

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2018
4:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman DeQuinzio
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Council President J. Curtis Edwards

Councilman Zapolski - Absent

Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram
Mayor Albert Kelly
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 public advertisement in the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal on January 5th and 6th, 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.

AGENDA REVIEW:

G-1 Ordinance amending chapter 321, taxicabs, of the code of the City of Bridgeton. Solicitor Bertram requested the ordinance be pulled from the agenda for Solicitor review.

J-11 At this point Council President Edwards inquired as to how the dollar amounts of the contracts are established; the Administrator explained the process.

J-18 authorizing the renewal of an agreement for membership in the Cumberland Development Corporation (CDC). The resolution was pulled from the agenda.

ADD-ON:

J-19 Resolution authorizing an application to the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Council President Edwards said waiting until the next meeting would be too late to apply for the grant. The Administrator then explained the program would help fund expired fire equipment.

REPORTS:

M-2 Treasurers Report November 2017. Councilwomen DeQuinzio and Lugardo-Hemple questioned specific line items in the report. CFO Lake explained each line item, and how they are utilized.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Council President Edwards stated he is looking into all of the committees; noting the city code refers to three standing committees as Finance, Public Safety and Personnel, the others are council appointees and council liaisons. He will be working on this for the next meeting.

F. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS

The Administrator said the Housing Supervisor is looking into stickers for dumpsters to show their expiration date.

Mayor Kelly spoke of attending Governor Murphy’s swearing in ceremony; he said it was very positive and upbeat, noting the Governors cabinet consist of six women, and is very diverse. He spoke of events throughout the city for MLK Day, stating approximately 200-250 people showed up on their day off to help clean code blue sites including members of the NJ State Police; two Colonels, two Majors and two Captains. Mayor Kelly then reported on the code blue sites; explaining they are staffed by volunteers, the amount of people they take in nightly, and the hourly check-ins from the police department. Mayor Kelly stated he recently met with the Ambassador from a city in Africa; they discussed having a “Sister City” relationship, working together regarding education and food. Lastly the Mayor reminded everyone the next day for Municipal ID’s will be January 26th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio **RESOLUTION NO. 16-18** 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. Litigation – RCT Realty v. City of Bridgeton

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was 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: _____