

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
July 21, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo  
Councilman Salvatore  
Councilman Spence  
Councilman Thompson  
Pres. Kelly  
Administrator Liston  
Mun. Solicitor Bertram

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 July 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on July 17, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned.

G-2 Ordinance "Ordinance Amending Chapter 149-34 Of The Code Of The City Of Bridgeton" Upon Administrator's suggestion for more information concerning the Ordinance Council agreed to Table the Ordinance until that time.

Administrator explained the following items on the agenda as questions arose: J-8, J-11, J-13, J-14, J-15 and J-21, all remained on agenda.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo distributed written report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

John Barry, Director Development and Planning introduced Cindy Williams of Main Street New Jersey who presented the concept of a marketing plan to Council that they believe could revitalize the downtown. Bridgeton to be known nationally as a food destination for specialty foods by way of restaurants and shops by creating a culinary district, the overall plan for promoting and building the district would be in October. Council asked that be kept informed on the progress of the concept and that it is exciting for the City.

Councilwoman Lugardo inquired about the Southgate redevelopment.

Administrator Liston explained the process that it did not go forward mainly because of the cost factor of the study.

Councilwoman Lugardo pointed out that the Cumberland County Improvement Authority is willing to pay for the study. Discussion was made at the conclusion it was agreed that the Administrator reach out to the Authority with a letter.

Mr. Ed Bethea, Improvement Authority, commented that they are willing to work with the City for funding the study.

Councilman Thompson suggested a representative from the Council follow up on the matter, it was suggested that Councilman Salvatore, as he sets on the Planning Board, to follow up along with the Administrator on the Authorities participation with the City on the study.

Councilman Spence brought before Council a problem with noise, he has received several calls concerning the problem from the Vine Street, New Street and Hampton St. area.

A gentleman from the area was asked to address Council concerning his problem. At the conclusion of his comments Administrator, Council and Chief Ott agreed to look further into the matter for a solution. Councilman Thompson asked that the noise Ordinance and the House Nuisance Ordinance be readdressed by Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Salvatore informed Council of a request from Winchester Railroad for extension of their tracks. Council agreed with a stipulation that the trestle on Highway 77 be painted and that the request be submitted to the Solicitor to prepare a Resolution.

Councilman Salvatore further reported that renovations have been approved for the Pub who have purchased the Laurel Theatre and will be named the Riverfront Café which ties in with this evening's presentation concept of the culinary district.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Pres. Kelly asked that concerns/comments be presented during the regular meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson RESOLUTION NO. 20-09, authorizing an executive close session to discuss litigation/contract/personnel 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. Salvatore 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

Council President  
Albert B. Kelly