

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 15, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Surrency

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 September 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on September 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m."

PRESENTATION/S: None

AGENDA REVIEW

C- Invocation/Flag Salute- Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

J-2 Councilman Zapolski inquired about the location of portion to be blocked-off which Kevin Rabago responded and is also in the Resolution.

J-3 Councilman Zapolski inquired about what the signs looked like and they were distributed by the Administrator. After discussion it was agreed to remove the park signs and just leave the Park Arch sign to be advertised for bid.

J-5 Councilman Zapolski pointed out this was a governing body appointment and he would like to be considered for Court Committee after discussion it was agreed to remove this Resolution from agenda until next meeting.

J-7 Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple requested explanation of the Resolution which the Administrator responded annual grant received for the police department.

K Schedule of Bills Administrator stated an amendment to the Schedule adding the purchase of the new Fire Tower Ladder Truck in the amount of \$276,556.28 changing total of Schedule of Bills to \$782,450.47 which will be delivered Saturday.

ADDITIONS CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution awarding bid for reconstruction Baltimore Avenue

Resolution appointing Copeland to Zoning Board

Resolution appointing Steelsmith Zoning Board

Resolution requesting insertion in Budget (bullet proof vest)

Resolution appointing Chief of Police (Added during Executive Session)

Resolution renewal Las Palmas License (Added during Executive Session)

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported on the activities of the Library.

Councilman Spence reported the Main Street event Mexican Independence Day Celebration was successful.

Mayor Kelly presented the potential Amicus Brief on redistricting our districts and elaborated upon along with the solicitor which Council agreed not to support the brief as cities would lose their relative ability to influence State actions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk presented event to be held by Soroptimist International of Cumberland County in the City Park at the Tranquility Garden regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Event, October 4, 2015 at 3: p.m. all invited to attend.

Administrator presented the worksheet for tax rate preliminary from the County who certified the official tax rate.

The new tax bills will be going out.

Administrator reported on the landfill closure bid still looking at the financing and funding will bring something back at the next meeting.

Administrator reported on the Canoe House/old Cooper Building and next meeting will have a resolution to go out to bid regarding the renovation.

Administrator reported on the Raceway leakage, may have Resolution for next meeting.

Councilman Zapolski inquired about the New Jersey Ethanol? Administrator stated he has not received any answers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Councilman Spence and second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple,

RESOLUTION NO. 277-15 was authorized in order to enter into executive session to discuss: Public Safety: Las Palmas, Real Estate: 56 Oak Street and Personnel: Police Chief. The resolution 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 Councilman Spence and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency, Council President

Date: _____