

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 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 Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

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 May 30, 2014, at 4:30 pm

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 30, 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

Mr. Zapolski

Absent: Mr. Thompson
(Excused due to another commitment)

Pres. Lugardo- Hemple presented the City Council minutes from the May 6, 2014 Work Session, Council Meeting of May 20, 2014 and Work Session of May 20, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency 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 and that one Ordinance G-1 was removed:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALALRIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEEES

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on June 17, 2014 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read Ordinance entitled:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on June 17, 2014 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple no ordinances for second reading.

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. Zapolski second by Mr. Surrency 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.

Mr. Mike Abbott, East Commerce Street, addressed Council regarding incidents that occurred in the down town area and emphasized on the need of police presence in the down town area.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, thanked each Council person and Mayor for their services.

Ms. Batten commented on a variety of issues concerning her neighborhood and residents needing to attend Council Meeting but they say nothing gets done, but you can only do so much.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, stated that he hopes someone steps up to the plate and takes care of Ms. Batten's problem.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that the public portion be closed, 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-17, items J-9 and J-11 were removed during the Work Session, and items J-15 to J-17 were added during the Work Session, item J-8 will be acted upon separately; all other items will be acted upon by one motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 289-13, congratulating BHS Valedictorian.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-13, congratulating BHS Salutatorian.

RESOLUTION NO. 291-13, closing streets for the Parade of Champions.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-13, authorizing transfers in 2014 budget appropriations.

RESOLUTION NO. 293-13, authorizing accelerated tax sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 294-13, authorizing senior citizen tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO. 295-13, exercising fourth year option with Waste Management.

RESOLUTION NO. 296-13, reject bid for sound system down town business district.

RESOLUTION NO. 297-13, authorizing agreement between Deputy Clerk and City.

RESOLUTION NO. 298-13 refund Martin Ruiz processing fee for peddlers permit.

RESOLUTION NO. 299-13, award raceway dam reconstruction, South State, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 300-13, authorizing award Land Dimensions Engineering, Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 301-13, authorizing RFP marketing, etc., City Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 302-13, supporting crossing guard salary raise.

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski
RESOLUTION NO. 303-13, authorizing promissory note and loan agreement with CCIA for purchase of wheeled recycling carts for the City was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Surrency abstaining and Mr. Thompson absent. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$707,155.11, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second 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" Schedule of Bills.

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

1. Gospel Street Services, Peace and Joy Pentecostal Church.
2. La Palmas extend Alcoholic Beverage license to their parking lot on June 20, 2014, for Summer Celebration.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no reports:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor commented that he is sorry to hear that this will be Ms. Batten's last meeting as we need people involved and urged people to come.

Also shared with Council that we are making way with one of housing complex, Burlington Manor, improving their property is showing some fruit. We still are talking to the other complex and we will be taking some steps to have them implement what has to be done.

Mayor announced he had a call from a business man who is working with to bring a factory to Bridgeton and asked him to find 20 truck drivers immediately at fifteen to twenty dollars and hour and health benefits with Class one licenses, CDL. It is important that we do it because it will enhance the idea for him to move his business to Bridgeton. Those interested can contact his office.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Surrency expressed concern to Ms. Batten that he does not know what happen but they can talk and hopes he will see her and her husband at this years Crab Fest.

Councilman Zapolski addressed the issue regarding Ms. Batten's remarks about Council, he pointed out various matters that were resolved by Council because people came to Council with their concerns.

Councilman Zapolski also addressed issue of police officers in the downtown that he would like to see that happen in support and believes that it can be done.

Thanked Ms. Batten for her kind words and understands her frustration.

Councilman Spence commented he echoes's Councilman Zapolski.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple expressed concern for Ms. Batten and announced Mr. Abbott's birthday being today also the Community Yard Sale, June 7, 2014 and Parade of Champions tomorrow.

Administrator Dale Goodreau addressed the police issue concerning the hiring of police officers.

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

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____