

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
January 15, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Acting Pres. Zapolski

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 January 11, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on January 11, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

Acting Pres. Zapolski explained that we will have the presentation from Mr. Stanzione – CDC, have the work session, get set up for the public session, once concluded, go back out to the public hearing for Jaylene Taxicab renewal, then have the Council meeting.

Acting Pres. Zapolski turned the meeting over to Mr. Tony Stanzione. Mr. Stanzione introduced Skip Bowman, Mayor of Lawrence Township, and also the Chairman of CDC. Sat down with city in December, and has had communications in prior years, hoping that Bridgeton will once again become a member of the CDC. Mr. Stanzione explained how the fees are set for the municipalities, based on their ratables.

Acting Pres. Zapolski asked how the services of CDC will benefit the City of Bridgeton.

Mr. Stanzione stated that Bridgeton's needs are greater than the other municipalities, and he and the board will be willing to work with the city. Mr. Stanzione asked Kevin Rabago to address Council on the projects the city would like to look into, one being a joint marketing project. City can use CDC to develop industrial parks, getting word out on city's incentives to move to our parks. Development office would also like to bring college and Vo-Tech satellite classes into the downtown.

Mr. Zapolski asked where these classes would be held.

Mr. Rabago stated that some classes have been held at the Ashley Center. CDC and Mr. Stanzione can provide the city with technical assistance to help get program going.

CDC can also help city with shared services. Becoming a member of CDC should help foster cooperation between member municipalities in the western part of the county.

Mayor Bowman communities should work together, Bridgeton should be the hub of the outside communities, as it once was. He is pleased that Bridgeton wants to be part of CDC, thanks to Mayor Kelly and Mr. Goodreau.

Mr. Zapolski asked Mr. Stanzione to give council the history of CDC, which he did. He explained that there is only one voting member from each municipality on the CDC Board. He invited Council to the first meeting so that they may see what goes on at the meetings.

Mr. Zapolski thanked speakers for letting council know what services they provide.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Stanzione and Mayor Bowman for coming. He is hoping that the college will come to this part of the county for the area's residents, and believes that joining the CDC will help. He also spoke about shared Municipal Courts.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Only one resolution for the meeting, CDC. Mr. Zapolski asked Solicitor if it is only a one year period. Ms. Bertram explained the wording in the resolution. Mr. Zapolski did not want the resolution to be misinterpreted in future years and would prefer that membership in the CDC be approved by Council each year by resolution. Ms. Bertram stated the Council is only authorizing a one year agreement, which would have to be renewed on an annual basis by City Council. Mr. Zapolski wished that this stipulation be placed in Council's minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bertram stated that council may have another resolution for the meeting regarding the renewal of Jaylene Taxicab license.

Mr. Zapolski asked if they could discuss rules of evidence at this point. Technical differences being presented.

Mr. Goodreau – Main Street Façade Program will be moved to the February 5th meeting. At last meeting two items were listed under personnel for executive session. Mr. Goodreau wished to change the reason for going into executive session.

Ms. Bertram stated that prior to meeting, she will make a recommendation to amend the minutes to reflect that issue should have been anticipated litigation, not a personnel issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Acting Pres. Zapolski adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.
Acting President

Date: _____