

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 16, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo
Councilman Salvatore
Councilman Spence
Councilman Thompson
Mun. Solicitor Bertram
Dean Dellaquila, Director Public Works

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Kelly

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 March 12, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on March 12, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda items reviewed and assigned.

G. Bond Ordinance - improve various buildings, matter discussed concerning which buildings? Item left on Agenda

J-5, J-6 Question same name on both senior and veteran exemption, can receive both exemptions? Items left on Agenda

J-7 Director Dellaquila explained City site becoming recycling full service facility.

J-8 Clerk explained officer makes sure contracts in compliance with Affirmative Action Language

J-9 Councilman Salvatore questioned who will make sure they are in compliance, answer Solicitor's Office.

L-3 Councilman Spence explained the denial of exemption from noise ordinance in the basketball courts area which Council agreed application for the area of the basketball courts be denied.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

PRESENTATION: Ms. Shirlain Brown, former City Councilwoman, presented previous request of changing name of Baltimore Avenue to Mathew Brown Way after former pastor of John Wesley Church on Baltimore Avenue and outstanding Pastor and community leader in the City. The John Wesley Church has agreed with change either the entire street or from Grove Street to South Avenue. Council agreed to have the solicitor's office to look into the appropriate matter in which to conduct the possible change of the street name.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence reported on recreation that Carl Hemple has accepted the responsibility of Little League and over 130 children have signed up. They will be holding a clean up day on April 17 focused on Little League area and fields. Mr. Spence also informed Council of change in Code Enforcement, Chief Shoch is now over Code Enforcement Office, he feels Council should be informed by Administration or Mayor when positions are changed which Council agreed.

Councilwoman Lugardo submitted report on Housing Authority, Public and Community Relations, Historic District Commission and Library.

Councilman Thompson commented he is concerned about the cuts.

Councilman Salvatore submitted petition regarding parking on Lincoln Street he had received. Discussion was entered into regarding permit parking at the conclusion it was submitted to the Solicitor to investigate.

Pres. Kelly elaborated upon the Governors remarks concerning the Budget and that we as a City to take steps regarding our budget and reaching out to others for shared services.

Clerk informed Council of a Special Meeting of the Planning Board March 31, 2010 and also presentation by Sally Birdsall at their April 6, 2010 Council Meeting regarding Vision Statement for Plan Endorsement.

PUBLIC PORTION

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo to open the Work Session to the public for any one desiring to address Council which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, N. West Avenue, explained the meeting of Planning Board on March 31 and the presentation to Council at April 6 meeting are related and informational.

Mr. Zapolski also emphasized the importance of having a time limit on temporary signs being posted, and commented on the Oak Street Parking Ordinance that there was a public hearing on it prior to adopting and the ordinance does provide other provisions concerning permit parking.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented that when parking complaints are received that should be an indication of over crowding and warrant checking into.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, N. Pearl Street, stated concern over handicap parking sign, Councilman Salvatore explained to her that you must live where the sign is posted.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Lugardo to close the public portion of the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson that RESOLUTION NO. 182-09, to enter into an executive session to discuss real estate which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo and second by Mr. Salvatore to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly adjourned the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Council President
Albert B. Kelly