

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JUNE 17, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Acting Pres. Thompson

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 June 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on June 13, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

PRESENTATION: New Jersey Ethanol, LLC, Mr. Howard Melnicove, attorney representing Ethanol LLC, presented additional information for Councils consideration which he distributed which he believes addresses all of the status regarding getting close to being done and Mr. Fischer is here to answer any questions. After discussion it was agreed upon 120 day extension and places the original resolution which was removed back on the agenda for this evening.

Zoo, Kelly Shaw and Melissa Hemple was present to address questions from Council regarding the Zoo.

Councilman Zapolski questions concerning safety of the animals in the zoo regarding certain activities particularly the miniature golf course.

Ms. Shaw stated that as long as the animals are not endangered in any way and it is more contained it could be worked out like in the back area and contained. We could see what would happen.

Administrator also distributed an article from the Press a very positive view of the Zoo.

AGENDA REVIEW:

C- Councilman Zapolski – Invocation/Flag Salute

G-1 Ordinance exchange of roads with the County Vine Street for Mayor Aiken Drive Council agreed good idea.

J-4 Councilman Zapolski asked what the money was used for from Clean Communities and he was informed for the youth who are hired during the summer months to work in Department Public Works.

J-5 Administrator explained contract coordinate with the schools thru DOT funding this is for Quarter Mile Lane School. Discussion regarding the wording of City accepting the terms and conditions of the agreement was removed at the end of the discussion.

J-6 Municipal Solicitor explained the subordination of the mortgage.

J-7 Councilman Zapolski questioned the location, Administrator informed him it was next the Jail, it belongs to CCIA, it is a testing of the ground water and they need to come on City property to do so.

Councilman Surrency pointed out this needs to be voted on separately as he works for the CCIA.

J-10 Councilman Zapolski inquired about the work being done for this Change Order?

Kevin Rabago on the new door changes on the materials for the door frame and windows.

J-12 Councilman Zapolski inquired what stimulated the need for this.

Administrator stated that the Cumberland County Board of Health wants to know what is causing the echolike in the water. They want the State to come in and do more testing to find out what is the cause.

The Mayor stated that the City is encouraging any opportunity to find out what is causing it.
J-15 Councilman Zapolski questioned renewing of licenses that have not paid their taxes would be denied according Ordinance, if there is no legitimate way to enforce it; he suggested revisiting that ordinance and modifying it.

J-18 Councilman Zapolski inquired about the differences in the amounts.

Administrator explained numbers may have been negotiated by the Chief.

ADDITIONS:

J-19 Resolution New Jersey Ethanol, LLC granting extension of time.

J-20 Resolution using UEZ funds for Bowman Company auditing services for Port Authority. Councilman Zapolski explained in order for the account to match with the resolution this Resolution is needed.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Zapolski reported that he has been working the Dean Dellaquila, Public Works, and his staff on revising the recycling ordinance in regards to the recycling stream lining.

Councilman Spence corrected article from the Mayor in the paper regarding fishing ramp at Piney Point should have been Stony Point..

Also stated he contacted electric company for an additional pole at the corner of West Broad and West Avenue so we could do banners there and said they would supply us with the pole. We will need a letter to them resolving them from any liability and we may have to get this passed by the School Board as it might be their property

Mayor pointed out as a courtesy we still need to contact the School Board.

Acting Pres. Thompson on behalf of President Lugardo-Hemple reported on baseball tournament held in the Park was tremendous and she also commended the Zoological Society of the landscaping in the Zoo.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. June 24, 2014 Council Meeting – this meeting will be held at 4 p.m. with no work session.
2. Reorganization Meeting will be held July 1, 2014 at 12 noon; with the standard resolutions.
3. Peddlers Application, Acting Pres. Thompson distributed the drafted applications, discussion was entered into regarding the applications.
4. President Lugardo-Hemple on her behalf by Acting Pres. Thompson if officers on bikes in the downtown area be re-established?

Acting Pres. Thompson stated that when he gets reports or read the newspaper he does not see any comments regarding crime in the down town area and hearing that it is down town is hurting the City. We need to change that perception it is false.

But on President Lugardo-Hemple behalf he presenting it to Council.

Chief of Police Ott stated that the police are now considering several applications but he would prefer to put them in neighborhoods and not on bikes in the down town area that is where the crime is.

Councilman Spence pointed out that pan handling is what mainly takes place in the down town area.

Mayor commented we need to have a year round shelter for these individuals and work with those individuals who have needs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 304-13 for an executive session to discuss Contract: Business

Administrator, which motion was carried 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. Spence that the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Thompson adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Dennis Thompson, Acting
Council President

Date: _____