

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

August 20, 2013

RESOLUTION 44-13

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Mayor Kelly
Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Acting 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 August 16, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on August 16, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW:

C - Councilman Spence will give invocation and flag salute

F-Work Session Minutes of August 6, 2013 corrected by Administrator should state \$1200 from Splash Park not \$12,000.

G- Ordinance tax abatement Block 5, Lot 6, Administrator explained this is due to improvements done. Council received memo from the Assessor explaining exemption and also copy of the application, which Councilman Zapolski pointed out was very helpful and appreciated the information.

H-1 Ordinance amending Chapter 247, Park and Recreation Area. Councilman Spence commented that a lot of questions are being raised in regards to the use of the lower basketball courts as to having to pay a permit and produce insurance are we doing that and can we do that?

Administrator stated that it is already in the Ordinance section 47.13B.

Councilman Spence also pointed out parking problem, which the Administrator explained once the ordinance becomes effective there will be a designated area for organizations to park.

J-1 Councilman Spence asked if this was an extension of the present Waste Management Contract. Administrator explained this was separate from their present contract and is for the convenient center dumpsters hauling.

Councilman Zapolski asked for an annual cost, Director of Public Works stated he will get him the figure.

J-2 Administrator explained this coin drop is a fund raiser for one of their former members.

J-4 and J-5 was inadvertently the same Fire Department Uniforms awarded, J-5 should have been authorizing contract with Teamsters 676. The attachment for J-4 had been emailed to Council but was not present attached at the meeting. (copies of both Resolutions were made available)

Administrator stated he will elaborate on Teamsters Contract during Executive Session. J-6 Resolution regarding Freeholders to locate Social Service Building in Bridgeton was also missing from packets but was made available also, Council having been emailed copies. Councilman Thompson asked if the location is based on their (Freeholders) response. Administrator confirmed that it is. Mayor also commented the move being based on the decision of the Freeholders.

Added to Agenda was:

J-8 Establishing the Tax Rate 3.198 preliminary Library Rate

J-9 Zoning Board appointment Andrea Forrest

J-10 Zoning Board appointment Adrian McGriff

Councilman Zapolski pointed out a concern he has regarding the appointments which is that individuals should have indoctrination to know what they are there for and how they need to do the job, before they get into the position to make decisions that will affect the city.

Discussion regarding his concerns was entered into and it was pointed out that there is some training that takes place but nothing prior to appointment, Councilman Zapolski stated he would help in the area of training and Kevin Rabago, Development and Planning stated action has been taken to work in that area also, it was agreed to place the Resolutions on tonight's agenda.

Resolution discussed regarding awarding ADA parking and accessibility plan awarded to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC which the Administrator elaborated upon and had also sent a memo to Council regarding same and responded to Council's question it was agreed to hold for further discussion and find out the ramifications if not done by January 15, 2014.

LIAISON REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator announced invitation to Hopewell special press announcement, August 29, 2013 at 2 pm celebrating preservation of land owned by J. S. Hovnanian & Sons.

Administrator also announced County has requested the City to do revaluation of our ratable base which he elaborated upon the process.

Administrator informed Council that the Municipal Judge has requested Council to use back entrance and not go through Court Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski
RESOLUTION NO. 44-13, authorizing executive session to discuss Real Estate:
Melnicove, Val Mode, Industrial Park, Litigation: Police Department, Contract:
Teamsters and Public Safety: precious metals were adopted by unanimous roll call. The
original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Spence inquired about notice received from Pastor Leonida Feliciano
regarding services scheduled to be held in their parking lot with gospel music and
preaching. They need to keep it down and that an application for noise ordinance
exemption. He was informed that they do not according to our ordinance.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Acting Pres. Surrency adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Acting Council President

Date:_____