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW:

President Lugardo-Hemple read a statement to Council regarding the issues of society, including the city of Newton Connecticut. People should stop and think about the things that are affecting our communities. This is the last meeting of 2012.

Item G1, Mr. Thompson asked why it is needed. Mr. Goodreau stated that there is a need for an additional sergeant for the Police Department since they added a division to that department.

Mr. Zapolski stated that we should now discuss the date for the next Council Meeting, the meeting being moved from January 2, 2013 to January 8, 2013. The President polled Council and it was decided to move the date of the next council meeting to January 8, 2013, and have the second council meeting on January 15, 2013 after the public hearing for Jaylene Taxicab renewal, which will be held at 4:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow the public hearing.

Item G2, Mr. Thompson asked why fees have to be increased. Mr. Goodreau responded to Mr. Thompson. Others in the county have fees at \$700.00. It will make up for revenues that are lost from people not paying. City has never billed individuals, just insurance. People have co-pays, and we should be billing people for.

Item G3, change word in ordinance – operator to owner. Clerk to change the ordinance.

Item G4, Mr. Zapolski amount of bond is greater than in budget. Council approves the budget, - why did Council have to find increase – Administration should tell Council upfront. When numbers differ those figures could come to Council.

Administrator stated that the figures are estimated. He worked with the CFO and Fire Chief.

Mr. Zapolski stated that he would like a memo to accompany these types of ordinance and eliminate council's questions. Mayor stated that attachments are a fair request, and will be sent to the Clerk's Office to go out with agenda items.

Item G6, Mr. Zapolski questioned what they are being taxed on. Solicitor explained that they are always taxed on the land, it is the improvements that the abatement is for.

Mr. Zapolski asked if the assessed values go up will city still collect what is in the agreement. Solicitor answered Mr. Zapolski's questions.

Item G7, Mr. Zapolski recommended that this ordinance be tabled. Other alternatives need to be looked at. Doesn't believe it is the right thing to do. This was not to be a long term cross-departmental responsibility. Code states that you can fill a temporary vacancy for 90 days. City could use another person in Code Enforcement. He would like to share information with council members before the next meeting.

Mr. Spence – item should be tabled because council needs to discuss amongst themselves, and President to have a discussion with the Administrator before going forward.

Mr. Surrency asked if this ordinance had to be done before the end of the year. It does not. Mr. Zapolski to call each councilmember and present the information to them.

Mr. Thompson wanted to know what happened between this meeting and the last one, when it was tabled.

Mr. Goodreau stated that he would also like to give Administration's position on this ordinance if council members would like to call and talk to him.

President Lugardo-Hemple stated that the ordinance will be tabled until January 8, 2013.

Item G8 – Mr. Spence asked if we had fees before. Mr. Goodreau stated that we are establishing fees for the new wash facility. School district is interested in washing some buses, and the fees are in line with the county fees.

Item G9 – Mr. Zapolski asked why G9 and G10 had been split, traditionally they were always put together. Mr. Goodreau stated that he needs to have the ordinance approved for a department head's salary. It is a contractual issue. G10 was split because there was an issue with Council salaries; these are the same numbers as before. No issues with department head salaries.

Item G10-pulled – to be discussed on January 8, 2013.

Item J1 – Mr. Zapolski asked what the compensation will be. Solicitor and Administrator explained. Mayor stated that Administration will try to get accompanying information on

resolutions and ordinances to Council as soon as possible. They are dealing with time constraints and deadlines with different items. Fire Chief explained that the state would like this resolution in place by January 1, 2013. He did not have background information before hand for council to review.

Mayor stated that we will keep pursuing shared services with all the other townships around us.

Item J3 – Mr. Zapolski spoke to Business Administrator about reimbursements, he thinks that the forgiveness policy needs to be modified. Policy may go away, and burden to pay bill go to taxpayer because of new CUA costs.

Item J7 – Mr. Goodreau explained. Mr. Zapolski thought we are doing this out of sequence. Council authorizes contracts, but if there is no contract, how can we authorize something now when it is for the future. There are no dollar amounts present in the resolution. Mr. Zapolski stated that Council does not need to approve a response to an RFP, but to approve the contractual obligation. Mr. Goodreau will disclose dollar amounts in closed session. Mr. Zapolski asked that the resolution be modified to add “in a form satisfactory to the Solicitor”.

Addition of two resolutions changing the name of North Star Inc. to North Star Environmental, which resolutions will be done separately.

Schedule of Bills – Mr. Spence asked what Lund Fisheries was. Mr. Goodreau answered Mr. Spence’s questions.

Reports – Mayor explained numbers on Police Department report that the police are being more aggressive impounding vehicles that are out there. Traffic stops for violations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Spence second by Mr. Surrency
RESOLUTION NO. 148-12 to enter into an executive close session to discuss the following:

Public Safety – Jaylene Taxicab LLC license renewal, Municipal Court

Personnel – City Solicitor

Contract – Animal Control Officer – Stow Creek RFP

Litigation – Historic District Commission

was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original Resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Goodreau – Riverwalk is complete. Contractor did a nice job. FEMA to come down for final inspection then the city will get 75% reimbursement.

Raceway plans were sent to FEMA on December 7th. Mr. Goodreau has been e-mailing them to see if they have a response to those plans.

Bleachers that city purchased are all set up. Please take a look at them. Even though they are large they can be moved by just two people.

Mr. Dellaquila, Director Public Works stated that the best investment made was the transporter kit.

Approval was given to put landfill cap of clean soil and top soil instead of clay. Plan went back to DEP, and will be a significant savings to city. Mr. Goodreau hopes to have complete approval within three months.

Mayor asked Mr. Goodreau about raceway plans, what is next. Once approval is given by FEMA city can go to contracting aspects of project. He does not know how long it will take FEMA to give approval. Debris removal is the first aspect. Raceway may be back sometime in 2014.

Mr. Zapolski thanked Administration for putting the Schedule of Bills on the city's website.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President