

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 5, 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: Municipal 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 1, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on August 1, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: Dean Dellaquila, Director Public Works, gave a report on the Bridgeton Invitational pointing out events taking place on August 9, 2014.

AGENDA REVIEW:

C- Invocation - Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

J-1 Solicitor stated would be further discussed in executive session.

J-3 Councilman Zapolski inquired about Schedule A which was stated in the resolution was attached, the Clerk presented the Schedule A, it was also pointed out the option was needed for second year.

J-6 Councilman Spence inquired if this was to replace an existing vehicle, the Administrator responded that it is, discussion was also entered regarding the funding and use of the funds.

J-9 Councilman Zapolski stated that the amount of the grant in the resolution will need to be amended from \$4,000 to \$2500 as this original amount includes things that are not UEZ eligible, after discussion it was agreed to amend the amount of the grant resolution from \$4,000 to \$2500.

J-10 Administrator Goodreau stated this is the second phase of the Mayor Aitken Drive sidewalk construction.

J-12 Administrator explained that this is a preliminary FY 2015 Tax rate before we get our budget in place and is based on right now an estimate of what we expect. To collect for taxes.

J-13 Administrator informed Council that this request came from the League of Municipalities. Administrator stated a possible addition to agenda after executive session.

L- Application for noise exemption was removed and application from Moses Arellano for crab fest beer garden was added.

M- Reports added were from Zoning Officer and Police Department

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reported no problems with Bridgeton Housing Authority and that the Splash Park and the activities at the Zoo on Friday are doing fantastic. Also reported on Fun in the Sun activities, Concert on Sunday at the Riverfront and Invitational that on August 12, the Soroptimist will have a bake booth.

Reported on the graffiti clean up and thanked Public Works for their help.

The Merchants Association report and the Library events have started.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple also presented letter from Iris Santiago who is interested in becoming member of the Library Board.

Councilman Spence reported on July 23, 2014 Main Street hosted a seminar by Kennedy Smith concerning downtown and historic tax credits available.

He also reminded everyone of the crab fest and sport fest coming August 22 and 23.

Councilman Zapolski gave an up date on the trash recycling ordinance is moving along, he and Dean met for finalization and they are waiting for the process to go out to bid for containers.

Councilman Thompson no report.

Council President Surrency reported he attended the Main Street seminar it was very interesting. He also commented on the Splash Park and the amount of people using the park and pointed out they have started to work on the raceway and mentioned the Invitational.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Zapolski regarding an alleyway from Bank Street to Walnut Street that a resident has requested to be closed, they own the properties around the perimeters around the alleyway. It was pointed out that this is a problematic area not only by the residents but the police also. After discussion it was agreed upon to look into the request.

Administrator reported he received a call from Winchester Railroad will be doing some upgrades on Chestnut and Edwards crossing will effect very little people and road closed at night for a while, when he gets further information he will let them know especially fire/police and public works.

He further gave revenue report on the Splash Park at the present time we are breaking even.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that

RESOLUTION NO. 28-14 for an executive session to discuss Litigation: Port Authority (RNJ), Jersey Outdoor Media, Personnel: Deputy Municipal Clerk, Code Enforcement and Contract: City Park branding/marketing Cindy Williams Design LLC which motion was carried. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator informed Council regarding the issue of allowing Chickens within the City which the consensus by Council they are a farm animal which by ordinance are not allowed in the City.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Acting Pres. Thompson adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

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Jack Surrency  
Council President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_