

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JUNE 7, 2017
4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Edwards
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
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 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 May 31, 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 May 31, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: None

AGENDA REVIEW:

C. Invocation/Flag: Councilman Surrency

G-3 Ordinance establishing number of positions within Police Department, Councilman Spence commented he knows this mandated by the State but where is the money coming for additional police positions?

Administrator Bush-Baskette explained that with some adjustments it is sustainable.

Comptroller Lake added that basically that we budget for 100 percent of our officers but we do not spend a 100 percent and as we never have a full force we are not adding remaining the same.

G-4 Ordinance amending Chapter 247 Parks and Recreation Areas, Councilman Spence questioned how the lighting fee would be handled now?

Administrator Bush-Baskette responded that she would check into it and find out for him.

J-1 Resolution insertion in budget from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Councilman Spence inquired what this was.

Comptroller Lake explained this is money the City received and was not in the original budget and so now it must be inserted in.

J-2 Resolution emergency repair services water main West Park Drive/Sunset Lake Bridge, Councilman Spence inquired was it the City's responsibility?

Director Public Works Dellaquila stated that it was the City's water main even though it is the County's Bridge.

J-9 Resolution renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses, Councilman Spence asked if all licenses were being approved?

Clerk stated all but five which have not received New Jersey State Taxation Clearance as yet and probably will be on the next meeting agenda.

Councilman Spence further inquired about The Bridgetown Pub being active which there has been no activity at its location.

Clerk stated they have informed her activity as far as catering and social permits, but she would look into it.

J-12 Resolution authorizing shared service agreement with County for Zoo, Councilman Spence required about additional money we were going to try for from the County.

Administrator Bush-Baskette stated that we did in a since as we do not have to pay them for the water pipe which was \$10,000.

ADDED:

G-5 Ordinance fee for Park Recreation- canoes, kayaks and modes of water transportation at Sunset Lake

J-13 Resolution Plumbing Sub-Code Official

J-14 Resolution appointing Construction Official

J-15 Resolution congratulating Jim Quinn, Mayor stated this may inspire other Cities to honor those individuals that have contributed to our City.

J-16 Resolution Fourth July Fireworks Display, Mayor commented this is possible through various donations.

J-17 Resolution appointing Building Sub-Code Official

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Council President Lugardo-Hemple thanked the Police and Fire Departments and volunteers who assisted during the fire at the Hi-Rise.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / MAYORAL REPORTS:

Business Administrator Bush-Baskette, reported on the following: new officials appointed this evening, QPA doing specifications for the refurbishing of Heavy Duty Seagrave Aerial Device, Anti-Litter Campaign – Dump the Junk, cameras in the town where there has been illegal dumping, food truck is in the Park, food is delicious, Councilman Surrency will be receiving any resumes coming in regarding personnel, and the street sweeper is broke down cost to repair is about \$4,000.

Mayor Kelly reported on food truck in Park, the fire at Hi-Rise was great cooperation with Fire and Police and assistance from businesses and they should be recognized, celebration being planned for Richard Kates and Warren Robinson, thanked Mr. Michael Abbott for the bench placed in Mini Park as a memorial for Mr. Robinson, and brought glasses from Steam-work which he distributed to show some of the work they are doing and classes they are offering and he will be receiving an activity report.

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Solicitor Bertram presented properties that she received offer to purchase:

Lot on Fremont Avenue Block 151, Lot 7.01 offered \$650 from Geraldine Howard.

Councilman Spence suggested bringing in a Realtor for these type of offers after discussion agreed it could be beneficial and to look into to the matter. It was agreed to have negotiate another amount.

Preston Avenue (40) offer from Miguel Pelaez of \$15,000, after discussion an agreement to visit the site also not to accept the offer for that amount.

Mayor Kelly reported on meeting he had with DEP official and shared with her old landfill sites in our City. She was able to share with us a list loans and grants available regarding remediation of the sites in the City that we may be able to bring those properties back into some useful use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____