

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 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 President Surrency.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jeanne Hitchner, "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 14, 2015, at 4:30 pm
- 2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on August 14, 2015, at 4:30 p.m."

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

- Councilman Edwards
- Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
- Councilman Spence
- Councilman Zapolski
- Pres. Surrency

Pres. Surrency announced that at this time, Administrator Goodreau will be giving a presentation on the TY 2015 Budget. Administrator Goodreau presented City Council and the public with a power point presentation going over the details of the Transition Year 2015 budget showing 6 months going from a Fiscal Year Budget to a Calendar Year Budget commencing in January 2016. He also introduced the amendments to the budget which will have a separate public hearing on September 1st.

Pres. Surrency announced this as the time set forth for a Public Hearing for any comments on the TY 2015 Budget only. Upon a motion by Councilman Zapolski and a second by Councilman Spence, the meeting was opened to the public. With nobody coming forward, Pres. Surrency asked Council for a motion to close the public portion. Councilman Zapolski moved, seconded by Councilman Spence to close the public portion, upon which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015, Work Session of August 4, 2015, and Executive Session of August 4, 2015.

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

Pres. Surrency announced two Ordinances for second reading. Deputy Clerk read the first ordinance entitled:
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 15-12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

With no one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to close the public portion, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, and seconded by Councilman Zapolski that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for rejection or adoption by roll call vote which motion was carried.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Edwards			
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple			
Councilman Spence			
Councilman Zapolski			
Council President Surrency			

Council President Surrency declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE 15-22, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Deputy Clerk read the second ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 40-12

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple that meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

With no one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple to close the public hearing.

President Surrency closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for rejection or adoption by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

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Councilman Edwards			
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple			
Councilman Spence			
Councilman Zapolski			
Council President Surrency			

Council President Surrency declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE 15-23, the original may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Surrency announced this is the time and place set forth for the public to address Council with their comments on the consent agenda items or any other matter.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Edwards that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public.

James Doughty of 59 Cedar Street addressed Council with his concerns over his neighboring property located at 52 Church Street. He noted that the property is unkempt and is being used like a dumping ground for all sorts of materials such as branches and dirt. Administrator Goodreau stated that he already addressed this property to Code Enforcement who has sent a Violation Notice and will check the status and call Mr. Doughty with some information about what is being done and the timeframe granted to alleviate the situation.

Dale Stevens of 56 Cedar Street addressed Council about two falls she took while walking on Cedar Street. She noted that she fell while carrying ice cream in front of 61 Cedar Street because the street has a gully in it. She stated that she broke her jaw from this fall. Administrator Goodreau said he would have the Director of Public Works take a look at the street. Ms. Stevens also stated that she is contending with Multiple Sclerosis and is in a great deal of pain. She asked Council if they could offer any help in getting her the medicine she needs since she has been unable to get it. President Surrency said he would speak with her after the meeting to see if there was a way he could assist her.

Will Martin who owns property at Block 191, Lot 30 stated that he does not have access to this property since Independence Road is not being maintained. He expressed interest in possibly purchasing two additional lots in the vicinity in order to have better access to his property. He asked City Council the proper avenue to go about purchasing land from the City. Administrator Goodreau directed him to speak to Kevin Rabago in Economic Development.

Thomas Martin of 425 Southeast Avenue expressed concern over a very large hole about 4 ft. wide and 6 ft. tall in the side of the Port Authority Building at the sidewalk level. He stated there is a 20 ft. drop below and feels this is negligent being it's been there at least a month now. He asked City Council if anything is schedule to be done to alleviate these conditions. Administrator Goodreau stated that he would bring this to the attention of the Public Works Department first thing in the morning.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Edwards that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-11 will be enacted upon by one motion unless a Council member desires to discuss an item; in that case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately. Items J-9 through J-11 were added to the Agenda during the Work

Session. Also during the Work Session, items J-4 and J-6 were decided by Council to be rescheduled for the September 1, 2015 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 254-15, Awarding bid for tree trimming services to Kuhar Family Tree, LLC
RESOLUTION NO. 255-15, Authorizing the sale of surplus property on Gov Deals, LLC
RESOLUTION NO. 256-15, Authorizing Senior Citizen Tax Exemption to Shultz
RESOLUTION NO. 257-15, Authorizing street closure for Crab Fest 2015 Event
RESOLUTION NO. 258-15, Amending the TY 2015 Budget
RESOLUTION NO. 259-15, Authorizing contract modifications to South State for Raceway Dam Project
RESOLUTION NO. 260-15, Recognizing the 95th anniversary of women's right to vote
RESOLUTION NO. 261-15, Accepting a donation from the Cohanzick Zoological Society
RESOLUTION NO. 262-15, Authorizing first MOU between City of Bridgeton and the Kintock Group
RESOLUTION NO. 263-15, Authorizing Executive Session Resolution to discuss CONTRACTS-Kintock Group

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple that Resolutions J-1 through J-11, except for J-4 and J-6, which were rescheduled, 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.

Pres. Surrency asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,966,374.71.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that the Schedule of Bills be 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 Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced two applications were received for Block-Off Street.

1. A. Barragan on 9/19/15
2. VFW 6th Annual Poker Run on 9/26/15

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to approve said applications which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports:

1. Municipal Clerk (July-Revised)
2. Vital Statistics (June 2015)
3. Treasurer's Report (July 2015)
4. Zoning Board Report (Jan-Mar)
5. Zoning Board Report (Apr-June)
6. Municipal Liens (June/July)
7. Zoning Report (June-Aug)

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Edwards that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly stated he had none at this time.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for closing remarks.

Councilman Edwards had no comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple also had no comments.

Councilman Spence wanted to remind everyone that the 25th Anniversary of Crab Fest is this weekend and there will be a new 5K run to participate in. He said the weather looks like it will be cooperative and encouraged everyone to come out for a good time.

Councilman Zapolski had no comments.

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

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Hitchner, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Approved:

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____