

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
April 20, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

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

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 April 16, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on April 16, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda items reviewed and assigned.

H-1 Ordinance was removed due to no Supplemental Debt received from the State
J-3 Councilman Spence inquired where the Well was located, Administrator responded
J-4 Municipal Solicitor Bertram explained reason for amendment due to wrong reference in previous resolution.
L-3 Application to exempt noise ordinance was denied.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Salvatore no report.

Councilwoman Lugardo reported: Housing Authority awarded Block Grant, Little League grand opening successful, Census, Lions Club Fundraiser to be held May 2, 2010, Farmers Market, Hispanic Merchant Association and Main Street.
Councilman Salvatore inquired about the number of Main Street members which no membership number was known and will be given to him upon finding out.

Councilman Thompson reported on the film being premiered today by Youth to Youth and expressed concern over the cut backs and loss of John Barry, UEZ Director. Administrator stated no answers have been received regarding UEZ.

Council Pres. Kelly thanked those who participated in the Help Haiti Earthquake Victims Shoes to Share it was a great event and may be held again in June.
Mr. Kelly reported on the shared services concerning the Library Study waiting for Governor's approval and Administrator met with CCUA, will be discussed during Executive Session.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Clerk presented inquiry from Dean Dellaquila, Director Public Works, which he received from Robert Thompson of Thompson Place (corner Commerce and Laurel) regarding flower boxes being placed on the second story floor windows, down town and could the trees in the down town area be trimmed so they would be visible.

Mr. Dellaquila would like direction on the request, obtain quotes from tree contractors as his department is unable to handle this at the present time with budget cuts and men shortage.

Council responded that he should obtain quotes and the Solicitor will look into the ordinances as far as flower boxes allowed on the second floor windows down town. Councilman Salvatore suggested that Mr. Dellaquila contact the Electric Company and see if they would be willing to trim trees at no cost.

Clerk presented Ordinance from Solicitor regarding release of precious metal, coins and jewelry. Solicitor stated that he is still working with the Police Department concerning the ordinance.

Clerk inquired about the request made regarding changing name of Baltimore Avenue to Matthew Brown Way which Council agreed upon and Solicitor was to check on the process. Solicitor stated he would have an ordinance prepared changing the name for the next Council meeting.

Clerk presented the petition requesting permit parking for Atlantic Street, Council is still waiting for recommendation from the Police Department.

PUBLIC PORTION:

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo that the Work Session be opened to the public for anyone desiring to address Council which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the Work Session to any one desiring to address Council at this time.

Mr. Darryl Davis representing Mason-Davis Limited Liability Company address Council regarding UEZ Loan Funds that they are still interested in going forward with the opening of Bridgetown Restaurant and presented list of interior equipment and its value as collateral.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Salvatore that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Salvatore that RESOLUTION NO. 205-09, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel, contract and litigation which motion was carried 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. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly adjourned the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Council President
Albert B. Kelly