

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 5, 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 Acting Council President Lugardo-Hemple.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal 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 May 1, 2015, at 4:30 pm
 2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 1, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.
- Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Zapolski.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Edwards
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Spence
Mr. Zapolski

Absent: President Surrency

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015 and Work Session of April 21, 2015.

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

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple two Ordinances for first reading.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read an Ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BRIDGETON PORT AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$225,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Mr. Zapolski that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on May 19, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Mr. Zapolski that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on May 19, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple no Ordinances for second reading:

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced this being 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 Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Michael Abbott, addressed Council regarding: keeping the Library continuing to operate, Informed Council of Mr. Jack Hummel hospitalization, look for another official newspaper that will cover the City and that he does not agree with Ordinances concerning the Port Authority.

Mr. Warren Robinson inquired about the progress report on the Nail Museum.

Administrator informed Mr. Robinson that we are waiting to hear from the grant we applied for.

Mr. Robinson also inquired if there were any plans for a Memorial Day Parade.

Administrator stated that the Director is working with the Veterans Advisory Committee on the parade and he would inform him when does.

Ms. Delores Batten, registered complaints regarding incident on her street, condition of neighborhood and over crowding

Mr. Thomas Martin commented on large tanks being removed from the Ethanol area. Administrator stated that they are being removed for repainting and will be placed back

Mr. Samuel Serata addressed Council regarding supporting the Library and also the Port Authority purchase and urged Council to consider all things and what you doing with the Taxpayers money.

Mr. Will Martin inquired concerning the Port Authority Property, assessed value and redevelopment of the area.

Business Administrator responded that the current assessed value is listed and their are some interested in the property.

Ms. Wendy Cesario , commented she agrees with the Library being kept open and the issue of over crowding.

Ms. Cesario addressed the issue property assessment at Twin Oaks which Administrator responded and informed her of the Tax Assessment Appeal Form that is available.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

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

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-18 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-14 to J-18 were added to the Agenda. Item J-19 was added to the agenda and will be acted upon separately. .

RESOLUTION NO. 139-15, award contract to Line System, Inc. for phone system improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 140-15, authorizing Fireworks Celebration for Fourth of July.

RESOLUTION NO. 141-15, Tax Office authorized to adjust their records.

RESOLUTION NO. 142-15, Senior Citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 143-15, Veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-15, request insertion of revenue \$4,000/

RESOLUTION NO. 145-15, request insertion of revenue from DOT \$260,056,

RESOLUTION NO. 146-15, adopting standard operation procedures of NJDOT Projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 147-15, authorizing agreement with County for Municipal Alliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 148-15, authorizing modification of contract for Mayor Aitken Drive sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-15 authorizing modification of contract for Raceway Dam Project

RESOLUTION NO. 150-15, authorizing budget appropriation transfers.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-15, authorizing modification contract for fire house/library roof.

RESOLUTION NO. 152-15, authorizing refund for marriage license.

RESOLUTION NO. 153-15, appointing Chief of Police Gaimari.

RESOLUTION NO. 154-15, authorizing agreement with Chief of Police.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-15, appointing Captain of Police Battavio.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-15, authorizing agreement with Captain of Police

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Edwards 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.

Upon Motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Edwards that RESOLUTION NO. 157-15 approving the FY 2015 Annual Action Plan and the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Zapolski abstaining and Pres. Surrency absent. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,967,952.17 all members have received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence 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" for Schedule of Bills.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced two applications.

Raffle License Parish of the Holy Cross

Bingo License Parish of the Holy Cross

It was moved Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that said applications be approved and license issued which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no reports:

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly no comments.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Edwards, no comments.

Councilman Spence, no comments.

Councilman Zapolski, no comments.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski to reconvene to the Executive Close Session, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple, Acting
Council President

Date: _____