

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

August 18, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Surrency

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 August 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on August 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m."

PRESENTATION/S: None

AGENDA REVIEW

C- Invocation/Flag Salute- Councilman Spence

J-4 Authorizing agreement with Bridgeton Housing Authority and City of Bridgeton with attached MOU; Councilman Zapolski raised the issue that the contract does not clearly depict who will be paying the electrical costs associated with this agreement. It was decided by Council to hold off on adopting this resolution until the MOU clearly states who will be paying for the electrical expenses incurred from the installation of this equipment.

J-6 Authorizing Extension of MOU between City of Bridgeton and Tri-County Community Action with attached Extension of MOU; Administrator Goodreau stated that he would like to move this resolution to the September 1st meeting in order to allow Mr. Howard Melnicove to come and speak on this topic to City Council. Council agreed to Mr. Goodreau's request. Councilman Zapolski expressed a few of his thoughts on this matter, noting that this is the third time that we've gone to an extension for this. He feels we should look into charging a fee for holding this land aside rather than just allowing such a privilege. He also suggested the City looking into selling the properties at a higher cost now that the properties have been reevaluated.

J-7 Amending the TY 2015 Budget; Councilman Zapolski asked Comptroller Mary Jane Lake for clarification on the values regarding the library so it is clear to everyone. After some discussion and calculations these figures were brought to light for the public, satisfying Mr. Zapolski's concern.

ADDITIONS CONSENT AGENDA

J-9 Commemorating the 95th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

J-10 Accepting Donation from Cohanzick Zoological Society

J-11 Authorizing First Amendment of MOU between City of Bridgeton and the Kintock Group of NJ, Inc. concerning the sale of property owned

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, reported on the zoo and library, noting that our summer programs have been great, not just for City residents, but for many families from out of the area, as well. She also mentioned that she had the opportunity to travel to Newark for a conference where many important issues were raised that she feels are necessary to address here, in the Southern half of the State, such as the 95th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote, etc.

Councilman Zapolski reported that he provided his comments via e-mail to Ms. Bertram regarding Chapter 281. He suggested that City Council should have the authority to revoke or suspend a license, not the Chief of Police. Solicitor Bertram stated that she forwarded Mr. Zapolski's comments to the Chief of Police and will share with the rest of City Council so everyone can see and comment. Lastly, Councilman Zapolski asked Administrator Goodreau to step in and help resolve the City Code issue between the Historic Commission and the Planning Board. He feels they have been at an impasse for two years and something needs to be done about it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Goodreau informed City Council that the website has been updated and they should be checking their City e-mails frequently since that is where the public will be addressing them with their concerns. In addition, he reminded them of OPRA requirements, stressing the importance of utilizing their City e-mails for City business. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple stated that she noticed some things that still need to be changed on the website such as updating the members of all of the various boards and commissions. Administrator Goodreau asked the Deputy Clerk to send updated information to Kevin Rabago.

Mayor Kelly announced that he had a very successful meeting with the Administrator of Food and Nutrition from the Department of Agriculture last week. She visited Amenity Heights to commend them on the large increase in the children who were fed throughout the summertime. To bring everyone together and discuss this program and several other programs which she administers, it was decided that we will host a Food Summit this November to bring an even greater awareness to Bridgeton. The goal is to benefit our local businesses and also to better assist our Senior Citizens and our Children in the community since these programs are already self-sufficient, not requiring any money from the municipal budget.

Mayor Kelly also announced the ribbon-cutting for our refurbished Johnson-Reeves playground on Thursday night from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to be there.

Councilman Spence informed City Council that since Sunset Lake has been filled, he has had the opportunity to do some kayaking and noticed a ton of trash and debris in the water. Administrator Goodreau stated that he has already discussed with Recreation the need for trash receptacles and dog waste stations, which are currently being looked into. Councilman Spence noted that these receptacles should also be in line with the marketing and branding efforts already put forth in the Park/ Recreation Area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and a second by Councilman Edwards, RESOLUTION NO. 263-15 was authorized in order to enter into executive session to discuss: Contracts: Kintock Group of NJ, Inc. The resolution was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, and a second by Councilman Edwards, the meeting was opened to the public for comment. With nobody coming forward to make comments, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, and seconded by Councilman Edwards to close the public portion, which motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Pres. Surrency adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Jeanne M. Hitchner, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency, Council President

Date: _____