

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 2, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Council Pres. Surrency
Mayor Kelly
Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Surrency

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: 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 November 26, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on November 26, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW

Invocation and Flag Salute - Councilman Spence

J-1 Introduction of Ordinance Amending City Code Section 12-22, City Council agreed to make the proposed two percent increase in this ordinance for one year commencing on January 1, 2015 rather than two years.

O-2 and O-3 Council requested to be copied on all maps of the routes provided in the future for all processions where police services are requested.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple wanted to thank everybody for participating in the parade, it was a great success. She also mentioned that the “goodbye Carola” ceremony was very well organized and it was nice to see so many people participate. She also wanted to remind everybody about the “Festival of Lights” coming up this Friday and Saturday, in addition to the House Tour.

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

Councilman Spence stated that Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple covered the items he was going to mention.

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

Council President Surrency did not have anything to address at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Re-Organization Meeting: Deputy Clerk asked Mayor and Council if there would be an Agenda Meeting prior to the Re-Organization Meeting on January 1st. Mayor stated he would like the same format as the one at the High School four years ago where there was a Workshop Meeting at 11:00 a.m. followed by the swearing in ceremony at Noon. Mayor will let everyone know once he confirms his plans with the High School since there are a few small things still being ironed out.

Status of Angie’s Diner: Councilman Zapolski asked about the status of Angie’s Diner. Administrator Goodreau stressed the topic to be put off for Executive Session falling under Litigation.

Changes to the Budget: Comptroller, Mary Jane Lake went over several documents with Council, showing them the minor changes that were required to be made to the budget as per the State. Council felt comfortable with the report and explanations provided by Comptroller Lake.

Joint Municipal Court: Administrator Goodreau stated that he went with Mayor Kelly to Fairfield Township last week to discuss merging the two courts. Negotiating went very well and Fairfield agreed to join courts with Bridgeton, paying the City of Bridgeton \$52,000 per year. Administrator Goodreau mentioned that he is working with Carole Cummings of the New Jersey Courts to have everything squared away.

Mayor Kelly emphasized that the conversation with Fairfield Township Committee went very well. He stressed to them the desire to have this shared service as a win-win for all parties and he feels that a fair price was reached, bringing in revenue for the City of Bridgeton that was not there before, while offering a top-of-the-line court for Fairfield Township to utilize.

Speed Humps: Administrator Goodreau mentioned that four speed humps were being installed tomorrow along Mayor Aitken Drive. Public Works Director, Dean Dellaquila emphasized that people drive down this street like it is a raceway and with all of the people utilizing the park now that the Splash Park is there and updates have been made, these speed humps will help slow the pace down.

Raceway update: Administrator Goodreau stated that the repairs to the raceway will be starting up again after a short delay due to the steel being shipped from overseas. The completion date will now be mid-February.

Councilman Spence asked Administrator Goodreau and Dean Dellaquila to double check where it drops off because the ground feels very unstable and he is concerned about it possibly washing out. Administrator Goodreau stated that he will have this checked out by our Engineer.

Gas Company: Councilman Spence asked Public Works Director, Dean Dellaquila about the excessive work and destruction being done by the gas company. Mr. Dellaquila stated that he is well aware with all of the permits that are being taken out and is in contact with them daily. He pointed out that the work they do is a process and even if they leave a site for a while, they come back and seed, make repairs, etc. in the nicer weather where things may have been torn up in the winter. Councilman Spence asked if Mr. Dellaquila would just keep on them about putting things back the way they found them since there have been situations in the past where the work was never completed. Mr. Dellaquila agreed to do so.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Administrator Goodreau stated that the items he has for Executive Session this evening include:

Personnel – Fire Chief	Contracts - Kintock
Litigation – Angie’s Diner	Contracts – Main Street Association
Litigation – Delp v. City of Bridgeton	Contracts – Price Street
Litigation - Seagrave	

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

President Surrency adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Jeanne M. Hitchner, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____