

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
December 17, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Deputy 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 13, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on December 13, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: None

AGENDA REVIEW:

C - Councilman Thompson will give invocation and flag salute.

E – Mayor and police PBA will be having presentations, Council President adding the PBA to the agenda.

G-1 Council received comments and questions from business owners. Mr. Zapolski questioned fees for application and permit – needs justification for these. Mr. Spence has a problem with the permit requirement. Pres. stated that merchants feel like they are being penalized for the actions of a few. Mr. Spence stated that Main Street will be bringing in a consultant and asked council if the ordinance can be held until then. Mayor explained that we are trying to regulate what is going on downtown. After discussion it was decided to remove from agenda and table the ordinance until the first meeting in February, 2014. Administrator asked for council feedback on fee standpoint.

G-2 Administrator explained city to handle nuisance houses, persistent police activity to remove offenders. Mr. Spence asked who will be enforcing this. Police Dept will bring information to the Court Judge.

J-2 Mr. Zapolski asked why we didn't order more. Administrator responded.

J-3 Solicitor explained it is three properties, mortgages are paid in full and we are just doing the paperwork.

J-4 Administrator explained resolution is for purchase of police vests.

J-11 Mayor stated that he would ask Tony Stanzione and Kevin Rabago to put together a report annually on the economic development issues they have been working on.

Deputy Clerk informed Council she had an add-on resolution authorizing a rescue truck, money available from the bond ordinance. Council placed it on the agenda becoming J-12. Clerk also had a resolution authorizing shared services agreement with Upper Deerfield Township for water distribution interconnect for use in water emergencies. Administrator explained the resolution to council, after discussion Council placed it on the agenda becoming J-13.

Deputy Clerk asked Council if they would place the Police Department report on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Council added the report to the agenda.

#### LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence reported on the City House Tour and Festival of Lights.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President introduced Willie Sanchez who presented Council President with money from the basketball league for donations to needy families for Christmas. Money will be used for heating bills and food.

Administrator reported that RFP's were received for revaluation. Two RFP's were received, and are now being reviewed.

Administrator informed Council he attended a meeting with the county on single-stream recycling. City will be looking into the costs; and the cost savings if we implement this program. Towns participating will get a higher rebate from CCIA. Single can for recycling and single can for trash. Trash ordinance will be looked into to see if it will have to be changed to participate. Mayor Kelly stated that he hopes that the money saved can be returned to the taxpayers.

Administrator told Council that he and Councilman Surrency attended a meeting with group regarding an inter-agency work groups – environmental project funding and grants. City is looking to get grants for the Ferracute site and Port Authority site.

Council President asked for updates on various projects/topics that were brought before Council during 2013. Questions were answered by the Mayor, Solicitor and Business Administrator.

Mr. Zapolski asked for Council's thoughts on a senior discount on zoning permits.

Mr. Spence asked what was going on with Popeyes. Administrator stated looking at potential locations.

Council President stated peddler ordinance is still being worked on, and will have it ready sometime next year.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson

RESOLUTION NO. 127- 13 authorizing an executive session to discuss Litigation: CitiBank vs. City of Bridgeton, and Port Authority, Personnel: CFO position, Police

Personnel, Public Safety: Angie's Diner 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 Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Mary L. Kimble,  
Deputy Clerk

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Gladys Lugardo-Hemple  
Council President  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_