

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 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 Jack Surrency.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by City 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 July 11, 2014, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on July 11, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Dennis Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Spence
Mr. Surrency

Absent: Mr. Thompson

Mr. Zapolski

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for a presentation.

Mayor Kelly presented proclamation to R&S Construction, Lowe's and Ranch Hope for their contribution as partners of Bridgeton for renovation of Johnson Reeves Playground.

Pres. Jack Surrency presented the City Council Reorganization of July 1, 2014 and Work Session, Council Meetings of June 4, 2014 and June 17, 2014 and Executive Sessions of June 4 and June 17, 2014.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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. Surrency announced one Ordinance for first reading.

Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSENT AND PRERMISSION TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY TO FURNISH GAS FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER AND FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC STREETS TO PROVIDE GAS SERVICE IN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.

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 August 5, 2014 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Surrency announced two Ordinances for second reading:

Clerk announced this is the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTING MAYOR AITKEN DRIVE, CURRENTLY CR 697 FROM WEST PARK DRIVE, CR 621 TO WEST COMMERCE STREET, CR 731 FROM THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND TURNING OVER VINE STREET FROM FAYETTE STREET, CR 650 TO GREENWICH ROAD, CR 607 ALONG WITH 150 FEET OF WEST AVENUE, CR 607 BETWEEN GREENWICH ROAD, CR 607 AND VINE STREET TO THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and 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 a hearing on this ordinance this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Surrency closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski 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 which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

Pres. Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-1, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Clerk announced this is the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING GNERAL CODE CHAPTER 254

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Spence that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and 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 any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, concerned about background checks for vendors on the streets, he was informed that it will continue.

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

Pres. Surrency closed the public hearing.

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

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

Pres. Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-2, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Spence 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 for anyone desiring to be heard.

Ms. Jamie Warner, Russell State Avenue, expressed concern over chickens being allowed on her property as pets for her children's safety because of the tick population. The possibility of changing the Ordinance to state chickens as being pets not live stock which are not allowed?

Discussion was entered into at the conclusion of which it was agreed to be looked into and Ms. Warner also agreeing to look at neighboring municipalities ordinances.

Ms. Flavia Alaya, W. Commerce Street, also commented concerning the chicken issue and creating new natural environments and pest control, there are cities and urban environments that are making strides in this direction and finding ways to accommodate people.

Also encouraged support of the of the CABACON 2014 Conference in being held in October and the New Jersey Council of Humanities strongly endorses this project.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence 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, item J-8 was removed during the Work Session, and items J-10 and J-11 were added during the Work Session, will be acted upon by one motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-14, authorizing application DOT funding Baltimore Avenue.
RESOLUTION NO. 20-14, authorizing extension of MOU Community Action Agency.
RESOLUTION NO. 21-14, authorizing contract modification Marandino LLC, Johnson Reeves Playground
RESOLUTION NO. 22-14, authorizing lease agreement Cumberland County van and trailer.
RESOLUTION NO. 23-14, authorizing application Congestion Mitigation Air Quality.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-14, honoring Festival Puertoriqueno of New Jersey.
RESOLUTION NO. 25-14, appointing Interim Fire Official.
RESOLUTION NO. 26-14, award bid Mayor Aitken Sidewalks, Charles Marandino, LLC
RESOLUTION NO. 27-14, appointing Class I Police Officers.
RESOLUTION NO. 28-14, appointing Class II Police Officers.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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. Surrency presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$719,891.49, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski 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. Surrency presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$28,986, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that the Schedule of Bills is approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by roll call vote with Mr. Spence recuse himself. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced two applications added to the agenda.

1. Raffle Permit, Kiwanis Club, September 18, 2014
2. Raffle Permit, St. Andrews Church, October 14, 2014

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that said applications be approved, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced following June reports:

Municipal Clerk
Zoning Officer
Public Works Department (Quarterly Report)
Police Department

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski to receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly shared with Council and those present and distributed fliers regarding a weight fitness program for the City of Bridgeton with the goal for the City employees to lose all together 500 pounds with the slogan "When You Lose We all Win", Mayor's Fitness Challenge started Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Zapolski commented Main was beautiful as he vacationed there.

Councilman Spence announced the Crab Fest and Sport Fest the weekend of August 1 and August 15 Bridgeton Invitational Baseball.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked the Administrator for his help regarding housing issues and encouraged everyone to attend the Bridgeton Invitational.

Pres. Surrency encouraged everyone to take part in the weight lose program and thanked everyone for being present.

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,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____