

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
October 6, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo
Councilman Salvatore
Councilman Spence
Councilman Thompson
Pres. Kelly
Mayor Begley
Administrator Liston
Mun. Solicitor Bertram/Baker

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Kelly

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

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 2, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on October 2, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned

J-14 addition regarding UEZ Loan to Denise Mason

J-15 addition regarding political signs suspending Ordinance 370.65 (A)(8)

Application discussed regarding fee

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo no report.

Councilman Spence no report.

Councilman Salvatore, reported that Bridgeton Plumbing move was approved by Planning Board and will be relocated at old Chapman car dealership at N. Pearl Street.

Councilman Thompson had no report at the present time but informed Council he is looking into another avenue for transportation.

Pres. Kelly reported on the grand opening of the Mill Creek Urban Farm and Food Warehouse at 65 Manheim Avenue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Administrator Liston presented Construction Fee change Ordinance that was Tabled be placed back on Agenda, after discussion it was agreed to place the ordinance for first reading on tonight's agenda.

Administrator Liston also presented the Ordinance regarding graffiti abatement which was distributed at last meeting to be place on agenda, after discussion it was agreed to be placed on the agenda for first reading this evening and also merchants would be contacted for their input.

Administrator Liston informed Council of problem with landlords regarding new CO instead of new occupant they are adding new persons leasing and we are not getting valid data concerning resident.

Solicitor stated we are not able to capture those actually living in the residence, after discussion it was agreed that ordinance be prepared and looked at next meeting.

Clerk presented suggested date and time for Halloween Trick or Treat which is same as surrounding townships, Council/Mayor agreed, October 31, 2009, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION:

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to address Council at this time which motion was carried.

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

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, posed question regarding Denise Mason UEZ Loan concerning protective measures which the Solicitor responded.

Mr. Zapolski also pointed out other facets of the Resolution on for tonight regarding the suspension of Ordinance 370-65(A) (8) which Council agreed to add to the Resolution 370-65(k) (17) and 370-86 (C) (5) (6).

Ms. Clair Shockley, Glen Park, addressed Council regarding issue she had previously brought before Council: Youth/Adult Center, Park clean-up by inmates, and new developments.

Pres. Kelly responded that they are during their best to address the issues.

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

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the work session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Pres. Kelly adjourned the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC

Council President
Albert B. Kelly