

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
June 1, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo
Councilman Salvatore
Councilman Spence
Councilman Thompson
Pres. Kelly
Mun. Solicitors Baker/Bertram
Acting Admin. Delp

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 May 28, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 28, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda items reviewed and assigned.

G-1 Solicitor Bertram explained it was Council decision to negotiate or auction the property.(Ordinance sale of certain City owned property)

J-4 Director Dean Dellaquila explained the modification of the contract.

J-5 Solicitor Baker informed Council it would be no cost to the City.

J-6 Resolution authorizing interim hearing officers was added to the agenda.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Spence reminded everyone of the Community Yard Sale to be held June 12, 2010 he does not think there is a charge.

Councilwoman Lugardo reported on Special Meeting of the Library Board that a lot of young people attended and expressed concern that the library stay open. They will be holding a Radio-thon on June 19, 2010 and fliers will be out concerning the Radio-thon.

Pres. Kelly informed Council he had went on a tour with Director Dellaquila this week very interesting and very impressive regarding how the water operates and the facilities in the city.

The top priority is to hire a Business Administrator and he has talked to DCA and League Municipalities and Municipal Management and hopefully we will be advertising this week for a replacement.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Mun. Solicitor Baker presented the decision that needs to be made regarding the Director of Public Safety either to appoint one as in the past or amend code that none is required Police and Fire Chief would report directly to the Mayor or Business Administrator after discussion it was agreed that Councilman Kelly would bring back recommendation to Council.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. John Simon, Preston Avenue, spoke on behalf of the Library staff and volunteers particularly regarding becoming part time employees and their pay.

Mr. George McLaughlin spoke on behalf Library staff and the Library as being the soul of the City and suggested eliminating the Public Safety Director position and give the money to the library.

Mr. McLaughlin also congratulated Dean Dellaquila on the job he and his staff did during the storm.

Ms. Sally Garrison from Save the Library also spoke in support of the library and its employees.

Ms. Stephanie Modley presented a survey of those who used the Library.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, informed those present that there is a charge for the Community Yard Sale.

Mr. Hemple expressed concern over the UEZ meetings being held in the State that representatives from the City should be attending to gather information and hopes some one from the city will be at their next meeting.

Pres. Kelly responded that Mayor Romano and Mayor Shannon and he along with others are staying on top of it.

Mr. Zapolski, asked if there were any special qualifications for the interim hearing officer?

Solicitor Baker responded they must have done it before and had experience with handling discipline procedures.

Mr. Zapolski also asked that the Ordinance state all the City in rehabilitation need, if that is quoted correctly.

Solicitor Baker stated he would look into it and let him know.

Ms. Sherlain Brown, congratulated Dean Dellaquila, Director of Public Works for the great job done during the storm. Also presented a petition to have Baltimore Avenue renamed Matthew Brown Way but only the block which the church is on.

Solicitor Baker will amend the Ordinance and it will be re-introduced with just that Block being renamed.

Ms. Gail Robinson, Director of the Library, spoke in support of the Library as the heart of the Community

Ms. Amy Brewer spoke in support of the Library.

Pres. Kelly commented that they will look into all possibilities concerning the library.

Councilman Thompson commented they appreciate the presentation about the library and it will not be ignored.

Ms. Sandra Bordley a volunteer at the library commented that the volunteers can not do it alone. They need the employees.

Ms. Estella Cleveland spoke in support of the library.

Councilwoman Lugardo commented there will be fund raisers to support the library.

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

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Lugardo that RESOLUTION NO. 238-09, to enter into an executive session to discuss contract and personnel, 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 Mr. Thompson 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
Municipal Clerk

Council President
Albert B. Kelly