

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

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

CALLED TO ORDER: Pres. Spence

INVOCATION: Mun. Clerk Richmond

TOPICS:

TOWING

Application from Quick Towing for renewal of license was presented and has been denied by Public Safety Director/Administrator Liston.

Hearing was held discuss the problem Administrator had spoken to owner of Quick Towing and agreed to waive the requirement subject to stipulation placed in Resolution for renewal of the license. Council discussed and agreed to grant the renewal upon stipulation in Resolution for renewal.

TAXICAB

Public hearing date for renewal of licenses tentatively set for January 15, 2008.

AGENDA

Clerk presented additional items for this evening's council meeting .

BRIDGETON HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Pres. Spence informed Council an appointment to the Authority by Council is required distributed resumes of candidates and asked that he be contacted regarding their choice.

COUNCIL

Thompson questioned what would the Irving Avenue property be used for? He was informed that it was stipulation in the sale of the property to the Hospital it would be returned to the City if they had no further use for it. The City could use it for a variety of use, record storage, office space, police substation etc.

Salvatore stated he will say the invocation this evening.

Mr. Salvatore had questions regarding Bond Ordinance which will be discussed in close session. Resolution for purchase of software, Administrator explained it was recommended by the CFO, Terry Delp to upgrade the system and will be purchased under State contract. Resolution on sale

of Block 95, lots 48, 49 and 50, Solicitor Bertram explained they are attached to the buyer's property and all three will be attached into one. Resolution authorizing agreement with Bridgeton Housing Authority it was explained that every phase is different, retaining wall and end of Cohansey View they are responsible.

Riley reported on the Court House Hill having an Art contest and survey in the neighborhood for their needs when completed the next step to apply for additional funds

Salvatore questioned resolution for tax office changes refund for over payment, Mayor responded bills not correct, new meters being purchased.

Prosecutor's Office, Salvatore waiting for Freeholders presentation report, not have all facts.

Administrator stated the report will be faxed to him and he will share it with Council.

Spence meeting with Freeholders to address the issue.

Kelly stated County under court order and have certain time restraints, suggested looking at other County space needed.

Kelly questioned the Samuel J. Roberts Lodge License, Clerk responded renewal application was not received for their License and must submitted now as a new license.

Riley pointed out area in December 4, 2007 minutes to be corrected which the Clerk stated would be addressed.

PUBLIC PORTION

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to address Council which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard at this time.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, commented that at January 15, 2008 the Public Hearing for Taxicab and Council meeting at the same time would not allow Council time to pass Resolution regarding the renewal of license. They should be separate.

Mun. Solicitor explained that they could be held the same day but the hearing could be held earlier prior to the meeting.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley RESOLUTION NO. 168-07, authorizing close 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 duly moved and second to adjourn the Work Session which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

William D. Spence, Council President

Date: _____