

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

March 15, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Pres. Edwards
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Pres. Surrency
Councilman Zapolski
Administrator Dale Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Edwards

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 March 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Daily Journal and the Press of Atlantic City on March 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Kevin Rabago, Development Planning

Three major projects working on one being the Ferracute Property with Agri-global have no progress after several meetings.

Block 121 Lot 8, property behind City Hall is active J&J Corporation for retail and commercial business but nothing to bring before Council at this time.

Phoenix Redevelopment, areas we have had an interest from one developer who is the process of preparing a plan to come a present to Council.

He is working with Main Street and Chambers for some initiatives for down town and exploring upstairs downtown living. Also on working on some of the empty buildings down town on making them more productive sites.

The Nail House working on with CHOA who will be here at the next meeting bring you up to date on that.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple asked if the developers for Block 121 Lot 18 were the same one they came before and Mr. Rabago informed here they were.

Councilman Zapolski questioned status of New Jersey Ethanol?

Administrator stated all the landscaping is done on the site. They are recruiting manager and employees no projection of start. Solicitor stated agreement was not operation.

Zapolski stated he is not overly confident that this will be a viable adventure.

Discussion concerning Economic Development Plan and Marketing Plan

Administrator stated are part of the Vision Plan.

Councilman Zapolski stated the need to drive Economic Development in the City. A Vision Plan is not a Economic Plan.

Discussion concerning the need for an Economic Development Plan implementing a strategy for bringing business and revenue in the City should be top priority.

Also the down town blighted area clean-up the need of more enforcement regarding vacant building owners and window clean-up.

AGENDA REVIEW

C. Invocation/Flag Salute-Spence

G-1 Ordinance for petty cash funds, Administrator stated verification received and this ordinance is an up date.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out that it should state in the ordinance that state approval never received

G-2 Ordinance amending Chapter 149 Fees, Councilman Zapolski stated should indicate where it is found, Administrator added the following words: under 265.32 shall be as follows, to section 1. A. and was agreed by Council.

Administrator commented on other fee changes in the Ordinance.: Splash Park increase \$3.00 and Water Meter Reading.

G-3 Ordinance amending Chapter 265, property maintenance, Administrator stated this will separate owner occupied residential property and rental residential property under property maintenance.

G-4 Ordinance amending Chapter 162 Fire Prevention, Administrator stated this will place both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors under Code Enforcement.

J-1 Resolution Govern body reviewed Audit, Clerk distributed group affidavit form for Council signatures.

J-3 Resolution U. S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Administrator informed Council we will Better price.

J-7 Resolution Mobile Food Concession in Park, Councilman Zapolski pointed out that this should be made clear this is not a peddler permit.

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported on Library activities and Housing Authority funding approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alcoholic Beverage person to person transfer El Rodeo, Clerk presented application, Solicitor will address their Attorney regarding the matter.

Park Plan, Councilman Spence

CY2016 Budget, Administrator distributed summary information which was discussed with Council, at the conclusion of which additional cuts in Departments OE Accounts, to get the increase lower, would be implemented.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that RESOLUTION NO. 79-16, to enter into an executive session to discuss Litigation: Lawson vs. City and Contract: Business Administrator which motion 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. Surrency and seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Date: _____