

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 16, 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 December 12, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on December 12, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW

Invocation and Flag Salute - Councilman Thompson

Deputy Clerk asked President Surrency to add-on several items to the agenda. President agreed to add on the items requested. City Council asked if Deputy Clerk would send all add-on items electronically in order to have more time to review them prior to the meeting. Deputy Clerk agreed to do so.

J-3: Resolution Amending Resolution 216-13, Use of UEZ Funds for Main Street Association Programming for 2014-2015 Program Year; Councilman Zapolski asked why we would not allow for a thirty day period for the organization to produce the financial records City Council is seeking. Council agreed to pull the resolution for the time being.

Councilman Spence also asked to speak on this topic. He clarified that he was asked to leave the Executive Session at the last meeting and did not recuse himself. He also noted that when we go into Executive Session, it should be more detailed as to the reasons for it. Lastly, he contended that he was not able to find the contract which was the basis for going into the Executive Session and he is perplexed. At this time, Council President Surrency asked Councilman Spence to hold his thoughts until the Other Business/ Concerns portion of the Agenda so that we may proceed with the Consent Agenda Items to be discussed.

J-5: Resolution Rescinding Taxi Owner Licenses to Extend to March 3, 2015; Councilman Zapolski expressed his discontent with allowing these taxi companies which are not compliant to remain operating for this long. Council agreed with Councilman Zapolski and a new compliance date of February 3, 2015 was established.

Councilman Zapolski also wanted to address that the application process in the Clerk's Office needs to be tightened. There should not be any blank items on any of the applications. He also said that there were a few changes he planned to make to the application which he will address with the Clerk's Office. Council agreed.

J-12: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bridgeton and Kintock; Councilman Zapolski stressed that his biggest concern with this agreement is that we are taking property off of the market and selling it without requiring any money down, a standard business practice. Most sale agreements require money down to show the buyer's "good faith," that they are serious about the sale. He also emphasized his desire to see us work on getting into better business practices. Mayor Kelly verbalized that he felt what

Mr. Zapolski was suggesting was really good and important. He also raised the issue that Kintock has been a really good neighbor to us, going above and beyond, which is why he feels they should be granted this opportunity. After a bit more discussion, it was agreed to pull the Resolution to try and negotiate getting a percentage of the money down. Solicitor Bertram said she would reach out to Kintock and report back at the January 1, 2015 meeting.

J-15: Councilman Zapolski asked the Administrator to make sure the standard wording for non-fair and open contracts is added to the resolution, stating "not to exceed \$36,000," so it is clear. Administrator Goodreau said he would make sure the wording is added.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple mentioned that she wanted to go over unfinished business such as Resolutions and Ordinances that were pulled over the past year. Council asked to be copied on the list of items so that they would be able to review prior to having a discussion on them this evening. Ms. Lugardo-Hemple said she would copy everyone on the items to discuss at a later time. She also wanted to thank the Police Department for covering the Indian Avenue School in the absence of their crossing guard.

Councilman Thompson said that he was able to attend the Youth-to-Youth Daddy-Daughter Dance and it was second to none. He reported that last year there were approximately five open tables, but this year it was so full they did not have enough. He emphasized that they will have to find a new location next year to fit everyone in, which is great.

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

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:

Main Street Association: Councilman Spence stated that unfortunately, Main Street Association is hanging on by a thread. He invited everyone to attend a meeting they are having tomorrow night at the Sheppard House at 5:00 p.m. He pointed out that he feels Main Street Association does not get the respect it deserves and it is evident to him that they are way down on the list of priorities compared to some of the other items they discussed this evening. He also feels that Main Street has been compliant with producing the financial records which have been addressed in pulled Resolution J-3, which is part of why he is confused.

Re-Organization Meeting: Deputy Clerk asked Council if the High School was confirmed for the meeting on January 1st. Mayor confirmed that it is. Also, it was clarified that the structure of the swearing in ceremony will be the same procedure as it was four years ago. In addition, the standard set of resolutions will be on the agenda.

Recycling Containers: Public Works Director, Dean Dellaquila announced that the Public Works Dept. is preparing for the transition from Dual-Stream to Single-Stream Recycling. New totes are going to be disbursed to the residents in the next few weeks. His main focus is education so the residents are clear on what can and cannot go in their new red containers. Mr. Dellaquila emphasized that he made the decision to go with red because it is the most familiar to the residents and he is trying to make the transition as smooth as possible. Flyers have been made up in both English and Spanish and will be delivered in a plastic bag with the new container to each resident. He also pointed out that if all goes as planned, we should start seeing our tipping fees go down and our recycling rate increase, bringing in more money through the annual Recycling Tonnage Grant. Mr. Dellaquila said he would be tracking these figures. Councilman Zapolski asked that he keep Council abreast of these figures. Mr. Dellaquila agreed to do so.

Speed Humps: Administrator Goodreau reported to Council that the Speed Humps which were supposed to be installed along Mayor Aitken Drive a few weeks ago, are going to be installed when the nicer rolls around in the Spring.

Urban Chickens: Administrator Goodreau asked Council where we stand on the Urban Chicken issue. Council responded that they were not ready to make a decision right now. Councilman Zapolski added that if we do nothing, it stays as it is and we enforce what already exists.

Second Hand Goods Ordinance: Solicitor Bertram said she would like to discuss the Second Hand Goods Ordinance which she put together, using Vineland's ordinance as a model. She noted that the renewal date for these businesses would be April first rather than January first each year in order to ease the burden on the Police Department with all of the other businesses which require annual inspections in order to remain operating. Mr. Zapolski said that he likes the idea of having this ordinance, but is uncomfortable acting on it tonight since he has not had a chance to read it. Councilman Thompson pointed out that this has been brought up on numerous occasions going back several years and it is something really important for the City that he wants to see enacted on as soon as possible to show that we are doing our due diligence. Councilman Zapolski agreed that it is very important, but not so time sensitive that he does not have time to read it before it is introduced. Council agreed to hold off introducing the Ordinance until January 1, 2015.

Plastic Bags: Councilman Zapolski wanted to address that a lot of people are under the impression that plastic bags are recyclable, but they are not. He encouraged everyone to get that message out these next few weeks while these new containers are being disbursed.

Splash Park: Councilman Zapolski asked Administrator Goodreau for an update on the Splash Park. Mr. Goodreau agreed to do so.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Administrator Goodreau stated that he only has one item to address in Executive Session this evening regarding the Presidential Executive Order which falls under the category of Personnel.

Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Zapolski to enter into executive session. After a roll call vote, the executive session commenced. The Resolution for this is No. 133-14 and can be found in the Resolution Book within the Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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: _____