

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 4, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Zapolski
President Edwards
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram
Mayor Albert Kelly

CALLED TO ORDER: President Edwards

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 September 28, 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 September 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: Bridgeton Police Chief Gaimari – Capital Funding. This was held later during the meeting.

AGENDA REVIEW

C. Invocation/Flag: Zapolski

J-1 Resolution sale of certain property, Councilman Zapolski inquired for an explanation.

Solicitor explained that this was authorizing a release of the conditions imposed at the time of sale, and the property can now be sold.

J-2 Resolution regarding sale of Block 95, Lot 8 discussion was entered into at the conclusion of which it was agreed to request an increase in the sale price due to the evaluation of the property and it be removed from the agenda.

J-4 Resolution blanket coverage Technology Services, Councilman Spence inquired what it was. Administrator explained that it was going out to bid for IT Services.

J-5 Resolution authorizing utility account adjustments and taxes, Councilman Zapolski questioned the large reading amounts and incorrect readings.

Director Public Works reported that this was due to a broken meter and they owe the City.

J-7 Resolution for Cultural and Heritage Grant, Councilman Spence asked the amount of the Grant and was informed \$1500.00

J-8 Resolution for MOU with Gateway Community Action Partnership, President stated we were waiting for a Plan. Councilman Zapolski stated Plan was distributed pointed out helpful to have periodic updates and overviews of Plans done and going to be done.

Administrator stated that there will be presentations and such along with paper work prior to project work from now on.

J-10 Resolution regarding professional services 2017, Councilman Zapolski inquired about name of City Physician, Municipal Traffic Engineer and also the need of a Grant Writer.

Administrator explained as the reason for Grant Writer is to provide information on those grants that are out there and this just lets us go out and see what they would offer.

Councilman Spence pointed out the Historic Commission Attorney is not listed.

Solicitor stated that it was established that she is would cover for the Historic Commission as needed.

Administrator stated that she would make it so that the Attorney can cover all three Planning/Zoning and Historic Commission. She also pointed out the need for qualified members for the Historic Commission in Class A and B.

J-11 Resolution authorizing lease of Police vehicles, Councilman Zapolski inquired regarding where funds coming from for the vehicles.

Comptroller responded from their operation budget which she explained.

Police Chief Gaimari made presentation also at this time concerning personnel alignment, and vehicles repairs/maintenance which he distributed.

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Mayor Kelly commented on news article regarding Legislature placing local real estate taxes on hospitals it is becoming an issue again. He has had discussion with INSPIRA about the issue and they are waiting to see what the Legislation is going to entail. He has proposed to them that we come together an agreement but they prefer to wait to see what the Legislation entails.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Water Utility Revitalization Funding Plan, Councilman Zapolski reminded Council that we had presentation and Council member needed more time to consider the Ordinance and we just need to decide on which Plan and move forward. At the conclusion of discussion it was agreed to adopt version two which was the phase in Plan, this Plan was placed on this evening's agenda for first reading.

Block 47 Lot 14, (181 Irving Avenue), Solicitor presented the purchase of the property by A. D. Peterson Enterprise, Inc. for \$1,500 currently assessed at \$44,000.

After discussion it was agreed that the amount offered for purchase should be increased.

SICC, event/plaque October 30, 2016, Clerk presented correspondence Soroptimist International of Cumberland County, Inc. inviting Mayor and Council to their Domestic Violence event at the Peace & Tranquility Garden in the Bridgeton Park. They also are requesting permission to place a plaque in the Garden. Council has agreed to allow the event and the placing of the plaque.

New Jersey Ethanol, Councilman Zapolski inquired if there was any feed back on the inspection from the conflict engineer inspection, Administrator informed him that we had not.

Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, Mayor received correspondence from Healthy Homes and Communities announcing the City of Bridgeton as a 2016 Outstanding Municipal Partner. There will be an awards ceremony on October 21, 2016, we all should feel proud that Bridgeton is being recognize.

We are starting a health initiative at City Hall which one of City Hall employees will be heading up a Healthy Employees Initiative of weight loss, walking etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency
RESOLUTION NO. 230-16, that Council enter into an executive discussion for Litigation: potential tax appeal and Contract: possible tax payment plan 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. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

President Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____