

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 15, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Councilwoman Lugardo
Councilman Salvatore
Councilman Spence
Pres. Kelly
Mayor Begley
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 September 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on September 11, 2009 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda Items reviewed and assigned
6-J Two separate Resolutions and became 6A-J and 6B-J
9-J Addition
10-J Addition

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo RESOLUTION NO.70-09, authorizing an executive session to discuss contract/litigation/real estate was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Lugardo reported that the One, Two, Three Look At Me event was successful.

Councilman Spence reported that the Nail House Museum was coming along well and also reported on the Amp Theater event.

Councilman Salvatore, none.

Pres. Kelly elaborated upon the senses count.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Business Administrator and Pres. Kelly informed Council on the meeting held regarding the graffiti ordinance that it was a positive meeting and focused on the needs of the City.

Councilman Salvatore commented on Pres. Kelly making recommendation without consulting other Council members regarding the one cent tax for funding the zoo and for not at least giving the non-binding referendum a try.

Pres. Kelly apologized to Council because of the lack of discussion with them prior to asking Freeholders to withdraw the Zoo resolution and elaborated upon his rationale for his request.

Also stated he asked the Freeholder Board to consider adding \$80,000 to there contribution to the City making it a total of \$100,000 annually and allow us to revisit the ballot question at another time.

Mayor Begley commented that the referendum should have been given a chance on the ballot.

Councilman Spence commented the referendum would go to the voters prematurely. You should gather support first.

Councilwoman Lugardo stated that it is done.

Prolonged discussion ensued between Councilmen Salvatore and Spence regarding the issue of the referendum.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Pres. Kelly asked that the public wait until meeting with their concerns due to the hour (6:30)

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