

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

June 3, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Thompson

INVOCATION: Municipal Clerk Richmond

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 29, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on May 29, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned.

J-6 Councilman Salvatore asked if Lot 14.01 could be added to sale, will inquire of buyer

J-7 Councilman Spence questioned possible sticker be reduced to \$1, Administrator stated he would look into it.

J-8 Councilman Salvatore asked if it went out to bid, answer was yes at the time this is exercise the option for this year.

Items added to Agenda:

J-15 Professional Services GPM

J-16 Professional Services GPM

Application for Temporary Sign

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo submitted written liaison report on her activities: with Bridgeton Main Street celebration on May 31 of Cinco de Mayor Celebration, attending merchants Association at Cabana Restaurant attending Black Hall of Fame Celebration, participating in Memorial Day Parade, Walk against Violence, May 30, 2009, attended Community Yard Sale and the Library Board meeting.

Councilman Salvatore commented on the open records fee for Municipal Court to look at the schedule. He inquired about the Thompson lawsuit which Solicitor Baker reported was settled. The Department of Transportation on Highway 77, Solicitor Baker gave report and stated we are waiting to hear from them and the reval which, the Administrator gave the status.

Councilman Spence inquired about gang violence which Chief reported on along with the Administrator.

Councilman Kelly also reported on the non violence events that took place during this month as May being declared non violence month and thanked the Chief. He further reported that there will be monthly meetings held on Monday at 12 noon held by the Nehemiah Group to continue non violence to help community to be safe place.

Councilman Spence questioned the Resolution concerning JAG received from the County as far as where it is utilized, Chief Ott informed him that is use for vehicles and equipment.

Councilman Spence brought up the cost of permits for events held in the city that was debated at last meeting particularly Main Street Association to exempt fees (\$980), discussion conclusion: Motion to Table until to Committee (Mr. Kelly and Ms. Lugardo) sit down and see what can be done concerning the fee charged.

Motion to Table was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo which motion was carried with one opposing Mr. Salvatore, four to one vote.

Councilman Spence expressed concern over Library repair and suggested the first floor of City Hall being utilized. Administrator pointed possibility of not receiving approval due to ADA issues and the cost of renovating first floor and still would need to maintain Library building, discussion was held Councilman Salvatore pointed out possibly County Library services. Councilman Kelly suggested contacting Mr. Joe Veight, County Director of shared services, Council agreed and Mr. Kelly and Mr. Spence are to report back at next meeting after contacting County Director of Shared Services.

PUBLIC PORTION

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Lugardo the meeting was opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard which motion was carried.

Pres. Thompson opened the meeting of the Work Session to the public for any one desiring to be heard.

Ms. Norma DeNoble from Save the Library spoke and submitted a Historic Status report on Save the Library and Recommendations and presented Penny Watson from Watson and Henry who presented a grant application to New Jersey Historic Trust which she elaborated upon.

Ms. Flavia Alaya commented on Main Street and how unique it is and the city of Bridgeton having the first Main Street Association.

Ms. Gail Robinson, Director Library, pointed out the increase use of the Library by those seeking employment and needing the use of a computer and also needing assistance which the staff provides.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo RESOLUTION NO. 268-08, authorizing an executive close session to discuss contract/personnel and litigation was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Clerk presented instant ticket ordinance, Council agreed to discuss next meeting.

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

Pres. Thompson adjourned the Work Session

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC

President Dennis Thompson