

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 16, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

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

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 February 12, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Daily Journal and the Press of Atlantic City on February 12, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW

C. Invocation/Flag Salute- Spence

E. Administrator stated Police Department promotion added under Presentation.

F. Work Session Minutes, February 2, 2016 not distributed.

H-1. Administrator explained Ordinance is re-appropriation money from another Bond Ordinance and changed the purpose that it is not new money that we are borrowing just changing the purpose.

Councilman Zapolski inquired for clarification if this money was in a Bond Ordinance is this also a Bond Ordinance, are we amending a Bond Ordinance. If a Bond Ordinance, it was not treated as one when introduced. Clerk interjected that the Bond Counsel sent documentations on the ordinance as conducted as Bond Ordinance, suggested that it be re-introduced and handle as instructed, Council agreed.

Ordinance pulled as second reading and replaced as first reading ordinance on the agenda.

J-1 Green Acre enable Resolution – Councilman Zapolski expressed concern over certain requirements that the City is to do and receive permission prior to doing them: buildings, signs, fees, after discussion the Administrator stated that we need to go ahead with this enabling resolution.

J-2 Resolution regarding UEZ Loan it was pointed out, by Solicitor Eisenhardt, that the title should state not to pursue collection of loan.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out discrepancy of the amounts, at the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed to remove the resolution for further clarification of amounts.

Discussion concerning various loans and collections was entered in, also Mayor stated that Director of Economic Development, Kevin Rabago would be asked to attend the next meeting.

J-4 Resolution to join Cranford Police Cooperative Purchasing System, Administrator explained they obtain better prices for police vehicles.

J-5 Resolution amendment was due to that the company contracted with for Sunset Lake Aeration name was changed due to two companies merging together.

J-7 Resolution regarding Body Worn Camera Assistance Program authorizing temporary appropriation was discussed and elaborated upon by Police Chief Gaimari.

J-10 Resolution modification of contract with South State, Administrator commented this is to close out the contract with them and receive FEMA funds.

Councilman Spence stated we still have problems with the project, Administrator explained it is not with the work what FEMA has paid for and we have done everything we could. Discussion concerning the repair and funding of the problem was entered into at the conclusion, Administrator stated this will just close the contract with South State but will not with FEMA.

J-11 Resolution for refund and deducting the processing fee to Elder Garcia for a peddler permit, after discussion it was agreed to refund Elder Garcia his entire amount.

J-2 Resolution not pursuing UEZ Loan on arrival of Solicitor Bertram explained when the claim was filed that was the amount in the Resolution the difference may be because payments have been made, after discussion it was agreed to place the Resolution back on the agenda for action.

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported that the Library has been doing very good at selling Books. This Sunday they will be holding a concert and during the month of March a lot of activities have been scheduled.

Councilman Spence stated he had asked the Administrator for the Economic Development Director who is according to code develop an Economic Development Plan and Economic Development Marketing Plan. Administrator stated he has talked to him about it and it is in the Master Plan and that is what we are using as our Economic Development Plan. The Vision Plan that was done in 2010 along with the Master Plan what he has been using as his guideline and is currently in the process of up dating some of the data. An Economical Development Manual has not been done.

Councilman Spence stated that there is also a Marketing Plan mentioned.

Administrator stated he brought that up and the response he got was everything was included

Councilman Spence also commented on the projects which were worked on in the last five years concerning if they came to fruition or not.

Councilman Zapolski commented he had asked for a couple of development plans in regards to the various projects and pointed out Agribal Development and found no signed development plan.

Mayor commented that the Economic Development Director has reached out to them.

Councilman Zapolski stated that when things change let the Council know, we need feed back.

Pres. Edwards commented that Council obtain quarterly reports from Economic Development Director.

Mayor Kelly requested a date for a Special Meeting in March for a presentation by Cindy Williams regarding Park Plans.

Council agreed and a date will be set.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk stated that Jennifer Webb-McRae was unable to attend Council Work Session on February 2, 2016 and asked to re-schedule for April 5, 2016 which Council confirmed.

Councilman Zapolski commented he had asked for a report on the Splash Park and Golf Course financial cash flow on how productive it is. Also inquired about a slip and fall incident at the Splash Park and if any legal cost?

Solicitor responded that it is pending and Administrator responded cost insurance deductible.

Councilman Zapolski raised questions regarding cost of the operation of the Splash Park and maintaining the facility.

At the conclusion of discussion it was decided that the Public Works Director will maintain cost amount.

Administrator posed question regarding the Landfill Bond ordinance that he needs support to go forward with the Ordinance.

Administrator informed Council that the Trails Grant applied for from DEP was not approved to receive it.

Administrator gave and up date on the Senior Thrift Center.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Spence 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

J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Date: _____