

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: President Edwards

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Deputy City Clerk read the 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 November 9, 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 November 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

NJ Ethanol Representative/Attorney reported that they had corrected the conflict engineers findings and could be operational within two or three months. (January/February)

Councilman Zapolski pointed out areas within the Plant which appeared to be abandoned, (pipes not connected, rusting pipes etc.)

Representative commented these conditions will be corrected and will be operational in two or three months.

Council agreed to have Councilman Zapolski to accompany them before their next visit to report back.

President Edwards thanked them for choosing Bridgeton for their operation.

AGENDA REVIEW

C. Invocation/Flag: Surrency

G-2 & G-3 Ordinances first reading concerning payment in lieu of taxes with CA Villas and Bridgeton Urban Renewal LLC, Councilman Zapolski questioned the different names of the corporations.

Mr. David Ginsberg, Project Director from Winn Development Company, explained the name differences. Discussion concerning Block 226, Lot 3 was entered into at the conclusion it was agreed to remove this parcel from the PILOT.

J-5 & J-8 Resolutions award DMC Supplies, Inc. and Bridgeton Plumbing & heating Supply, Co. Councilman Zapolski pointed out that they both should have included in the Resolutions Business Clearance Form and Determination of Value which also should be on file with the Clerk. Council agreed to remove these Resolutions due to lack of compliance.

J-6 Resolution authorizing transfers in CY2016 Budget Councilman Zapolski questioned the excess amount in Police Department.

CFO explained due to the Social Security that Police and Fire do not pay; she will e-mail the information to Council.

J-12 Resolution for Firefighters Grant Program was corrected stating that the match fund is \$8,000 not \$80,000.

K Schedule of Bills Council Spence questioned item The Gallery Collection – Donation Cards \$327.62. Administrator stated she would find out for him.

Also Cascade Engineering, Inc. – Trash Cans \$8,000 and is this paid out of recycling? CFO informed Council it is our billing for replacement of damaged trash cans and is not billed to recycling.

COMMITTEE LIASION REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hemple thanked everyone who participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony and Announced the up coming House Tour and Festival of Lights.

Also stated that the Library hopes to be soon opening full time and reminded everyone of the League of Municipalities Convention.

Councilman Spence commented that Steven Paul of Main Street asked him to remind Council of the Holiday Parade and he is looking forward to Council participating it will Sunday, November 27, 2016 beginning at 3 pm.

Administrator stated we are still looking into the TV recording.

Councilman Zapolski inquired about reports from Zoning Board, Annual Report and Applications. Also Solicitor Report and the reviewing Zoning Ordinance.

Administrator informed Mr. Zapolski to send Ordinance on Mercantile License.

Mayor Kelly commented on newspaper article concerning the Veterans, very good article on collection of letters.

Administrator commented that during the League of Municipalities our Mayor Kelly will be sworn in as President of New Jersey League of Municipalities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple commented on the volunteers planting flowers in the Veterans area in the Park.

Councilman Zapolski expressed concern regarding Best Practices: Tax Assessor notify CFO and governing body of all tax appeals upon filing, RFP resolutions state supporting reasons for its action, and filing of corrective action plan regarding the Audit.

He also commented on Economic Development Projects Report that only three redevelopment projects reported on, Council should receive written on going reports regarding Economic Development.

Councilman Zapolski also reminded everyone of the Council Procedures that was distributed and will be discussed at next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Spence.

RESOLUTION NO. 275-16, that Council enter into an executive discussion for Personnel: Police Department, 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 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, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____