

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey in Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Clerk, Darlene J. Richmond, "Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 giving the time, date, location and agenda to the extent known has been given in the following manner:

1. By posting notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at City Hall Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on August 30, 2013, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on August 30, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple  
Mr. Spence  
Mr. Surrency

Absent: Mr. Thompson

Mr. Zapolski

Pres. Lugardo- Hemple presented the Public Session minutes from the Meeting of August 20, 2013, the Work Session of August 20, 2013, and Executive Sessions August 20, 2013.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and said minutes be approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced one Ordinance has been added for first reading entitled:

### ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 370-ZONING

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 17, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced one Ordinance for second reading entitled:

ORDINANCE APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING  
BLOCK 5, LOT 6.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence to close the public hearing on the ordinance.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple			
Mr. Spence	None	None	
Mr. Surrency			
Mr. Thompson			
Mr. Zapolski			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 13-5 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced this is the time for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter of concern the public desires to address Council.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mr. Spence that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Ms. Jean Warner, Russell Sage Avenue, commented on condition of Splash Park being slippery asked that it be looked into.

Council responded that they would work on her concern.

Mr. Ed Bethea, Oxford Street, thanked Council members for their participation in the Crab Fest it was a great day.

Ms. Jeanne Garrison, West Commerce Street, registered complaint regarding barking dog and court process in regards to her complaint.

Solicitor Bertram explained the court process regarding Neighborhood Dispute Court.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, commented on: illegal peddlers and response of the police, enforcement of ordinances, access to the complex building and parking especially for the elderly and also on ADA compliance.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-6 will be enacted upon by one motion, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately. Item J-6 was an added Resolution dealing with confidential litigation settlement.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski seconded by Mr. Surrency that the following Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book

RESOLUTION NO 56-13, authorizing release of maintenance bond to Union Baptist Temple.

RESOLUTION NO 57-13, authorizing shared service agreement with Upper Deerfield Township for Jetter/Vac Truck.

RESOLUTION NO 58-13, authorizing agreement Senior Housing Partners, LLC for mitigation project Val Mode

RESOLUTION NO 59-13, authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO 60-13, authorizing advertisement for bids for water meters.

RESOLUTION NO 61-13, authorizing confidential settlement with Cynthia Izquierdo.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of bills in the amount of \$684,287.38, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Surrency that the Schedule of Bills is approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced application removed from agenda.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following reports:

Zoning Officer  
Police Department  
Tax Collector

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly commented on report of the Tax Collector our redemption rate is 98.85 percent improved from last year and by far the best collection rate in the County and commended the Tax Office under Mary Pierce and Dale Goodreau.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for remarks

Councilman Surrency enjoyed the Crab Fest and commented on its success and the fine job done by Councilman Zapolski.

Councilman Zapolski commented on Crab Fest an enjoyable time. He appreciated the assistance from the Bridgeton High School Students and Chris Kline and his family.

Councilman Spence thanked all who participated during the Crab Fest it was good day and a success.

Councilman Zapolski thanked Councilman Spence for all his hard work in putting on the Crab Fest.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple commented she echo's Councilman Zapolski sentiments regard Mr. Spence and success of the Splash Park this year and thanked everyone for being here.

There being no further business to come before Council it was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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President Lugardo-Hemple

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