

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 1, 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 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on August 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m."

PRESENTATION/S: Howard Melnicove presented City Council with a detailed proposal to extend the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bridgeton and Tri-County Community Action.

AGENDA REVIEW

C- Invocation/Flag Salute- Councilman Spence

J-2 Authorizing extension of MOU between City of Bridgeton and Tri-County Community Action with attached Extension of MOU; after hearing Mr. Melnicove's presentation, it was decided to wait until the September 15th meeting to adopt the resolution in order for the desired revisions to be made;

J-7 Authorizing Street closure for Bridgeton Main Street's Mexico Independence Day; Solicitor Bertram noted that the liability insurance would need to be amended to reflect the streets to be closed. It currently reflects the Riverfront Park only. Administrator Goodreau stated that he would have Main Street provide a new insurance policy prior to the event.

ADDITIONS CONSENT AGENDA

E-1 Resolution to Read the Budget by Title was added to the beginning of the meeting right after the presentation to comply with the State required budget procedure

J-10 Authorizing the request for bids for repaving of Baltimore Avenue

J-11 Authorizing amendment to the MOU with the City of Vineland for FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant, Administrator Goodreau asked Chief Gaimari to elaborate on the necessity of updating the police cars after there were some questions raised by a few Council members. Chief Gaimari explained that this grant money would go toward reflective striping, which is a huge safety concern since they currently do not have any. They will also be getting some new riot gear including helmets and shields in addition to some new software for the chain of custody of evidence and security identification cards, which is also very important and needed. Chief stressed that he is trying to get the Department compliant with State recommendations/ requirements to get a reduction in their insurance premiums. He noted that if he can get there with the use of grant money and not impact the budget, it's a win for everybody. Lastly, Chief passed out applications for "Citizen Police Academy."

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported that she worked with the Greater Bridgeton Family Success Center at the Bridgeton Commons for an event that provided a lot of good information for parents, giveaways, activities for kids, etc. for the community to take advantage of. The event was a great success with good food and music.

Councilman Spence did not have anything to report at this time.

Councilman Zapolski wanted to address the cancellation of a Planning Board meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The particular applicant in question was trying to resolve a deed issue where there was a simple typographical error and was greatly inconvenienced by the cancellation. He feels a duty roster would be one way to remediate this from happening and better serve the public.

Councilman Edwards did not have anything to report at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Goodreau asked if Council would mind receiving their OPRA notices electronically rather than with a paper copy. Council agreed this would be a more environmentally sound and efficient way of receiving these OPRA notices.

Administrator Goodreau also brought up the Library Budget and wanted to go over some minor tweaks to the salary and wages portion of it. City Council did not have a problem with these small changes to the use of these funds. Deputy Clerk asked City Council to let her know who is planning to attend the League of Municipalities this year so badges can be ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Councilman Edwards and a second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, RESOLUTION NO. 276-15 was authorized in order to enter into executive session to discuss: Public Safety: Las Palmas and Litigation: Estate of Jerame Reid v. City of Bridgeton. 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 Councilman Spence, and a second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, the meeting was opened to the public for comment. With nobody coming forward to make comments, it was moved by Councilman Spence, and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple to close the public portion, which motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Councilman Spence and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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: _____