

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
November 4, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned

G-1 Ordinance dealing with Housing registration, Councilman Spence had questions and requested Code Enforcement Director to present for answers, which Administrator would have at the next meeting, Ordinance was withdrawn from agenda.

J-3 Resolution concerning UEZ loan to Davis/Mason was removed for discussion by Solicitor Baker during Executive Session.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo reported she met with the Hispanic Merchants and they are interested in getting involved with the City also had a good meeting with the Library Board.

Ms. Lugardo also presented concerns with speeding on Penn Street and an alley way on Penn and Bank which matters were passed on to Chief of Police.

Councilman Spence congratulated Ms. Lugardo on her election.

Councilman Salvatore, no report.

Councilman Thompson, no report.

Pres. Kelly stated that he is working on a possible date that City Council and Board of Education can meet. He feels as the two elected Boards of the City we should have a working relationship together. (The date of November 19 was not possible due to the League Convention)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Councilwoman Lugardo reported on essay contest for eighth graders on their interest in Council. Discussion concerning initiating Youth Council once again as it was once held in the past.

Councilman Salvatore questioned the issue of shared services with the County.

Pres. Kelly responded nothing done yet and Mr. Veight is looking into it to see what can be done, right now it has been placed on the back burner.

PUBLIC PORTION:

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo 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 Work Session to any one desiring to be heard.

Ms. Sally Garrison, representing Friends of the Library and Save the Library, addressed Council expressing concern for the Library being closed on Monday nights as suggested by their auditors. She felt the closing was not necessary and expressed the importance of the Library being open.

Mr. John Simon, Treasurer for Friends of the Library, addressed Council regarding keeping the Library open.

Alvin Library Trustee also spoke in regards of the Library and its budget.

Jeff Kamper addressed Council supporting the Library.

John Garrison also addressed Council in regards to the Library budget and audit.

Administrator, Liston explained the budget and what the City is absorbing already and do not know where we are in the FY 2010 budget.

Pres. Kelly commented that we need to look and see what we can do as a community as far as fund raising for the Library.

Michael Zapolski commented he appreciated the dialogue concerning the student council being initiated once again. Also questioned the Resolution regarding the UEZ change from a person to an LLC.

Solicitor responded that Council will be taking that under consideration during their executive session.

Mr. Zapolski questioned the Housing Authority appointee willing to go through training and was her resume the only one received.

Councilwoman Lugardo responded that she is willing to go through training and her resume was the only one received and she was very much interested.

Councilman Spence stated he had also spoke to the candidate (Shonda Greene).

Ms. Clair Shockley registered complaint regarding youth skate boarding on sidewalks and that street light on Giles Street needs to be replaced and also suggested that the city aggressively search for new businesses to come to town.

Councilman Salvatore instructed to Ms. Shockley in the process of having the light replaced.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo
RESOLUTION NO. 109-09, authorizing an executive close session to discuss contract and litigation 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. Spence to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly adjourned the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC

APPROVED:

Council President
Albert B. Kelly