

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 2, 2018
4:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Absent Councilman Edward Bethea – joined the meeting at 4:35pm.
Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio
Councilman Samuel Feinstein
Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr
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.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Ted Ritter representing Cumberland Dairy spoke of a 4 phase redevelopment plan in the area of Halsford Avenue at a cost of \$87 million. He mentioned purchasing neighboring properties from residents to bring the project to fruition. President Edwards spoke of touring the facility recently and the need for the dairy to use Dubois Road also. Councilman Zapolski said he was on council when the previous presentation was heard years ago, and is glad to see it come to fruition. Mr. Frank Catalano of Cumberland Dairy said the plan is to clean up the area and make it one parcel.

AGENDA REVIEW:

H-2 Ordinance amending chapter 300-8(B) and 300-37 of the code of the City of Bridgeton. Councilman Zapolski asked what the basis for the change is. President Edwards said it had been brought to his attention from citizens. Councilman Zapolski stated the original ordinance was gone over in great detail previously with the prosecutor to ensure the enforcement of said ordinance. He said adding a six inch lid opening measurement will cause an increased burden on the Public Works department, would be hard to prosecute, and he is not in agreement with the change. Councilman Feinstein said he agrees with Councilman Zapolski, especially regarding enforcement of the change. Councilman Zapolski spoke of issues that could arise from the change noting wind could blow trash out of the containers, thus attracting animals and causing additional problems.

J-1 Resolution authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton. Solicitor Bertram noted this is also on the agenda under Other Business. There was a discussion regarding the condition of the property, it was agreed to pull the resolution until further information is obtained on the property.

J-7 Resolution authorizing use of UEZ funds for Main Street-Initiated Downtown Mural. Councilwoman DeQuinzio requested the resolution be voted on separately.

J-9 Resolution authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton. It was agreed to vote on this resolution separately.

ADD-ON

J-10 Resolution limiting Trick or Treat hours

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Bethea spoke of a recent meeting between him and Library Director McFadden stating he was very educated on the relationship between the library and the Friends of the Library.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS:

Mayor Kelly addressed information from the NJ League of Municipalities and Mayors forwarded to council regarding the Legalization of Marijuana. He said he would like to hear what the community has to say also. Mayor Kelly spoke of shared services between City Council and the Board of Education, the possibility of combining school districts, and the landfill currently being filled in to be utilized for the public. He reminded everyone of “Coffee with a Cop” tomorrow at McDonalds at 2pm, October 11th at 9:30 the two new leopards at the zoo will be introduced to the public, and the possibility of a camera system posted to the web to watch the animals grow. Mayor Kelly said there will be a medal ceremony on October 29th at 6pm in the courtroom to recognize our Veterans for their service. Lastly he spoke of the Greater Bridgeton Bus Service in the city stating since 2013 there have been over 100,000 riders. Public Works Director Dellaquila announced the old landfill aka “Recreation Hill” consist of approximately 25 acres.

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Property Offer J-1 was discussed during Agenda Review.

Councilman Zapolski asked for an update on the former Angie’s Diner. Mr. Kevin Rabago of Planning & Development spoke of previous RFP attempts with no responses, and the city now being able to negotiate with prospective developers. The building is in the historic district, though not on the registry, and could possibly be salvageable or moved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio:

RESOLUTION NO. 231-18 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. Real Estate-River Grove

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Zapolski 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: October 16, 2018