

**BRIDGETON CITY COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 4, 2022 5:30 P.M.
POLICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT COMPLEX
330 FAYETTE STREET, BRIDGETON, NJ**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE

Notice of this Reorganization Meeting of the Bridgeton City Council as required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the "Open Public Meetings Act", has been provided to the South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and the City of Bridgeton Website on December 22, 2021 and The Press of Atlantic City on December 23, 2021 setting forth the date, time and place of this meeting of the Bridgeton City Council.

C. INVOCATION/ FLAG SALUTE

D. ROLL CALL

Bethea _____ DeQuinzio _____ Edwards _____ Gonzalez _____ King _____

E. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2022

F. PRESENTATIONS/ RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ HEARINGS:

1. Elevate 9 LLC - Cannabis
2. Business Dumpster Location Issue (13-17 N. Laurel St.)

G. MINUTES:

1. City Council Meeting: December 21, 2021

MOVE: _____ SECOND: _____ CARRIED: _____

H. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / MAYORAL / SOLICITOR REPORTS

I. OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS

J. ORDINANCES 1st READING (None)

K. ORDINANCES 2nd READING (None)

L. PUBLIC PORTION (on Consent Agenda items, or any other matter.)

OPEN/CLOSE Meeting: MOVE: _____ SECOND: _____ CARRIED: _____

Bethea _____ DeQuinzio _____ Edwards _____ Gonzalez _____ King _____

M. CONSENT AGENDA STATEMENT All matters listed under item M-1 through item M-12 are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately.

MOVE: _____ SECOND: _____
Betha _____ DeQuinzio _____ Edwards _____ Gonzalez _____ King _____

1. **RESOLUTION**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating the Date, Time, and Place of Meetings of the City Council for the Year 2022.
2. **RESOLUTION**, appointing the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Bridgeton for the Year 2022.
3. **RESOLUTION**, designating the Official Newspapers for the City of Bridgeton for the Year 2022.
4. **RESOLUTION**, designating the Official Radio Stations for the City of Bridgeton for the Year 2022.
5. **RESOLUTION**, authorizing the adoption of Robert's Rules of Order.
6. **RESOLUTION**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing the adoption of a Cash Management Plan.
7. **RESOLUTION**, designating the Official Depositories and Investment Groups for the City of Bridgeton for the Year 2022.
8. **RESOLUTION**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating Official Check Signers for the Year 2022.
9. **RESOLUTION**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating Elevate 9, LLC as Conditional Redeveloper for Block 103 Lot 64 AKA 429 E. Commerce Street (Former Ferracuta Parking Lot) and authorizing the City of Bridgeton to negotiate a Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase/Sale Agreement with Elevate 9, LLC.
10. **RESOLUTION**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing and approving contract between City of Bridgeton and Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers Local #94 (S.O.A.).
11. **RESOLUTION**, authorizing the Contract with Gentilini Motors, a State Cooperative #20-01190 for the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD, Crew Cab Special Service Vehicle, not to exceed the amount of \$45,486.69.
12. **RESOLUTION**, making temporary appropriations for the Calendar Year 2022 pending final adoption of the Calendar Year 2022 Budget.

N. SCHEDULE OF BILLS (None)

O. APPLICATION/S (None)

P. REPORT/S (None)

Q. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

R. COUNCIL REMARKS

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION (President Reads Executive Session Resolution) N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Confidential ____ Individual Privacy ____ Collective Bargaining Agreements ____ Contracts ____
Public Protection ____ Litigation Attorney/Client Privilege ____ Personnel ____ Deliberations ____

1. Hayes v. City of Bridgeton – Litigation / Attorney/Client Privilege

MOVE: _____ SECOND: _____

Betha _____ DeQuinzio _____ Edwards _____ Gonzalez _____ King _____

T. ADJOURNMENT MOVE: _____ **SECOND:** _____ **CARRIED:** _____

RESOLUTION NO. M-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON
DESIGNATING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, C. 231, the City Council hereby designates the first and third Tuesdays of each month as the date of its Regular Council Meetings for CY2022 with the exceptions noted on the attached schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that said meetings will be held at the City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey at 5:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Notice of special meetings, rescheduled meetings, or amended meeting schedules of City Council shall be posted forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting on the display board on the first floor of the City Hall Annex, 181 E. Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey, on the City website at www.cityofbridgeton.com and shall be given by mail, email, or fax to the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal newspapers of general circulation in Cumberland County.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

**2022 ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON**

JANUARY	4 (Reorganization Meeting)
JANUARY	18
FEBRUARY	1 and 15
MARCH	1 and 15
APRIL	6 and 20
MAY	3 and 17
JUNE	7 and 21
JULY	19
AUGUST	16
SEPTEMBER	20
OCTOBER	4 and 18
NOVEMBER	14 (Monday)
DECEMBER	6 and 20

