

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
May 5, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Edwards
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Zapolski
Mayor Kelly
Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Acting Pres. Lugardo Hemple

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 May 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on May 1, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION/S:

Swedish Village Farmstead – Kalmar Nyckel Foundation of Wilmington Delaware, representatives from the Foundation, John Morton, Joseph Mathews and Alfred Nicolais made presentation to relocate all of the structures that make up the Swedish Village for purpose of restoring such as an added feature to a larger Wilmington-base Swedish cultural-heritage.

At the conclusion of discussion and questions it was agreed to place Resolution for the next Council meeting with the appropriate wording, Administrator was directed to revise Resolution and have it out to Council for the meeting of the 19th.

Recreation Committee- Melissa Hemple, Director Park Recreation was present to respond to questions Council had regarding Recreation Committee By-laws.

At the conclusion it was agreed that Director Hemple and Solicitor Bertram would meet and amend the By-laws according to Council's suggestions for Recreation Committee's approval.

AGENDA REVIEW

C- Invocation/Flag Salute by Councilman Zapolski

F- Minutes – April 21, 2015 Executive Session Minutes removed not completed.

J-1 Administrator stated this will be a great savings on the phone bill for the City and will be a problem solver.

J-2 Mayor commented that we have received great contributions for the Fireworks Display, after discussion it was agreed to revise the Resolution by adding on the cost will be limited to donations.

J-7 Administrator explained this is for Baltimore Avenue through NJDOT Grant awarded.

J-8 Resolution regarding NJDOT Project procedures, Councilman Zapolski questioned who appoints the Project Engineer?

Administrator responded that would usually be the Municipal Engineer.

J-10 Resolution modification of Mayor Aitken Drive Sidewalk, Councilman Zapolski asked were the opening is?

Administrator informed him it was just before you get to the Hump Back Bridge an opening in the guard rail.

ADDITIONS

Resolution approving FY2015 Annual Action Plan and FY2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, after discussion it was agreed to add to the agenda and vote upon separately.

Resolution authorizing refund of marriage license fee.

ADDITIONS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution appoint Police Chief

Resolution authorizing employee agreement with Police Chief

Resolution appoint Police Captain

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COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilman Edwards reported on the Police PAL Skating Event was very well attended.

Councilman Spence inquired about the Kids Fest held at the Zoo.

Melissa Hemple, Director Park Recreation reported it was a successful day had about two thousand attending.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator reported that the County is having a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow 2 pm regarding study intersection of West Park Drive and Mayor Aitken Drive.

Administrator informed Council of preconstruction meeting with South Jersey Gas they are moving in the step of placing in lines between the area of Grove and South East Avenue starting at Baltimore.

Administrator reported that the Tax Appeal closed as of the first at 4 pm over all we had a total of 132 appeals filed.

Councilman Zapolski inquired about Main Street funding which was postponed in the last meeting, will we or will we not funding Main Street?

At conclusion of discussion it was agreed to fund Main Street and the amount would be decided upon at another time.

Mayor informed Council he had a very positive meeting with Main Street Board of Directors in terms of moving forward they want to continue to work together and he shared with them that he sees Main Street as a very positive organization and have had great events that impact the City. He has asked for a budget that he can bring back to the Council and also asked for a plan that he could bring back to Council.

Mr. Chris Davis from Main Street Association also commented on the meeting being positive and stated that they would have potential budget for this year.

Solicitor Bertram introduced Kristin J. Eisenhardt who is taking Marian Haag's place in her office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that

RESOLUTION NO. 138-15 to enter into executive session to discuss: Personnel-Police Department and Litigation-Brown vs. City 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 Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Acting Council Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Gladys-Lugardo-Hemple, Acting Council President

Date: _____