

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple  
Councilman Spence  
Acting President Surrency  
Councilman Zapolski  
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette  
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram  
Mayor Albert Kelly

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Acting President Surrency

**STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE:** City 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 31, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and the Press of Atlantic City on August 31, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:** Save the Library – Ms. Garrison informed council the engineer presenting for the library had not arrived as of yet (corrected name of organization as Save the Library not Friends of the Library as stated on Agenda that is a different organization. Council agreed to move on to the MOU and Gateway Projects. Mr. Rabago of Community and Economic Development addressed council explaining the differences in the projects, noting the Pocket Park and Sidewalk Projects were two separate MOU’s. The Administrator also addressed council with her understanding of the projects. Mr. Bethea, Executive Vice President of Gateway Community Action Center then informed council of the many different projects Gateway has successfully taken on throughout the city. The Administrator announced there will be two (2) separate MOU’s and resolutions at the September 20th council meeting for approval.

It was then approved by council to continue with the Agenda review and hold the final two (2) presentations at the end of the Work Session in the Council Chambers.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

C. Invocation/Flag: Lugardo-Hemple

F. Minutes: There was a discussion regarding the content of the Work Session Minutes from August 16, 2016 brought up by Councilman Zapolski.

Motion was made by Councilman Zapolski to amend the Work Session Minutes to include some type of statement that a discussion was held to include appointments and confirmations made by City Council and that if any member wishes an interview that interview would be granted second by Councilman Spence discussion at conclusion of discussion:

Motion was made by Mr. Zapolski to Table the previous motion to amend the minutes and second by Mr. Spence which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Zapolski made a motion to Table the Work Session minutes until the next meeting which motion was second by Mr. Spence and was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The minutes of the Work Session of August 16, 2016 were then tabled.

G-1 Ordinance approving a Tax Exemption Agreement regarding Block 96, Lot 11.

Councilman Spence inquired if there was anything that could be put in writing to hold the accountable for the agreement. Solicitor informed him nothing only if they fall behind in their payments.

J-3 Resolution authorizing the release of engineering inspection escrow with respect to New Jersey Ethanol. A discussion ensued regarding the present condition of the property. Mr. Zapolski questioned the criteria for the conflict engineers' approval.

Solicitor stated she strongly advises that they do not hold the money for they have basis and we would be sued and we would loose because of another issue.

### **ADDED**

J-8 Resolution authorizing execution of loan servicing agreement with Ocean First. (UEZ)

J-9 Resolution authorizing execution of a loan servicing agreement with Ocean First. (CDBG)

Solicitor Bertram explained the addition of resolutions J-8 and J-9.

L. Applications: Add-on Las Palmas Catering Permit. Council discussed Las Palmas continually submitting their permit applications late despite being informed of submission deadlines for the council meeting agenda. It was agreed upon this would be the last time council would accept a late application. It was moved by Mr. Zapolski, second by Mr. Spence to add the application to the agenda, all were in favor.

### **COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:**

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple gave an update on the Teen Library Council and upcoming Game night. She also spoke of forthcoming Halloween festivities at the library.

Mayor Kelly addressed everyone regarding possible school budget cuts; stating he has approached Senator Sweeney about the situation and the Senator will be attending the next School Board meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Water Utility Revitalization Funding Plan – Mr. Spence spoke of the report/plan Mr. Zapolski distributed at the previous council work session. He discussed the dollar amount per household to possibly fund the plan as well as the pros and cons of it. Councilman Zapolski further elaborated upon the Plan.

At the conclusion the Mayor stated he would like to meet with Comptroller, Administrator and Councilman Zapolski for further discussion regarding the full impact and clarification for him.

2. Police Chief Gaimari announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizen Police Academy will begin September 21<sup>st</sup> this year; more information is on the Police Department Facebook Page. Applications are available at the Police Station and are due no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>.

3. City Clerk Richmond announced the Taxi License Auction will be Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, in the Municipal Court room just prior to the Council Work session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that RESOLUTION NO. 212-16, to enter into an executive session to discuss Personnel: City Council, which motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

**PUBLIC PORTION: NONE**

**PRESENTATION:** Save the Library – Manders and Merighi Engineers presented a conceptual long range plan for renovations to the Library. The plan included reconfiguring the building to allow more space for library services, relocating the director’s office, and for the installation of an elevator.

Fire Chief Todd Bowen then provided council with a power point presentation outlining the Fire Departments 2016 CY Capital Request. He gave an overview of the Fire Apparatus Fleet, describing issues with particular apparatus, the routine and preventative maintenance cost, and the need to replace one truck and refurbish another. Chief Bowen then spoke of “remounting” an ambulance body on a chassis, possibly reducing the fleet by one, and the number of miles on the ambulances due to the large area serviced by the city.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Acting President Surrency adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

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Jack Surrency  
Acting Council President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_