RESOLUTION NO. M-2

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER
FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR THE YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.3, requires that municipalities shall designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton is desirous of complying with the requirements aforementioned and those of N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Nichole Almanza is hereby appointed as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the City of Bridgeton for the year 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Division of Purchase and Property Contract Compliance Audit Unit.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-3

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR THE YEAR 2022**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, County of Cumberland, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:53-1, the South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and Atlantic City Press are newspapers which have the greatest boundaries of this body, be and are hereby designated as the official newspapers of and for the City of Bridgeton for the year 2022.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-4

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATIONS
FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR THE YEAR 2022**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that radio stations WSNJ and WVLT are hereby designated as official organizations of and for the City of Bridgeton for the dissemination and reporting of news by way of radio broadcasting for the year 2022.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-5

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF
ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the City Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Administrative Code of the City of Bridgeton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Cumberland County and State of New Jersey, that the City Council adopts Roberts Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure for the year of 2022.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRIDGETON

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton desires to be in compliance with NJSA 40A:5-14

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that the following CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN be adopted effective immediately.

This plan is established to comply with the requirements of NJSA 40A:5-14 and to provide a guide to municipal officials and employees in carrying out their duties concerning the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the City of Bridgeton.

The following requirements shall be adhered to:

- A. City Council shall annually, at its reorganization meeting designate the legal depositories for all municipal funds. The resolution may be amended or supplemented from time to time, as City Council deems necessary. Such resolution(s) shall be deemed part of the Cash Management Plan.
- B. City Council shall establish, by resolution, the required signatories to all municipal bank accounts. The resolution may be amended or supplemented from time to time as City Council deems necessary.
- C. All municipal funds received by any official or employee shall be either deposited within 48 hours to an interest bearing account in the name of the City of Bridgeton, or shall be turned over to the Central Cashier within 48 hours of receipt.
- D. All revenues received by the Central Cashier shall be deposited into an interest bearing account in the legal depositories, which are protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act.
- E. The following funds shall not be required to be maintained in interest bearing accounts:
 1. Change Fund
 2. Petty Cash Funds
 3. Payroll Funds
 4. Trust Funds to the extent that the deposit of such funds to an interest bearing account would require by law the payment of interest to the provider of funds
 5. Checking accounts established for the express purpose of paying bills approved by the governing body. The balances in these funds shall be kept in an interest bearing account when prohibited by law
 6. Compensating balances maintained for the purpose of obtaining specific services from financial institutions. Such accounts shall be

established only under terms of written agreements approved by City Council

- F. Tax Collector (and Utilities Collector) shall deposit all funds to an interest bearing account. All funds collected shall be reported to the Comptroller no later than 48 hours after deposit.
- G. No municipal funds shall be disbursed by the Comptroller prior to the approval of City Council except for:
 - 1. Debt Service Payments
 - 2. Investments
 - 3. Payroll and payroll turnovers to agencies
 - 4. Tax Payments made to the County of Cumberland and the Bridgeton Board of Education
 - 5. Special circumstances at the discretion of the Comptroller
 - 6. When a regularly bi-monthly scheduled City Council Meeting is not held as scheduled due to cancellation or lack of quorum and payments are deemed necessary by the Comptroller

Payments to vendors as per items #4-#6 above must be ratified after payment.

- H. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to designate the Assistant Comptroller to initiate or confirm wire transfers.

It shall be the responsibility of the Comptroller to analyze the cash flow and to invest funds in legal investments so as to maximize interest earnings. When investing funds in commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loans, etc., the Comptroller shall obtain a minimum of three quotations and shall determine which type of legal investment will best serve the needs of the municipality and is authorized to place the funds in any such legal investment, unless otherwise restricted by the governing body.

The Comptroller shall report a monthly summary of investment transactions as required by NJSA 40:5-15.2 to the Mayor, Business Administrator, and City Council.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-7

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENT GROUPS FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR THE YEAR 2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that the following named institutions of said City of Bridgeton be and are hereby designated as the official depositories and investment groups of all city funds coming to the hands of the Mayor, City Comptroller, City Council or the Municipal Clerk of the City of Bridgeton for the 2022 year:

Ocean First Bank	Bank of America
Century Savings Bank	Investors Bank
Common Wealth Financial Network/National Financial Services LLC.	
Agent: Fitzgerald Financial Group LLC	

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-8

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON
DESIGNATING OFFICIAL CHECK SIGNERS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that the following named officials of said City of Bridgeton be and are hereby designated as the official check signers on the following City accounts for the 2022 year:

