

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 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 Deputy Clerk, Mary L. Kimble, "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 December 13, 2013, at 4:30 pm

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on December 13, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple  
Mr. Spence  
Mr. Surrency  
Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Zapolski

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple turned the meeting over to Mayor Kelly for a presentation to Rev. David Gonzalez, Overcoming Victory Church for his contributions to the community and participation in "Make a Difference Day, 2013". City is very thankful for his time promoting the anti-violence theme.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called the members of the PBA forward – Sgt. Luis Santiago, Lt. Michael Speranza, and Patrolman Anthony Bertolini wishing to donate money for food for needy families for Christmas, saying that no one needs to go hungry, especially at Christmas time. They presented \$400.00 to Council President, who will be distributing the money to the families to buy food and pay heating bills.

Pres. Lugardo- Hemple presented the Public Session minutes from the Meeting of December 3, 2013, the Work Session of December 3, 2013 and Executive Session of December 3, 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 two Ordinances for first reading.

The Council President stated that the first ordinance G-1 has been removed from the agenda and tabled until the first meeting in February, 2014.

Council President read an ordinance for first reading entitled:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON**

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 January 7, 2014 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

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

Randall Colle, owner of Randy's, Commerce St. thanked council for taking the ordinance from the agenda for first reading regarding downtown displays. Mr. Colle asked what the donation was for, which was responded to Council President. Mr. Colle donated \$100 to help the families.

Barry Goldsboro, Bridgeton, asked about the renewal for the taxi licenses. Council responded that they are on the agenda.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski 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-14 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. Items J-12, J-13, and J-14 were added to the agenda during the Work Session

RESOLUTION NO. 128-13 authorizing contract amendment with Cumberland County for Municipal Alliance Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 129-13 awarding bid for supply of water meters to Rio Supply Inc

RESOLUTION NO. 130-13 authorizing discharge of mortgage or endorsing original mortgage for cancellation for Randy's Inc. and Tri County Community Action Agency, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-13 authorizing insertion in budget for Body Armor Replacement grant  
RESOLUTION NO. 132-13 authorizing interlocal service agreement with Shiloh Borough for Animal Control Services  
RESOLUTION NO. 133-13 appointing Risk Management Consultant 2014- Willis of NJ  
RESOLUTION NO. 134-13 appointing D. Goodreau fund commissioner for Statewide Insurance Fund  
RESOLUTION NO. 135-13 authorizing Tax Office changes  
RESOLUTION NO. 136-13, authorizing Tax Office changes  
RESOLUTION NO. 137-13, authorizing shared services agreement with Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office for enhanced preventive patrols  
RESOLUTION NO. 138-13, authorizing membership renewal in CDC for 2014  
RESOLUTION NO. 139-13, authorizing advertisement for bids for rescue truck  
RESOLUTION NO. 140-13, authorizing shared services with Upper Deerfield Twp interconnect for water emergencies.  
RESOLUTION NO. 141-13, appointing Mary Jane Lake Comptroller, term to expire December 31, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Spence seconded by Mr. Thompson that the 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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$261,153.81, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 five applications:

1. Taxi Owner License renewals –
  - a. Go US Cab & Transport
  - b. El Chapulin
  - c. S & K Taxi, LLC.
  
2. Towing Rotation License renewals
  - a. Ed's Body Shop
  - b. Quick Towing

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that said applications be approved and licenses issued, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports for November:

Zoning Applications  
Vital Statistics  
Police Department

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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 spoke to Council and those present about initiating a Code Blue policy for homeless in the City. Cumberland County does not have a policy. City has started warming centers/hospitality rooms. Using various churches in the city. Volunteers are needed, and we are asking for donations: volunteer time, sleeping bags, cooked foods, hats, gloves, etc. Trying to work on transportation plan to help the homeless get to the centers. Weather has to be about 25 degrees or lower or 32 degrees with rain, snow, sleet.

City needs to work on some type of shelter as a long-term solution.

For monetary donations the Mayor asked Council if the city can do a dedication by rider so when donations come in they can go into a special account for the city for its costs.

Thanked Council for letting him present this issue. We need to be part of the solution to the homeless problem.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for remarks

Councilman Thompson congratulated Council President for the job she has done helping others in the community. Good seeing the PBA here tonight offering their donations. There is a lot of love in Bridgeton. He hoped everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday.

Mr. Surrency stated also about the fine job Ms. Lugardo-Hemple is doing, and the BEN Column. It is touching that people came forward. He recognized Mike Abbott who takes food to seniors and shut-ins. It is a sign of a good community. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Zapolski thanked the Mayor for Code Blue initiative and that he has a comprehensive program. He appreciates the program. He attended the Festival of Lights. The people did a fantastic job, and it takes a long time to put together. He wished everyone a happy holiday, Merry Christmas and whatever your observation is.

Mr. Spence wished everyone a happy and safe Christmas. Thanked audience for taking the time to come out to the meeting. It is important to the community.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple people are calling her for donations and she tries to help those in need. She has been collecting toys, and money for food and necessities. She

appreciates council members and wanted them to know she thinks they work hard for the city. She recognized Mike Abbott for the work he has done in the community and she appreciates the kind words. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holiday.

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,

Mary L. Kimble  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

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