

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 6:30 p.m., at the 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 Deputy Clerk, Kathleen 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 February 1, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on February 1, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Spence

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Surrency - Absent

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2017, the Work Session Minutes of January 17, 2017 and the Executive Session Minutes of January 17, 2017.

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

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

President Lugardo-Hemple announced this is the time for anyone who desires to address council on the consent agenda or any other matter.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Zapolski the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to address council on the consent agenda or any other matters, which motion was carried.

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

Mr. Adam Young spoke of drugs and panhandlers in the city, he feels there should be a group formed to help those in need. He would like to see the park and amphitheater utilized more for events and entertainment.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on resolutions removed during the work session. He spoke of Verizon wireless' request to install poles and lines within the city.

Solicitor Rebecca Bertram asked to address council; she spoke concerning allegations made by Mr. Tom Martin at the January 17th meeting regarding Mayor Kelly.

Ms. Jess Melendez said she feels the people do not have a voice in the city, and is concerned for the economic prosperity of the city.

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

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

President Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-3, with J-1 and J-2 being removed during the work session, will be enacted upon by one motion unless a council member desires to discuss an item, in that case the items will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17 authorizing the reappointment of Sharon Daugherty to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Zapolski that said Resolution be adopted which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Lugardo-Hemple asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of February 7, 2017 in the amount of \$3,145,221.67.

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski that the Schedule of Bills be approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedules may be found in the Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced two applications.

The Rotary Club of Bridgeton Foundation Inc. 50/50 Raffle

The Rotary Club of Bridgeton Foundation Inc. Merchandise Basket Raffle.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Zapolski that said applications be approved which motion was carried and licenses granted.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports.

1. Zoning Reports
2. Treasurer Monthly
3. Quarterly Budget Report-4th Quarter 2016
4. Department of Public Works Quarterly Report
5. Zoning Board Reports 2016
6. Development & Planning 2017 Marketing Strategy Report - AMENDED
7. Development & Planning Projects & Initiative Status Report - AMENDED

With report number #5 removed during the work session, and report #7 requiring additional information by Councilman Zapolski, it was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly thanked Solicitor Bertram for investigating and clearing up the perceived conflict, noting he did not ask her to.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Spence addressed residents asking them to please call or email him with their concerns, he would be glad to meet with them.

Councilman Zapolski discussed his observation of other municipalities and the city, comparing and contrasting the appearance of solid waste and trash. He commended the Department of Public Works for their efforts and enforcement.

President Lugardo-Hemple stated when she moved to the city years ago and attended council meetings she never heard residents complain to council for not doing anything for the city; she understands how residents feel and is frustrated also. She noted council does things to help throughout the city that not all see, council does not announce what they do all the time. Lastly she spoke of Bridgeton Main Street and needing volunteers to help clean up throughout the city.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman 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: _____