Current Fund, Grant Fund, Capital Funds, Utility Funds, Developer Escrow, Animal Control, Green Acres Trust, CDBG funds, HOME funds, Payroll Fund, Hortense Headley Scholarship Fund, and Trust other

Mayor
Comptroller

Business Administrator
Assistant Comptroller

Tax Redemption and Premium Account

Tax Collector

Assistant Tax Collector

Municipal Clerk's Account

Municipal Clerk
Chief Financial Officer

Deputy Municipal Clerk

Municipal Court General and Bail Accounts

Court Administrator

Deputy Court Administrator

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-9

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON DESIGNATING ELEVATE 9, LLC AS CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR BLOCK 103 LOT 64 AKA 429 E.COMMERCE STREET (FORMER FERRACUTE PARKING AREA) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRIDGETON TO NEGOTIATE A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE/SALE AGREEMENT WITH ELEVATE 9, LLC

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeton adopted Ordinance 21-15 allowing for and regulating cannabis establishments within the City of Bridgeton; and

WHEREAS, Element 9, LLC, a Certified Minority Business Enterprise, whose principals are Damian Walker and John Saccenti, has submitted a Letter of Intent outlining the company's desire to possibly acquire and redevelop the Block 103 Lot 64 aka 429 E. Commerce St (the "Property") to construct facilities to undertake cultivation and manufacturing of cannabis in the form of a microbusiness operating under a micro license; and

WHEREAS, Block 103 Lot 64 is located within the Hope VI Redevelopment Area: and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton adopted the Hope VI Redevelopment Plan on June 18, 2001 via Ordinance 00-22; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeton is desirous of proceeding with the redevelopment of the Property contemplated by Elevate 9, LLC consistent with the adopted Redevelopment Plan and any amendments thereof and Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Elevate 9, LLC to demonstrate site control and support from the municipality as part of submitting applications and obtaining licensure for cannabis operations from the State of New Jersey;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton as follows:

1. Elevate 9, LLC whose principal members are Damian Walker and John Saccenti, is hereby designated as the Conditional Redeveloper with respect to Block 103 Lot 64 in the Hope VI Redevelopment Area
2. The City of Bridgeton are is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of a Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase/Sale Agreement satisfactory to the Solicitor of the City of Bridgeton;
3. Upon approval of a Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase/Sale Agreement by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton and execution of same by the parties, the Conditional Redeveloper shall be deemed Redeveloper for the Properties subject to the terms and conditions of the Redevelopment Agreement, and shall no longer be considered as "Conditional" Redeveloper.
4. This resolution shall serve as an expression of support for Elevate 9, LLC for the purposes of demonstrating municipal support required for obtaining any required licenses for cannabis operations from the State of New Jersey

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR

, Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-10

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF BRIDGETON AND BRIDGETON POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION SUPERIOR OFFICERS LOCAL #94 (S.O.A)

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeton and the Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers, Local #94 has negotiated with respect to a new collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers, Local #94; and

WHEREAS, a form of collective bargaining agreement has been reached between the City of Bridgeton and the Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers, Local #94; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton is desirous of approving the aforesaid collective bargaining agreement between the City of Bridgeton and the Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers, Local #94; and

WHEREAS, an agreement arrived at by collective bargaining procedures is exempt from the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Bridgeton and the Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers, Local #94 upon final ratification by the Bridgeton Policeman's Benevolent Association Superior Officers, Local #94, the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the aforesaid agreement shall remain available and on file in the Clerk's office for public inspection.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR

Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. M-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH GENTILINI MOTORS, A STATE COOPERATIVE #20-FLEET-01190 FOR THE PRUCHASE OF A 2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 4WD, CREW CAB SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLE, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$45,486.69

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeton. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29, and P.L. 2011, c.139 may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State Contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeton is in need of a special service vehicle to replace the field inspector vehicle that was totaled in an accident; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Chief of the Fire Department to use Gentilini Motors (2703 Fire Rd., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234), State Cooperative #20-FLEET-01190, to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD, Crew Cab Special Service Vehicle, for the amount not to exceed \$45,486.69; and

WHEREAS, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required Certificate of Availability of Funds in the amount of \$45,486.69 to be charged to: FIRE – Non Life Hazard, T-21-00-000-000-001; has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Bridgeton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bridgeton that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Gentilini Motors for the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD, Crew Cab Special Service Vehicle, for the amount not to exceed \$45,486.69, in form satisfactory to the Solicitor of the City of Bridgeton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution, agreement papers and any other associated documents shall be filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ADOPTED at a Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 4th day of January 2022.

ATTEST:

Nichole Almanza, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

,Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor