

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2007

ATTNENDANCE:

Councilwoman Riley
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Salvatore
Council Pres. Spence
Admin. Liston
Admin. Assist. Jackson
Mun. Solicitors Baker/Haag

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Spence

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

TOPICS:

Main Street Association- Representative Gil Waters from the Association presented BMSA students art program to improve down town storefronts, to dress vacant windows with art concept would kick off this week at the Gallery on November 14, 2007 at 1 p.m.

Council

Pres. Spence brought to council's attention a hearing on taxicab owner Quick Cab license scheduled for November 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. and three council members need to be present.

Pres. Spence has received inquiry concerning recognition of Firemen retirees and not Police, he called upon Admin. Assist., Jeanne Jackson, to explain.

Ms. Jackson explained that the Department would need to supply the information to the Clerk's Office and also that the Mayor does send out, after twenty years of service, a watch to individuals.

Pres. Spence called upon Admin. Liston regarding the Budget.

Admin. Liston distributed chart concerning the major increase areas of the budget and elaborated upon same and responded to questions brought forth by Councilwoman Riley which Chief Finance Officer, Teresa Delp, also responded.

Councilman Salvatore asked about Yard Sale Permits if there was a list of rules regarding them and was informed that there were.

Mr. Salvatore also expressed concern over trash yellow sticker program some way to solve the problem. Discussion was entered into it during discussion the suggestion was made that the convenient center may be a solution to the problem.

The trash fee reduced was brought up for discussion to reduce fee to \$85 from the \$90 fee, Teresa Delp, CFO, responded and explained the problem that would cause if decreased that the next three years there would be an increase of \$40,000.

PUBLIC PORTION

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson 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 anyone desiring to be heard at this time.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, thank police for work on Halloween night and commented on the fact that tax increase is needed to continue services and so we will not go backwards, changes had to be made.

Mr. Martinez, Summit Avenue, expressed concern over taxi cab issue and was informed that public hearing is scheduled.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, commented on business closing we need to build the town back up, and to raises taxes makes it hard on senior citizens, expressed the need for jobs and businesses.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented that he is against the tax increase and thanked Councilwoman Riley for asking questions concerning the budget.

Mr. Rick Dawson, Franklin Drive, questioned where the money collected from trash goes?

Ms. Delp informed him it goes in General Fund that is the law.

Mr. Dawson further commented that the police vehicles parked on the grass behind City Hall should be removed as pointed out by Mr. Bob Thompson several meetings ago.

Mr. Dawson also stated that he appreciated the talk and questioned asked about the budget and stated the administration owes and apology for the pink slips received.

Chief David Schoch, Fire Chief, addressed the budget issue and state that certain things are needed for safety and to run the departments and to continue services.

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.

There being no further items of discussion, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore 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 Spence
Date: _____