

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 15, 2018
4:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman DeQuinzio
Councilman Feinstein
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Zapolski
Council President J. Curtis Edwards

Mayor Albert Kelly
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram
Deputy Clerk Miriam Garcia

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

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Read by the Deputy 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.

Minutes:

Work session, May 1, 2018
City Council Meeting, May 1, 2018,
Executive session May 1, 2018

AGENDA REVIEW:

H-2 removed

ADD-ON:

G-3 Ordinance amending salary ordinance 18-2 adopted on February 20, 2018 fixing the salaries and rates of certain officers and employees.

G-1 An ordinance to amend ordinance 17-7 of the administrative code of the City of Bridgeton for Department heads. Councilman Zapolski had a couple of questions. Zapolski thanked the Business Administrator making this a truly department head ordinance. Councilman Zapolski questioned a change in the Director of Development & Planning maximum salaries from what was proposed on 1st reading on May 1st which was listed as \$85,000 and has changed to \$75,000. Administrator explained it was a typo. Councilman Zapolski also questioned that there was a couple of new section equivalent whereas in this ordinance that didn't appeared in the previously adopted one that we had last year. Section 2, 3 written in this ordinance are new wording that didn't appeared in last year ordinance. Administrator explained the intent was to use what was presented last year

and it was the only thing that was being change and it would be to enable if we did have to do it in an hourly rate basis as it is with others. The Business Administrator commented would be the same salaries of the people will normally be getting but to be able to calculate it on a hourly basis.

G-2 Ordinance supplementing and amending chapter of the City of Bridgeton municipal code taxation adding 100% disabled veterans property tax refunds and repealing all ordinances heretofore adopted the provisions of which are inconsistent herewith.

G-3 Ordinance amending salary ordinance 18-2 adopted on February 20, 2018 fixing the salaries and rates of certain officers and employees. Councilman Zapolski commented ordinance with the Water Sewer superintendent is the person that was removed from the department head ordinance from the last time. Administrator commented that is correct. Council Zapolski questioned the requirement for Municipal Clerk that the minimum salary \$4,000.00 is low should be 40,000.00. Administrator commented they only thing they did was increase upper ranges based upon what the bargaining agreement that was approved did not deal with any of the lower ranges. Councilman Zapolski recommended to adjust that number to something that is more representative to the qualifications and certifications of that person to be in that position. President Edwards commented we should change it to \$40,000.00.

H-1 Bond ordinance providing for renovations to the City Hall Annex building in and by the City of Bridgeton, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,007,460 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$957,460 Bonds or notes of the City to finance part of the cost.

J-1 Resolution to authorize July 4th fireworks display

J-2 Resolution authorizing the release of performance bond with respect to Cumberland County improvement authority & Highmark school management.

J-3 Resolution Authorizing fireworks display

J-4 Resolution authorizing contract with SHI International Corporation an approved State Contract vendor for Municipal Management software. Councilman Zapolski asked to explain what the software is supposed to accomplish. The Administrator explained it will accomplish a bit particularly in Housing Code and the Construction official office so it has all the data in regarding to rental and everthing goes when the fees are due, what's been paid and what the violations has been.

J-5 Resolution authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Self Love, LLC for mobile food concessions within Bridgeton City Park. Councilman Zapolski asked if this was the continuation of the existing food vendor. Administrator explained that this was not the existing. Administrator commented it went out for RFP and that this was the vegan truck who has also opened brick and water right downtown.

J-6 Resolution authorizing the City to advertise for water system engineering services. Council Zapolski questioned if this was to replace the other company that we had. Administrator stated it was the same company

J-7 Resolution authorizing the City to advertise for solid waste and recyclable materials hauling services. Council Zapolski question if this is a new multiyear contract going in. Administrator commented it will be a new one .

J-8 Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton for change funds for the operation of the zoo concession stand.

J-9 Resolution authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Ricky Slade construction Inc. for Bridgeton Landfill Closure project (project no 16818.02) in the amount not to exceed \$1,7000,243.00.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS:

Council Zapolski question page 10 that there is about \$7,000 for various Dam inspection wanted to know what was the necessity for this. Dean Dellaquilla responded it was for the Sunset Lake and Mary Elmer lake Dam Inspection that are done by the Engineer and is done every 3years.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman DeQuinzio commented on the Cinco de Mayo event it was a very large attendance. She mentioned that people that she spoke to seem to enjoy themselves they were wishing they had a live band but overall they had a good time.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple commented on the Cinco De Mayo which was good but some parents were complaining that there was to many horses in one spot and that the kids where sitting in the sidewalk. The horses were to close to the kids.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS:

Administrator commented she had a couples of things particularly relating to last meeting about the soccer field. Administrator reached out to Chief Gaimari to keep an eye on the soccer fields and to make sure that people who don't have permits especially if there are games going on. Administrator had a discussion with Dulce Gomez going towards that while be proposed to council once it's completed a public private partnership where there may be a coming together for applying for a grant still having a memorandum of understanding that underlines that. Administrator stated she issues in the complaint of vacant and abandoned property grass cutting and such there has been a discussion about complaints of cutting the grass on the list of violations. Number 2 was about grass and that was dismissed. The other items are also violations. There has been a notice of violations and court dates and are still open

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Solicitor Bertram spoke on the property of 523 South Avenue the person that wanted to buy it had a very low offer person offered \$1,000.00 and he was not inclined to increase its offer. Council Zapolski asked what was the assessed value on the property. Solicitor Bertram responded the assessed for the property was 58. Councilman DeQuinzio question if 58 was the total of the property and land value. Solicitor Bertram commented that the land is currently assessed for 69 hundred and the house is at \$51,300.00. Solicitor Bertram also spoke on property 181 Irving Avenue someone purchased the land from the city. Solicitor asked if it's ok with City Council she will do a resolution for the next meeting to consider this offer. Solicitor spoke on property 152 East Avenue. Person has made an offer and is no longer interested due a tree falling on the property

PUBLIC PORTION:

President Edwards opened the floor to the public for questions at this time.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple to open public portion.

Mr. Mike Abbott commented on the add of an ordinance that is not available to the public the changes of the wording the copy he had not have the tax collector or the tax assessor. Councilman Zapolski stated that is the one that is being removed to be modified.

Mr. Thomas Martin, 425 South East Avenue commented on the presentation that the Administrator handed out to City Council and commented that they received 2 tickets where signed and dated 4-25-18 and 4-26-18 when they receive those violations they both came in a single envelopes and it was postmarked for 4/30/2018. When he went to code inspection office he was told no one could give him information and had to wait for the consultant to return and that they were there Wednesday through Friday. Anything in the inspection report that was presented came after the tickets and court summons where already issued. He just wanted to clear that up about the violations.

No one else coming forward it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple that the public portion be closed

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Council President Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Miriam Garcia, Deputy Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Date Approved: June 19, 2018