

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 1, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Kelly

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

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 August 28, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on August 28, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned.

H-1 Inquiry if there was interested parties in the property, Solicitor responded yes.

H-2 Administrator researched the graffiti abatement and submitted State Statute regarding same and elaborated upon items to taken out of ordinance, Council agreed to TABLE the ordinance. Also decided to have meeting with New Jersey State Retail Association on September 9, 2009 (Committee: Kelly, Lugardo, Baker, Liston) for further discussion and then will be discussed with the local retailers.

J-6 Inquired change to Crown Victorias – Administrator responded historically they last longer.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo reported activities she attended and on visit from the National Main Street Association.

Councilman Spence commented that he had spoken to the Hispanic Merchants and they had a concern regarding lighting and safety in the downtown area especially with missing police bicycle patrol.

Chief Ott responded there being a shortage on officers.

Pres. Kelly brought to Council's attention the need of replacement on the Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of James Hursey and suggested a young person be considered for the replacement. It was agreed that resumes and interviews would be accepted for the position.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS: None

PUBLIC PORTION: Upon motion by Mr. Thompson second by Mr. Salvatore that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to address Council which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard.

Mr. Joe Ross commented on Graffiti Ordinance and inquired on the number of incidents and number of clean-up done by the public?

His concerns would be looked into and Mr. Kelly stated he would meet with local retailers.

Mr. Jeff Kember inquired about Bond for Library.

Administrator responded Bond may be in FY10 Budget, he had met with the architect.

Mr. Ed Bethea, President Main Street, commended on visit from the National Main Street Association; good things for Bridgeton that he has no complaints just stopped by to say thank you.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo to close the public portion of the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson RESOLUTION NO.60-09, authorizing an executive close session to discuss contract/real estate/litigation was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Councilman Salvatore inquired about the one cent tax from the Zoo was to benefit the City no County Park Commission discussion was held with Pres. Kelly explaining pros and cons.

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