

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
December 7, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski
Pres. Spence
Mayor Kelly
Mun. Solicitor Baker/Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Spence

STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE: Deputy 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 December 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on December 3, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW:

I-10 Question as to when work will be completed. Water/Sewer director Mark Lavenberg stated that the well will be up in mid December, water tank – can't be used until spring, 2011. Solicitor stated the city now owns the land.

Item K – Temporary sign application for medical office was pulled from the agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple – would like the city to recognize organizations helping members of the community.

Council discussed ways to recognize organizations that provide for the needs of the people of the city.

Mayor asked Ms. Lugardo-Hemple to chair committee with Mayor's Office on how recognitions will be brought to city's attention.

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple congratulated those involved with the Christmas Parade, House Tour was great. Everyone was happy to open their doors. Thanked Police Department and Fire Department for their participation.

Councilman Surrency – none.

Councilman Thompson echoed Ms. Lugardo-Hemple's comments. House tour was a success.

Councilman Zapolski asked council if they received the "white paper reports" he prepared on temporary signs, transition state aid distribution and the response to the undated BPD taxi ordinance report, and asked council to contact him if they wished to discuss those reports.

Councilman Zapolski stated that the Athletic Fields are closed for the season. Two items for executive session; first under Public Safety an issue related to Homeland Security, and second potential litigation concern related to an OPRA request.

Council discussed Temporary signs, having signs detracts from the city; need to be more selective regarding where business is located. May have to change ordinance regarding signs, there are costs to the city (personnel) to deal with illegal signs.

Director of Public Works, Dean Dellaquila, stated that when signs are removed his personnel let the owners know that they have to come to the Clerk's Office and submit an application to come before Council, and keep track of unapproved signs.

Mayor stated that 10,258 signatures have been collected on petitions to keep MVC office open in Bridgeton. We should fight to keep the office open because the economic impact would be devastating to our city. He urged the public to continue to submit names for the petitions, which will be submitted to the state next week. Mayor thanked the public for their support.

PUBLIC PORTION

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the work session be opened to the public for any one desiring to address Council, which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to address Council.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple to adjourn the public portion of the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the Work Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that RESOLUTION NO. 136-10, to enter into an executive session to discuss litigation, public safety, real estate, and contract, 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-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

Council President
William D. Spence