

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
October 15, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Mayor Kelly
Administrator Goodreau
Municipal Solicitor Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

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

President Lugardo-Hemple asked those present for a moment of silence for the passing of Sgt. Christopher Blackburn

PRESENTATION: Jarrett Mutts – City's website update, making the site as user-friendly as possible.

Mayor Kelly arrived at the work session at 4:40 pm

AGENDA REVIEW:

C - Councilman Spence will give invocation and flag salute.

J-12 President asked Administrator if this is the same as the resolution adopted at the reorganization meeting. Administrator explained that this is an extensive list that gives us the dates of the state contracts and their numbers for city departments to use.

ADDITIONS

J-14 closing streets for Police Officer's funeral on Thursday, October 17, 2013 was added to the agenda.

J-15 – Change #4 to personnel policy – part time employees' benefits, was added to the agenda.

J-16 – rejecting bids for water meters and authorizing readvertisement was explained by the Solicitor and added to the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple thanked Mr. Zapolski for all the hard work he has done on the budget for the councilmembers.

Councilman Zapolski informed Council that he had a three hour meeting with the auditor regarding the budget and sent a report to each councilmember. Auditor to provide clerk's office with updated information for budget summary for the newspaper. Deputy Clerk stated she received it. One item for discussion – revenue received was considerably more than what was budgeted. Mr. Zapolski wanted to discuss if Council would consider the possibility of using some of the money to offset the current tax rate. If not used this year it will go into the surplus next year.

Administrator responded to council's questions and dialogue. City needs ratables to generate taxes.

Mayor Kelly suggested that Council attend the budget workshops at the League convention in November, it will help the city's best practices in the budget process in the future.

Mr. Spence reminded Council of "Boo at the Zoo".

Mr. Thompson – Youth to Youth having occasion at the college on October 26 at 10:00 am, bringing in actors, and a movie.

Administration Goodreau – ADA funding - sent to Council – five year plan – resolution presented at meeting of November 6, 2013 for base and alternate 4. Next year we will do next project, Sunset Lake

Pres. Lugardo Hemple stated that the peddler ordinance has been removed from discussion. There are more changes. Mr. Spence stated we need enforcement, not changing the ordinance. Fines should remain the same.

Admin. Goodreau handed out resolution for next meeting – new procedure that will be on agenda once or twice a month regarding liens being placed on properties for violations.

Funeral arrangements for Sgt. Blackburn were made known to Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Deputy Clerk presented a communication from CDC asking the city to support townships in getting service for phone systems, telecommunications systems, cable systems for the whole of the townships.

Councilman Surrency attended the CDC meeting and explained their request to Council. Clerk's office to have resolution for meeting of 11/6/13.

Deputy Clerk presented a resolution brought by Joseph Burger regarding Sustainable Jersey. Administrator Goodreau has looked into it, and we do not have the manpower or funds for this project.

Deputy Clerk inquired about the ordinance for 15 minute parking space on Cottage Avenue. Solicitor asked if information regarding request be forwarded to her office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson RESOLUTION NO. 76-13, authorizing executive session to discuss Contract: Employee Contract, Litigation, court decision-easement was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

PUBLIC PORTION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____