

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Spence
Councilman Zapolski
President Edwards
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram
Assistant Municipal Solicitor
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 October 12, 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 October 12, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: Bridgeton Public Works Director Dean Dellaquila – Capital Funding. Mr. Dellaquila distributed the Department Public Works Capital Fund request: Road Restoration Program(continue annual road program), Equipment(trailer mounted hot patching pothole machine and infield/ball field groomer) and Truck and New Bed (full size crew cab pickup and flatbed).

AGENDA REVIEW

C. Invocation/Flag: Lugardo-Hemple

J-1 Resolution for vacant abandoned property Administrator explained the resolution regarding fees for abandoned property which would bring in revenue for the City.

J-2 Resolution approving contract with EMT Local R2-352 Councilman Zapolski stated that this is just correcting wording which Administrator agreed with.

J-4 Resolution authorizing agreement with Sunrise Catering for mobile food vending, after discussion it was agreed Table the resolution until a start up date for service is established and placed in the agreement.

J-6 Resolution supporting DOT 2016 Transportation Alternative Program, Councilman Spence questioned if this is one we applied for previously and did not receive and Public Works Director stated that it was and we are trying again.

J-8 Resolution terminating agreement with Line Systems, Inc., Administrator stated that this was the new system which never worked.

J-9 Resolution authorizing clarifying amendment IAFF Local No. 4822, explained by the Administrator to incorporate the prorated pay in the agreement which was in the Personnel Policy.

J-23 Resolution additional Zoo Animal Keeper, Administrator explained as our salary ordinance makes reference to this position it needed to be placed on our wage schedule.

J-24 Resolution Anthony Yearsley retirement after twenty years of service. Clerk pointed out Officer Yearsley will be present this evening for the presentation of the Resolution and a plaque from the Police Department.

J-25 Resolution authorizing execution of discharge of mortgage for Tyrese Gould, Councilman Zapolski asked that the Solicitor explain what this is.

Solicitor explained that this was mortgage from 2006 and it was to be forgiven or cancelled after ten years and time has expired and it is a non payable mortgage as long as you stay there it is forgiven ten percent a year. So long as you stay there you do not owe anybody anything. These are Homeowners Programs and applications are available.

ADDED:

Application from La Palmas for extension of their license to their parking lot on October 28, 2016.

Report from Treasurer for September

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported on damages to the Library due to flooding that took place and it will be closed and activities cancelled and called upon the Library Director who elaborated upon same.

She reported that the Super Hero event was very well attended.

Ms Lugardo-Hemple further reported that Ms. Gloria Cortez resigned from the Housing Authority but a Mr. James Cowles was interested in joining and she distributed his resume.

She also reported on the distribution of smoke detectors given out in the neighborhoods by Fire Department and Chief Bowen and herself.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out the Citizen Leadership Act which has a form required by law to be filed out for any board position and he does not find it on our web-site.

Administrator stated she will make sure it is posted on web site.

Mr. Zapolski further pointed out that there are two reports that are required by Municipal Land Use Law: an Annual report of Appeals and second deals with Solicitor is to review Chapter 370 every two year to determine if there are any changes, in case we need to change our ordinance.

We have not received these reports.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator presented the Best Practices Work Sheet which was distributed to Council

The comptroller stated that they changed the number of questions this year and overall we did well and we are above the score required.

Councilman Zapolski inquired about NJ Ethanol and everyone received the report from the conflict engineer of the status of the property and they have identified specific problems at the site. Solicitor requested this be discussed during executive session under litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency

RESOLUTION NO. 241-16, that Council enter into an executive discussion for Litigation: NJ Ethanol and Conrad Benedetto, Esq. vs City on Opra was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Administrator reported she did look on the City web site and stated under Historic Commission it does have the Citizen Leadership form.

Councilman Zapolski stated it should be in a different area.

Administrator stated she will change the language and have it placed in the appropriate place.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Spence 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: _____