

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

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman DeQuinzio
Councilman Edwards
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Zapolski

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple called the meeting to order.

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Read by the Municipal Clerk

Notice of the Reorganization 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 to the South Jersey Times setting forth the time, date, place and agenda to the extent known of said meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton.

AGENDA REVIEW:

L-1 Resolution designating the dates, time, and place of the meetings for the City Council. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple explained the council meeting schedule has two (2) date changes due to election days, and the meeting time changes: Work Session 4:00pm and Council Meeting 5:30pm.

L-10 Resolution appointing the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer. Councilman Zapolski questioned the title “City Treasurer” previously being removed from the listing of jobs. The Solicitor noted the title is in the City Code, just not in the salary ordinance. Councilwoman DeQuinzio questioned the title being counted as a vacancy in civil service if removed, and the possibility of the city losing a full time title.

OTHER BUSINESS:

D-1 Council Vacancy Candidate Committee report. Councilwoman DeQuinzio and Councilman Zapolski explained the interview process and how the committee came to their recommendation of Dr. Samuel Feinstein. Councilman Edwards stated he feels someone did not have a chance, and wants to make sure the process was done correctly. Councilman Zapolski motioned to appoint Dr. Samuel Feinstein, Councilwoman DeQuinzio second the motion. The Solicitor then clarified Mr. Surrency’s resignation states the time of 4:30pm. Councilman Zapolski motioned to take a short adjournment until after 4:30pm, Councilwoman DeQuinzio second the motion which motion was carried by unanimously. Council adjourned the work session temporarily at 4:25pm.

The Work Session reconvened at 4:33pm, Council resumed in Other Business. Councilman Zapolski referred to the open motion and second on the table to appoint Dr. Samuel Feinstein to fill the vacancy of Councilman Surrency. Councilman Edwards said he would like to nominate Mr. Edward Bethea to fill the position. A roll call vote was taken to appoint Dr. Samuel Feinstein, which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Edwards			X	
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked all those who showed interest in the open position.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____