

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Kelly  
Councilwoman Riley  
Councilman Salvatore  
Councilman Thompson  
Pres. Spence  
Mayor Begley  
Administrator Liston  
Admin. Assist. Jackson  
Mun. Solicitors Baker/Bertram/Haag

CALLD TO ORDER: Pres. Spence

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

TOPICS:

Pres. Spence asked Clerk to present resolutions.

The Clerk presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING  
THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Kelly that

RESOLUTION NO. 80-07, authorizing sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Thompson that

RESOLUTION NO. 81-07, authorizing application for Cultural Heritage Grant was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Riley that

RESOLUTION NO. 82-07, authorizing change order regarding additional water meters need, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Council Remarks/Concerns

Councilman Kelly asked for report concerning sex offenders question placed on ballot.

Solicitor reported that he had investigated the request from Mr. Kelly elaborated upon the procedure to have a nonbinding referendum question placed on the November Ballot with the conclusion that the time frame set forth in Title 19 has passed. It was suggested that there may be other ways to get the message out such as letters and resolution could be done again.

Councilman Kelly questioned sale of Bridgeton Villas?

Administrator Liston stated that it had changed hands and he would send the information to Mr. Kelly.

Councilwoman Riley reported citizen has complained about illegal dumping taking place on Albertson Avenue.

Administrator Liston stated he would follow up on the matter.

Pres. Spence reminded everyone of the BBQ contest taking place on Saturday, and other activities that will be going on during the BBQ. He also reminded them of up coming activities such as Boo at the Zoo and Fright Night.

Councilman Salvatore commented on the good job Mary Pierce, Tax Collector, has done on the collection rate.

Pres. Spence stated that Council should have received the Temporary Budget Report.

Councilman Thompson reminded Council they were to discuss the meeting schedule, after discussion it was agreed upon: to remain with the summer schedule, first and third Tuesdays only, commencing the month of October, with a time change of the Work Session starting at 5 p.m.

#### PUBLIC PORTIOIN

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley to open the Work Session to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Mr. Rick Dawson, Franklin Drive, apologized for comments in the paper, and posed the following questions:

When petitions would be validated? Clerk answered, soon.

Mayor was acting on his own or on behalf of the City? Mayor stated on his own.

Councilman Salvatore acting on behalf of office or his own? Councilman Salvatore on his own.

Can names be taken off the petition? Solicitor responded that there is no case permitted or not, his suggestion they can until certified.

Pres. Spence stated he has not solicited but received phone calls.

Mr. Dawson stated his concern is for individuals who have bee contacted by Councilman Salvatore and Mayor.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley to close the public portion of the Work Session which motion was carried.

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

Councilman Kelly asked Councilman Salvatore what gives him the authority to act for the City.

Councilman Salvatore explained he was acting on his behalf as Councilman and in favor of Mr. Ferguson, to serve the city and to explain, he felt his vote was the right thing to do.

Pres. Spence explained if mistakes are made they need to back each other up.

Councilman Kelly stated checks and balances are needed and the people also have a right to exercise their rights.

Solicitor Baker explained the process of the submission of the petitions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley  
RESOLUTION NO. 83-07, authorizing executive session to discuss contract was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

There being no further items of discussion to come before Council at this time, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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Pres. City Council William D. Spence

Date: \_\_\_\_\_