

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 5, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

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 February 1, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 1, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: Sewer Rates and Charges, Administrator Dale Goodreau along with Mark Lavenberg reported it was a very complicated and there were several meetings. Dave Monie, which is our consultant, worked with the group. The back ground for these changes are that CCUA is changing the way they charge their customers which he elaborated upon.

The work group looked at many different billing options to address the concerns and staff recommendations were to keep the base rate the same while adjusting the excess rate. All users will pay the same rates, the senior rate will be reduced. One issue that they looked at is the aging sewer infrastructure. The new rate structure will generate additional funds for capital improvements. They also agreed on a built-in increase in sewer rates as part of the compromise on lowering the base rate.

Mr. Goodreau stated this is a very complicated topic but strongly believes this will cover the costs and provide for needed improvements. At the conclusion of discussion and questions it was agreed that the ordinance remain on the agenda for first reading.

AGENDA REVIEW:

F. Councilman Zapolski pointed out that the Minutes for approval are the Public Session for 10/2/12 and not the Work Session as listed on the Agenda.

G. Councilman Zapolski explained these nine Ordinances deal with the boundaries at this time and later the entire Zoning Ordinance will be acted upon.

Additions to Consent Agenda presented by Clerk:

J-6 In Rem Tax Foreclosure

J-7 Fire Department purchase of AIR PAKS by State contract.

J-8 Appointing Class II Police Officers'

J-9 Appointing Class I Police Officers

Administrator Goodreau stated that there is a potential J-10 which is authorizing agreement with Council 18 Supervisors

J-1 Councilman Zapolski questioned if there is any administrative money involved. Administrator responded.

J-3 Councilman Spence inquired about the amount of damage done, which the Administrator gave an over view regarding improvements to railings, fence, parking lot and spillway. Councilman Zapolski asked for a copy of the break out alternates from the Administrator.

J-4 Councilman Zapolski had questions along with other members of Council regarding this resolution of extension of time for completion Block 49 Lots 17 and 18 was held for further discussion under Litigation.

K. Schedule of Bills Councilman Zapolski inquired concerning the following:

Northstar bill in November and February being the same, Administrator explained they are two different things, he will inform Comptroller's office to make some distinction in the future.

Fralinger Engineer bill for Splash Park, Administrator stated that it was for site inspection.

Atlantic Electric payment of \$18,000 without Council approval of such a large expenditure. Administrator explained it being part of initial cost for project, after discussion agreed to have resolution prepared for next meeting with Council giving approval.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Administrator reported on Main Street Façade Program along with Councilman Spence. Administrator informed Council that Gateway desire to purchase parcel of property on Eagle Street Block 131 Lot 12 for eight homes.

Administrator stated he would like to discuss sidewalk ordinance in executive session under litigation.

Councilman Zapolski stated concerns regarding Mason Davis Grant that Council should be made a ware of certain obligations that have not been met. Discussion concerning same was entered into at the conclusion that this information come back to Council.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 168-12, authorizing an executive close session to discuss Public Safety: Taxicab renewal and Litigation: Sidewalk repairs Contract: Council 18 Supervisors was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

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:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President