

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

June 16, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Thompson

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 June 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on June 12, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned.

J-3 Councilman Salvatore questioned use – park in this area

Schedule of Bills – Councilman Salvatore questioned purchases out side of City, Administrator absent so no reply given.

Ordinance 2nd Reading Amending Chapter 149-34 Construction Fees – was taken off Agenda, question if fees are in line with surrounding communities?

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Lugardo presented a request for congratulatory letter for Bishop Dennis Thompson and Lady Elect Cheryl Thompson on their 20 Year Anniversary. Council agreed to create resolution of congratulations for next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Lugardo also reported on student of month ceremony and fifth grade graduation she attended.

Councilman Kelly reported on meeting with the County regarding the Library and will make presentation later as they are continuing to meet regarding financial assistance. Councilman Kelly also reported on fees for events in the City and distributed information which was gathered but still needs additional information prior to implementing a policy.

Councilman Thompson informed Council he is still looking into the transportation matter and hopes to have something to report in the near future.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Clerk questioned presentation of Resolutions for valedictorian and salutatorian for 2009, Council President Thompson to present valedictorian and Councilman Salvatore to present salutatorian.

Clerk presented items for Re-organization Meeting July 1, 2009 at 12 noon, inquired of meeting time change and work session? Council agreed work session time to be 5 p.m. and meeting immediately following.

Clerk presented water waiver request, Council agreed to discuss at June 24, 2009 meeting due to the absence of the Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Spence 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.

Mr. Ed Stanton, Pineview Terrace, addressed Council in regards to keeping the Library open.

Mr. John Simon, Preston Avenue, from Friends of the Library spoke in regards to keeping the Library open the good job done by the Community Yard Sale Committee. The Library being a historic site and she be kept open even if means to raise taxes.

Ms. Gail Robinson, Library Director, thanked Save the Library and Friends of the Library for stepping forward on behalf of the Library, the posse as she called them.

Councilman Kelly commented that he has been meeting with the County in regards to the Library and also stated that the City has never said they are going to close the Library, the City is looking at every avenue for funding.

Councilwoman Lugardo commented that the City is doing their best never to close the Library.

Pres. Thompson asked that City Council also be included to the posse for the Library.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, addressed Council regarding the Skate Board Park, concerns of the Recreation Commission, need a decision regarding the property that it just does not continue to sit there.

Mayor Begley reported that the Solicitor is at the present time looking at possible non profit organization to sponsor the park and will report back upon completion of his investigation.

Mr. Ed Gafferty, Attorney representing El Rodeo, spoke on behalf of renewing of El Rodeo Alcoholic Beverage license, presented the comment that it has had no incidents in the last six months.

Council has directed the Police Department to submit a report in regards to the matter prior to the next meeting for Council to consider for renewal purposes.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo 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. Kelly and second by Mr. Salvatore RESOLUTION NO. 285-08, authorizing an executive close session to discuss contract and litigation was adopted 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. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo 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