

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JULY 17, 2018
4:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Bethea
Councilwoman DeQuinzio
Councilman Feinstein

Absent Councilman Zapolski

Council President J. Curtis Edwards

Mayor Albert Kelly
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram
Municipal Clerk Kathleen Keen

CALLED TO ORDER: Council President Edwards called the meeting to order.

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Read by the Municipal Clerk

Notice of this meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, as required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the “Open Public Meetings Act”, has been provided by a public advertisement to the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal on February 7th, 2018 of a schedule adopted by resolution setting forth the time, date and place of all the meetings of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton.

AGENDA REVIEW:

J-6 Resolution authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton. President Edwards asked if the buyer is aware of the zoning for the property. Solicitor Bertram noted the applicant was directed to the appropriate departments within the city to obtain the zoning requirements for the property. Councilman Bethea asked if there was a contingency on the sale, Solicitor Bertram said there was not.

J-15 Resolution to award Municipal Conflict/Substitute Judge to Todd Law Office. LLC until December 2018. Solicitor Bertram said the person should be named, not the LLC. The wording in throughout the resolution will be changed to read “Demetrica Todd-Ruiz”

J-19 Resolution regarding the River Grove Housing project. Will be voted on separately in the council meeting.

ADD-ON:

J-21 Resolution approving the renewal of a liquor license held by M. Arellano LLC. Solicitor Bertram stated the Police Chief will discuss in executive session due to litigation and public safety.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – said preparations are underway for the Annual Crabfest in September sponsored by Bridgeton Main Street.

Councilman Bethea noted he was in attendance at the audit exit conference, he stated the staff did a fine job with no findings being reported.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS:

The Administrator announced a follow up regarding contingencies on the sale of city owned properties. After speaking with Construction Official Sharpe, copies of resolutions approving the sales will be forwarded to his office for him to follow through and make sure any contingencies are met.

Mayor Kelly spoke of the senseless shooting incident that took place last evening, noting the outrage felt by all. He said volunteer members of the Herb Henry Basketball league will be recognized during the council meeting for the volunteerism.

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

G-1 Property Offer 15 Washington Street. Solicitor Bertram noted this was discussed previously.

G-2 Property Offer 7 Gary St & Richardson Ave. Solicitor Bertram explained the offer made for the property.

G-3 Port Authority. Solicitor Bertram spoke of the city receiving bids for a roof for the port, and correspondence received from Mr. Bonchi representing the judgement holder for the port asking the city to not award any bids until his concerns can be addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio to adopt, **RESOLUTION NO. 163-18** the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into an executive session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

1. Litigation – Complex Litigation Special Counsel
2. Litigation – Love-Skinner v COB
3. Public Safety – Las Palmas

ADJOURNMENT:

It was then moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Council President Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Date Approved: August 21, 2018