

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 23, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Councilman Kelly  
Councilwoman Riley  
Councilman Salvatore  
Council Pres. Spence

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Spence  
INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond  
TOPICS:

COUNCIL

Pres. Spence stated he would like to address a few issues: Budget, Trash Rate, Taxicabs.

Budget/Trash Rate:

Pres. Spence informed Council that Terry Delp, CFO, will be present at November 7, 2007 meeting a decision must be made concerning the trash rate number - \$85 or 90, The trash will go up \$40,000- had to buy extra containers, additional small containers and added two people to public works and pay for the one person tax office. Discussion was entered into at the conclusion it was agreed to look into negotiating tipping fees reduced and possible re-bid, Pres Spence would contact Administrator on these possibilities

Councilman Kelly expressed concern over the increase of the budget along with the \$90 trash rate when it was stated the decrease in the rate to \$85.

Councilwoman Riley commented that there was a mention of lay-offs, to possibly lower the budget, she would like to know who and in what Departments.

Councilman Kelly stated he has asked for scenarios concerning the budget and not that we would disagree with them, but so we would have more information then less.

Councilman Salvatore commented an increase last year of fourteen cents and nine cents this year would be 23 cents increase in two years, pointing out unions need to settle, self insurance or not self insured, all must be considered in the budget.

Pres. Spence stated people resigned and were not replaced to help decrease the budget.

Councilwoman Riley stated we need more information from the Administrator concerning the budget and who and in what departments would lay-offs be and she is not against lay-offs if necessary to reduce the budget.

Council agreed to find out the number and who and in what departments the lay-offs would be.

Taxicab:

Pres. Spence presented police report regarding taxicab owner license in violation of the ordinance, after discussion and going over the report, it was agreed to revisit Ordinance and take no action until Solicitor is contacted for his advice.

PUBLIC PORTION- Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley that the work session be opened to the public for any one desiring to address Council which motion was carried.

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

Hector Lopez, Harrison Street, owner Quick Cab Company, wanted to know where complaints came from and believes they were from his competition. Council and Police Chief explained that it was from police investigation and not his competition. It was agreed to wait for legal counsel from the Solicitor.

Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, expressed concern over taxicab parking issue taking up spaces on the street, spaces should be marked for taxi stand spaces.

Mr. Zapolski also concern of the solid waste \$40,000 increase, and the over filled containers with the lids unable to close which causes water and moisture in the containers which increases the weight of the container, possibly impose a limitation on the amount placed in the containers, and the \$13,000 sticker sales where does that revenue go?

Councilman Salvatore explained that it went for enforcement and salary of the person in the tax office that handles the stickers.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly 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.

Clerk presented Resolution:

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DETAILS OF THE SALE OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE 2007 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Kelly that RESOLUTION NO. 123-07, confirming the details of the General Improvement Bonds of the City pursuant to 2007 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program was adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Thompson being absent. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

There being no further business to discuss, 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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_