

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 6, 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 1, 2014, at 4:30 pm

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 1, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Jack Surrency.

The following answered to roll call:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Spence

Mr. Surrency

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Zapolski

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced students from Bridgeton High School were present tonight to observe how Council Meetings are conducted preparing for their Youth Week Mock Meeting.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council minutes from the Meeting of April 15, 2014, the Work Session of April 15, 2014.

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 no Ordinance for first reading.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced three Ordinances for second reading, Ordinance H-1 has been removed from agenda.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson to close the public hearing, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson 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 Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABTAIN
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Surrency	None	None	None
Mr. Thompson			
Mr. Zapolski			
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 13-20, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read Ordinance entitled:

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE CLARIFYING THAT ANTICIPATED DEMOLITION COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO PAYMENT PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF ANY CLAIM FOR FIRE DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$2,500.00

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

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Mr. Surrency	None	None	None
Mr. Thompson			
Mr. Zapolski			
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 13-21, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-16 IN CONNECTION WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO SUNSET LAKE DAM AND RACEWAY IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FROM \$4,500,000 TO \$6,700,000 AND TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN A FEMA GRANT AND INSURANCE PROCEEDS, APPROPRIATING THE \$1,690,271 INSURANCE PROCEEDS AS A DOWN PAYMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM \$4,500,000 TO \$5,009,729 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF THE FEMA PROCEEDS.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

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Mr. Spence			
Mr. Surrency	None	None	None
Mr. Thompson			
Mr. Zapolski			
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 13-22, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 Mr. Thompson 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.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, Pearl Street, addressed Council regarding letter received from the City in concerning building violations one being a new roof.

Mayor and Councilman Spence will meet with Ms. Wulderk regarding the matter.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented that he does not understand why there is not someone in the City government that she could have talked to before it got to this. There should be someone in the City she could go to and resolve these kind of problems.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, you can not fault the City for doing its job and there is someone in the City that is approachable that is the Business Administrator.

Mr. addressed Council concerning replacement of Class I Officers in the downtown area and also that companies coming into the City guarantee jobs for the local residents and that it be guaranteed in all the paper work.

Mayor assured that local residents will be guaranteed the jobs.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson 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-20, items J-15 to J-20 were added to the agenda during the Work Session, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-13, award bid for lease of billboard space.

RESOLUTION NO. 250-13, authorizing closing streets for Memorial Day Parade. , Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 251-13, imposing lien on properties for abatement of maintenance violations.

RESOLUTION NO. 252-13, authorizing canceling a portion of Municipal Alliance 2014 Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 253-13, authorizing professional service agreement with Kathleen McGill Gaskill.
RESOLUTION NO. 254-13, authorizing bid for two EMS stretchers.
RESOLUTION NO. 255-13, authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.
RESOLUTION NO. 256-13, authorizing tax office changes.
RESOLUTION NO. 257-13, authorizing accepting bequest for Zoo from Clark Estate.
RESOLUTION NO. 258-13, approving FY2014 Annual Action Plan for City.
RESOLUTION NO. 259-13, Tax Office authorizing deduction Add Backs.
RESOLUTION NO. 260-13, authorizing transfers in 2014 appropriations.
RESOLUTION NO. 261-13, authorizing agreement with County of Cumberland for Municipal Alliance.
RESOLUTION NO. 262-13, authorizing contract with Schafer Pyrotechnics, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO. 263-13, authorizing UEZ Grant Funds for Ashley Arts Center Grant.
RESOLUTION NO. 264-13, authorizing agreement with Agri-Global, LLC prospective redeveloper, Ferracute property.
RESOLUTION NO. 265-13, authorizing professional service agreement with Brock Russell.
RESOLUTION NO. 266-13, award bid for road restoration and repaving to Ricky Slade
RESOLUTION NO. 267-13, honoring Robert Knipe, retiree.
RESOLUTION NO. 268, honoring William Hickman, retiree

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$2,943,122.69, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$18,750.00, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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 abstaining. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced two applications:

1. Gospel Street Services from Glory Tabernacle Church.
2. Raffle Permit from Fraternal Order of Eagles

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports:

Municipal Clerk (March)
Public Works (Quarterly)
Zoning Officer (April)

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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 thanked Council for allowing the presentation this evening by Agri-Global, LLC of their development proposal for Ferracute Site.

Also Mayor had the three students from Bridgeton High School introduce themselves who will be participating in the Youth Week Council Mock Meeting on May 20, 2014 and also two students from Cumberland County College.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson commented he was very impressed with both presentation.

Councilman Surrency also liked the presentations this evening they were very positive for our community and mentioned the success of the Cinco De Mayo Celebration and the Fishing contest both very well attended.

Councilman Zapolski wished those who made their presentation a success with their endeavors

Councilman Spence thanked the Mayor and Administration for bringing the Agri-Global presentation tonight as we know the Ferracute site has been discussed for along time and hopefully they will be able to overcome some of the hurdles that are necessary he hopes that does happen.

He is also excited about the project at the Ashley McCormick Building it is very welcome and commented on the success of the Cinco De Mayo Celebration.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple commented on the presentations they will be great for out town, the Theater and Agri-Global .

Pres. Lugardo- Hemple also mentioned the Kids Festival at the Zoo and it was a success and thanked everyone for being here and Administrator as they had the opportunity to attended the Law and Safety Seminar and received a Certificate and reminded everyone of the community Yard Sale June 7, 2014.

Mr. Michael Abbott asked about the Class I Officers.

Administrator responded he would have to get back to him about them.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that they reconvene the meeting for an executive session regarding litigation and there may be possible action after.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented Resolution for Council's consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Spence
RESOLUTION NO. 270-13 authorizing confidential litigation settlement, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

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,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Date: _____