

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 16, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Councilman Kelly
Councilwoman Riley
Councilman Salvatore
Councilman Thompson
Council Pres. Spence
Mayor Begley
Admin. Liston
Assist. Admin. Jackson
Mun. Solicitor Baker/Bertram

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Spence

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

TOPICS:

AGENDA

Clerk presented changes to agenda for this evening's meeting.

SOICITOR

Solicitor informed Council of the need for an executive session to discuss public safety and contract.

Solicitor distributed amendment to Water Ordinance for first reading concerning rates to be charged for Council's consideration. Council decided to place on the next meeting.

COUNCIL

Pres. Spence informed Council if any one needs their business cards revised to inform the Clerk of any changes. (Riley/Spence both need corrections)

Pres. Spence informed Council that Arsenal Sound came and repaired wiring in Council Chambers and also the public microphone needs replacing.

Councilwoman Riley brought up the ideal of televising, discussion concerning the matter was entered into, at the conclusion the Administrator suggested that it be checked into after we have moved into the new building.

Councilwoman Riley commented on the Hamilton Township minutes which was E-mailed to her were very informative and suggested that our minutes be done in that fashion for the web site. Solicitor Baker stated that a certified transcriber would have be hired and paid.

Pres. Spence pointed out they had received information regarding the Keg Ordinance news was that it is not valid according to the memo.

Pres. Spence further pointed out the memo received from Dawn Loatman regarding the Planning Board Meeting.

Pres. Spence informed Council that Robert Felmey's term on the Bridgeton Housing Authority has expired and a need to replace him and asked Council to submit names for candidates.

Pres. Spence also brought to their attention the memo from Solicitor, Rebecca Bertram, regarding parking on the lawn after discussion it was agreed the penalties would be \$75, \$150 and \$300

Councilman Thompson asked for an explanation of item ten, COLA Ordinance which was explained by Administrator Liston

BUDGET

Administrator informed Council of budget increase of 4.3% increase 9.25

Councilman Salvatore requested a handout for the public regarding the budget as last year.

COUNCIL

Councilman Kelly reported, on the petitions for housing sexual predators, we're half way there, deadline is Thursday.

Councilwoman Riley announced upcoming events: Festival of Lights at Sunset Lake, proceeds to benefit the Stadium, and House Tour both on December 2, 2007.

Administrator Liston explained the effect of Item 8 would have on the budget, reducing the trash fee, after discussion it was agreed to take Item 8 and Item 12 off the agenda for further study.

PUBLIC PORTION

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Thompson that the Work Session be opened to the public for any one desiring to address which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the Work Session to any one desiring to address Council.

Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, asked the amount of revenue received from solid waste stickers, he was informed \$3,000.

He suggested that Council consider the penalties for parking lawn give warnings on same car.

Mr. Zapolski informed Council he would resend the minutes from the Hamilton Township Council meetings he feels they are more easily read and understood.

Mr. Zapolski expressed concern over the introduction of the Water rate Ordinance change and he was informed it would be on November 7, 2007 after Director Wuzzardo has had a chance to look it over.

Mr. Zapolski questioned the topic of executive session regarding public safety, techniques or tactics, which solicitor responded.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Thompson to close the public portion which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public portion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley that RESOLUTION NO. 117-07, authorizing an executive session to discuss contract and public safety was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President William D. Spence

Date: _____