

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
April 21, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Surrency

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: 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 April 17, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on April 17, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: Recreation Committee – Administrator Goodreau explained that the Chairperson for the Committee is unable to be present this evening but the Director Melissa Hemple is here to answer any questions the By-laws were distributed by him prior to the meeting.

Melissa Hemple addressed Council that the Committee is made up of members from the various Leagues and upon Mayor's recommendation and acts as an Advisory Board and do not make any decisions for the City, and meets ten times a year

Councilman Zapolski stated By-laws came late he had no chance to study them and would like to discuss them at the next meeting about the By-laws especially the change that took place in regards to the By-laws should be reviewed by Mayor and Council and now it is different.

Discussion ensued regarding the issue of the By-laws the conclusion was to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

AGENDA REVIEW

C- Invocation/Flag Salute by Councilman Zapolski

F- Minutes Councilman Zapolski requested Special Meeting of March 31, 2015 be acted upon separately being he was absent which was agreed upon.

H-3 Ordinance Councilman Spence inquired if the NJDOT was contracted regarding the designs of cross walk or humps. Administrator Goodreau responded that they were contacted and the NJDOT standards were met.

J-1 Resolution Ethanol agreement amendment Councilman Zapolski question regarding what is considered production as it can show they are functional but are not always capable of producing.

At the conclusion of discussion it was agreed to place the Resolution separately on the agenda for action at two the three vote, (Spence/Zapolski voted in negative)

J-2 Resolution CCIA shared service agreement amendment Pres. Surrency stated this would be acted upon separately.

J-3 Administrator pointed out that we are saving by purchasing it through state contract.

J-4 Resolution sidewalks Mayor Aitken Drive, Mayor inquired when will be started, Administrator responded we are waiting for plan approval from NJDOT.

J-7 Resolution demolition park building Councilmen Spence suggested looking into renovating present building. Administrator and Director of Public Works stated the architect recommendation was not to put into it because of its condition which they elaborated upon.

j-8 Resolution reject/re-advertise bid Councilman Spence inquired the reason, it was explained more work needed to be done that was outside of the scope of the bid.

J-14 Resolution Cinco De Mayo Celebration, Councilman Spence removed the resolution from agenda.

Add On

J-15 Adding Resolution appointing J. Curtis Edwards to the Port Authority.

K Schedule of Bills an additional bid added in his amount of \$18,750.00 to the original amount of \$592,03.79

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported on activities taking place at the Library and distributed same tot Council and thanked Department of Public Works for installing the new desk.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator stated he sent out e-mail for the need of a member to the Port Authority to fill the expired term of Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple who has resigned. We need to appoint someone for the up coming meeting of the Port Authority. They meet as needed.

At the conclusion of discussion it was agreed to place a Resolution appointing J. Curtis Edwards on the Port Authority Board at this evening's meeting.

Administrator stated that in the next day or two they would be receiving a finance report from the Northwest Finance Advisor Company regarding the City's finance.

Please forward any questions and we can discuss them at the next meeting.

Administrator stated at the last meeting he handed out the architect's recommendation for repairs and maintenance of City Hall Annex. He will go ahead with identifying funding options to finance the repairs and improvements.

Administrator reported the miniature golf course cost analysis is not completed and he will bring back a complete cost factor on that.

Administrator stated that our Comptroller Mary Jane Lake is working on our transitional budget and last year we funded some of the shortage for the Library and do we want to continue to cover Library cost in the transitional budget and the calendar year budget. We will go ahead as we did last year.

Councilman Zapolski commented that there is interest regarding the opening of Sunset Lake and the closing of the gates. They would like to have some advance notice of when these activities will be taking place. Administrator gave report on what is taking place and gave a possible date of May 31, 2015 completion.. Public Works Director asked for a list of who needs to be contacted.

Councilman Zapolski stated the need to support the CLG in the City.

Mayor commented that we want to celebrate the completion of the Raceway and Sunset Lake and have everyone come out as we are exceeding that which has been done in the Park. Mayor announced that there will be a number of Hispanic residents at the Council meeting this evening asking for help concerning driver license for our undocumented residents here in Bridgeton. Mayor stated he had met with Father Vincent Guest on the matter and he wanted Council to be informed on residents attending tonight to share their concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Listed: Personnel Administration
Contract Main Street
Litigation Port Authority

Councilman Zapolski pointed out Contract, Main Street is not one of the executive session items and should be discussed openly. The issue Main Street does not deal with Contract but a budgetary item at conclusion of the discussion that the Main Street issue would be discussed openly.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Spence requested Pres. Surrency to recue himself from discussion concerning Main Street, which Pres. Surrency objected to. Administrator Goodreau presented the Bridgeton Main Street Financial Review for 2012/2014 done by Mary Jane Lake, CFO which was distributed. Administrator is looking for direction from City Council regarding the future and funding of Main Street. Councilman Spence pointed out various projects Main Street conducted in the City and also that they need an answer by Friday on the funding of Main Street. Discussion concerning funding was entered into at the conclusion, Pres. Surrency stated that there would be no decision tonight and the matter will be further discussed at the next meeting. Councilman Zapolski asked that a vote be taken on Pres. Surrency decision, vote was two the three in favor of the decision. (Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that RESOLUTION NO. 122-15 to enter into an executive session to discuss Litigation: Port Authority, and Personnel: Administrator which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Spence not voting. The original Resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Council Pres. Surrency adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency, Council President

Date: _____