

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 21, 2017
4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Edwards
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Zapolski
Council President Lugardo-Hemple
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: President Lugardo-Hemple called the meeting to order.

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: The Deputy Clerk read the 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 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and the Press of Atlantic City on March 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

With members of the Recreation Committee not present yet, Council moved forward with the agenda review.

AGENDA REVIEW:

C. Invocation/Flag: Councilman Spence

G-1 Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Article IV of the Code of the City of Bridgeton. Councilman Zapolski voiced his concerns regarding the ordinance. Councilman Spence also questioned the ordinance stating the tax payers cannot afford this. Councilman Surrency asked the CFO to clarify the cost. CFO Lake projected an estimated increase of \$21,000. Chief Gaimari explained the necessity to increase supervision in the police department. Council President Lugardo-Hemple asked to have a written explanation of councils questions disbursed before the next meeting, and to pull the ordinance from the agenda.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Carl Hemple past chair of the Recreation Committee spoke of a new sport "Futsal" a form of street soccer to be played where the tennis courts are. Mr. Marco Cruz made a presentation to council regarding the cost of renovations needed to the tennis courts for futsal to be played there also. He explained the popularity of the game, and the potential opportunity to form leagues. DPW Supervisor Dellaquila voiced his support of the project for the community. After some discussion, councilmembers stated they would like to see the courts utilized for both futsal and tennis. Lastly, Councilman Zapolski said he would like to see a committee formed to oversee the project.

H-1 Ordinance Amending Chapter 300 of the General Code of the City of Bridgeton regarding Municipal Solid Waste Collection. Councilman Zapolski asked for clarification that the ordinance was the “revised” version; the Deputy Clerk clarified.

J-1 Resolution in support of building a thriving New Jersey. Councilman Spence asked what exactly the resolution was for. Councilman Zapolski and Council President Lugardo-Hemple also had questions. Mayor Kelly explained the resolution is asking for support of the program to go on the state agenda for the upcoming year. After much discussion it was agreed the resolution will be voted on separately.

J-2 Resolution authorizing refund of plumbing and fire permit application fee to senior citizen. Councilman Zapolski questioned the property being the primary residence. It was agreed to pull the resolution from the agenda for clarification.

J-3 Resolution authorizing refund of plumbing and fire permit application fee. There was a discussion regarding state regulations allowing a percentage of the fee to be refunded.

J-5 Resolution requesting the Southern Jersey Region receive its fair share of State Aid and or general public benefits. The Administrator explained the resolution, Mayor Kelly invited council members to a meeting regarding South Jersey getting its fair share, he urged council to pass the resolution, stating he is advocating for Bridgeton, and South Jersey.

J-8 Resolution authorizing an agreement with Sunrise Catering to operate mobile food vending park at approved locations within the City Park. A discussion ensued regarding the percentage the city will receive, and the actual location.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS: \$266,793.54 Councilman Zapolski questioned certain line items on the schedule of bills, the Comptroller and the solicitor clarified for him.

REPORTS:

M-2 Treasurer Report. Councilman Zapolski questioned specific accounts listed on the treasurer’s report, the Comptroller responded. Councilman Zapolski stated he appreciated Comptroller Lake consistently being at the Council meetings to answer questions.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: NONE

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / MAYORAL REPORTS:

The Administrator said she recently met with Councilman Zapolski with regard to the budget and various ordinances. She contacted the company that installed aerators in the lake; there is nothing they can do. An audit is being done by Atlantic City Electric regarding LED lights. An allegation of work being done on a home on Commerce Street without permits or historic approval was looked into, all permits and approvals were originally obtained.

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone of “Coffee with a Cop” on March 28th 4:00pm-5:00pm at McDonalds in Bridgeton. He asked Council President Lugardo-Hemple to have a joint meeting with the school board as they have in the past. The Bridgeton Baseball Invitational has been moved to May 18th this year.

Councilman Spence, as Liaison to Housing/Zoning Code Enforcement noted he will be meeting with the Administrator soon and would like to hear suggestions from the public regarding code and construction fees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____