

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MAY 1, 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
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.

PRESENTATION:

Soccer League Lease - Dulce Gomez spoke on behalf of the Cumberland County Soccer Club with regard to leasing the city soccer fields. She explained how the club maintains the fields and answered questions from councilmembers. Ms. Gomez noted there are other soccer teams that use the fields without permission. Councilman Zapolski questioned who is responsible for enforcement of the fields. A discussion ensued regarding those who use the fields without permission, the number of teams that utilize the fields through the Cumberland County Soccer Club, and how often the fields are used weekly. Mayor Kelly offered to meet with the other leagues who use the fields if needed. Councilman Zapolski questioned the volume of water and the cost impact to the city to irrigate the fields. The Administrator asked if Council would like to pursue the possibility of a lease agreement. Councilman Feinstein asked how much traffic the fields can actually take before they are damaged, and is the Cumberland Soccer Club asking for exclusive use of the fields. Ms. Gomez said yes, they are with the exception of PAL and the schools.

AGENDA REVIEW:

G-2 An ordinance amending salary ordinance 18-2 adopted on February 20, 2018 fixing the salaries and rates of certain officers and employees. Councilman Zapolski said he had questions that involve both salary ordinances G-2 and G-3. He questioned the title of department head vs. superintendent for the water and sewer department and removing it from ordinance G-3.

The Administrator explained there were no title changes in either ordinance, just changes to the salaries. A discussion ensued regarding job titles and correcting ordinance G-3 to align with the city code. Councilman Zapolski motioned to pull G-3 from the agenda to correct it. Councilwoman DeQuinzio second the motion and all agreed.

G-3 Ordinance to amend ordinance 17-7 of the administrative code of the City of Bridgeton for Department Heads. Removed from the agenda.

J-4 Resolution authorizing the expenditure from the capital improvement fund for preliminary expenses for the reconstruction of North Lawrence Street, Lake Street, and Franklin Drive. Councilman Feinstein asked for clarification of the exact location. Public Works Director Dellaquila explained.

J-7 Substitute Resolution authorizing execution of documents necessary with respect to block 121 lot 8 on the tax map of the City of Bridgeton. Solicitor Bertram explained the developer needs to apply to the state for road opening permits.

J-8 authorizing the execution of an emergency contract between the City of Bridgeton and Yannuzzi Group Inc. for the demolition of 24 Bank Street in the amount not to exceed \$31,900.00 pursuant to NJSA 40a:11-6. The Administrator explained the emergent need for the demolition of the property. Councilman Zapolski asked if this is a city owned property, and is the property in the city database of vacant and abandoned properties. Solicitor Bertram confirmed the city does not own the property. Construction Official Sharpe noted the city has done its due diligence and citations have been issued.

J-9 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Caravella Demolition, Inc. for demolition of 141 Giles Street in the amount not to exceed \$19,492.00. President Edwards noted a correction to the dollar amount in the resolution.

J-15 approving the FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for the City of Bridgeton. Councilman Zapolski asked for a spreadsheet showing the allocation of funds for the projects. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple questioned the zoo camp program being listed in the summary as being paid for by CDBG funds, and why residents having to pay for Zoo Camp.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman DeQuinzio urged everyone to attend the upcoming Cinco de Mayo festival. She mentioned the library has a new employee, a children's librarian who will start next week.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple said the Bridgeton Housing Authority apartments are almost all full, and everything is fine with section 8.

Councilman Feinstein asked for an update on the recent issue at the high rise. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple said the Housing Authority Board is speaking with the tenants.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS:

None at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Solicitor Bertram asked for Council for their approval of the Lan Pro LLC extension request. The Solicitor also spoke of the South Avenue property offer, Council did not accept the offer. Councilman Zapolski asked for more specifics in the future from perspective buyers of the repairs and improvements they plan to do to properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was then moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio 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: May 15, 2018