

**CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2017**

A Reorganization meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers at the City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Clerk Kathleen L. Keen.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Clerk, Kathleen L. Keen, "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 28, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on December 28, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.
3. Published in the South Jersey Times on December 26, 2016.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Zapolski

The Deputy Clerk called for nomination of Temporary President.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that Councilman Zapolski be nominated as Temporary President with no other nominations; Councilman Zapolski was elected Temporary President.

The Deputy Clerk announced Councilman Zapolski as Temporary President.

Temporary President Zapolski called for nomination of Council President for the Year 2017.

It was moved Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Edwards that Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple be nominated as City Council President for the year 2017. With no other nominations and by unanimous roll call vote Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple was elected as City Council President for the Year 2017.

President Elect Lugardo-Hemple thanked Council for trusting and voting for her as Council President for 2017. She said she hopes council works together this year bringing more ideas to the table, being more effective, and working close with the administration.

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the minutes of the Work Session Meeting December 6, 2016, and City Council Meeting Minutes December 20, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and Second by Mr. Surrency to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members having received copies and minutes are approved as received which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced no Ordinances for first reading or second reading.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced this being the time and place set for public portion on the consent agenda or any other concerns.

President Lugardo-Hemple stated during the public portion for the upcoming year, she is proposing anyone wishing to be heard or voice their concerns to council do so; however council will not answer questions at that time. Council will address all questions and concerns during the council remarks portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Edwards that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

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

Mr. Michael Abbott, congratulated President Lugardo-Hemple. He then asked city council to work together, check their egos at the door, and remember they are a team. He then commented on the park plan resolution being held over, stating he feels two weeks is not enough time to put a plan together.

Mrs. Dolores Batten, congratulated President Lugardo-Hemple. She then said the city is stressed, and cannot afford to re-build the park, and the residents are taxed enough. Mrs. Batten said she wants to be positive about the city and thinks there are other things needing to be done. She suggested the taxpayers be notified when the council meets to make decisions regarding the park.

Steven Paul of Bridgeton Main Street Association, congratulated President Lugardo-Hemple, and wished council and administration a Happy New Year. He stated this year is the year for the downtown to "go over the top". He spoke of initiatives and grants, and to increase the market power of the downtown. Lastly Mr. Paul announce the Main Street Association has a full board this year.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Edwards to close the public portion of the meeting which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Lugardo-Hemple read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items L-1, through items L-17, with item L-13 being removed during the work session are considered routine and 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.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the following Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-17, designating City Council meeting dates, time, and place.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-17, designating the official newspaper of and for the city.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-17, designating the official radio stations of and for the city.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-17, designating the official depositories and investment groups.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-17, setting interest and penalty on taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-17, authorizing adopting a Cash Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-17, reappoint Dean Dellaquila to the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-17, appointing Darlene Richmond as Public Agency Compliance Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-17, designating the official check signers.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-17, authorizing an agreement for EMS shared services with Hopewell.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17, support for motorcycle events in Maurice River Twp.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-17, authorizing submission of strategic plan for municipal alliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-17, authorizing request for proposals for vacant and abandoned property.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-17, authorizing temporary budget appropriations for the CY 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-17, authorizing non-fair and open contract for procurement consultant.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17, appointing various professionals and authorizing professional service agreements

President Lugardo-Hemple announced no applications.

President Lugardo-Hemple presented reports from the Water/Sewer Department for November 2016, and the Police Department for October and November 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that said report be received and filed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly stated there will be a Martin Luther King service on Monday January 16th, 3:30 at the Marino Center. This year instead of only having a breakfast, they are having a day of

service. It will not just be a day off, children in the community will be performing community services. There will be a speaker talking to the youth about their future.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards congratulated President Lugardo-Hemple. He feels the “team” did a good job this year. He agreed with Ms. Batten stating he also thinks more residents need to come out to the meetings. Lastly Mr. Edwards said Main Street is doing a great job bringing businesses to the city.

Councilman Spence congratulated Council President Lugardo-Hemple and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He then said he hears everyone’s comments about the park, and said to please call him if they have questions.

Councilman Surrency wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated President Lugardo-Hemple. He said he hopes to make the city great and move forward.

Councilman Zapolski addressed Mrs. Batten’s concerns about cost for the park. He stated he is always cost conscience. He stated he hopes Main Street works with the downtown to help clean up the area. Lastly he congratulated President Lugardo-Hemple and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

President Lugardo-Hemple thanked everyone for coming out; her friends, family and her husband. She thanked department heads for attending and the Police and Fire Departments for supporting her and council. She thanked Mrs. Batten and Mr. Abbott for attending city council meetings. Lastly President Lugardo-Hemple said 2016 was quite a year for the city. This year council needs to work together more than ever before, council decisions make a difference in the community and personal feelings need to be left at the door. She said she respects each council member and each bring their own talent and knowledge to council. Lastly President Lugardo-Hemple said she wants to work together and make the changes needed for the city.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____