

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 4, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 4, 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 March 29, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on March 29, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Spence – Absent

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the meeting minutes from March 21, 2017 will be presented at the next council meeting. She noted the Deputy Clerk has been working alone in the office and council appreciates everything she is doing.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced one ordinance for first reading.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 149 – FEES ADDING SECTION 149-22A – NOTARY SERVICE FEES**

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Surrency this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 18, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Surrency 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. Albert Cuff Sr. said he came before council a month ago requesting a handicapped sign be placed at his church, he thanked the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for assisting and getting the sign put up.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on the CCIA presentation; noting the building would not be a ratable and would be used for private businesses and the county. He feels the city should collect some sort of rents from the businesses.

Mr. Steven Paul of Bridgeton Main Street, said an audit of downtown to determine what businesses have a website or social media presence. He spoke of the ordinance allowing upstairs living, the Cinco de Mayo Festival planning has begun, an audit of window displays downtown will be forthcoming, and a group advertising campaign.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards 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-5 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. 54-17 authorizing refund of plumbing and fire permit application fees to senior citizens

RESOLUTION NO. 55-17 authorizing tonnage grant application

RESOLUTION NO. 56-17 authorizing execution of discharge of mortgage for the Kintock Group of New Jersey, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-17 authorizing utility account adjustments and taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 58-17 authorizing the introduction of the Calendar Year 2017 Budget

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that said Resolutions 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 April 4, 2017 in the amount of \$179,343.55.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Surrency 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 the following application.

1. Catering Permit for Las Palmas

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

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports.

1. Vital Statistics February 2017
2. Police Department February 2017

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly asked the Administrator to update council on Futsal. The Administrator spoke of a recent meeting with various Departments and individuals involved to repurpose and refurbish the tennis courts for futsal and tennis. She noted an elevated court will be looked into for pickleball. DPW Superintendent Dellaquila and Recreation Director Hemple met with the city engineer to discuss the project.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Zapolski said it was a pleasure having Mr. Cuff compliment council in a positive way. He noted he appreciates the working relationship between Administration and the Department Heads on the futsal project, and hopes to see it come to fruition.

Councilman Edwards thanked the staff for their budget presentation and explaining the needs of their departments.

Councilman Surrency said the budget presentation was great, and thanked the Department Heads for coming to the meeting to explain their budgets. He said he agrees with DPW Superintendent Dellaquila that a street sweeper is very much needed.

President Lugardo-Hemple said the budget presentation was excellent and thanked the Department Heads for attending the meeting, and Comptroller Lake for her hard work on the budget. She said upstairs living needs to be revisited. Lastly she spoke of the upcoming walk for Autistic Children on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged everyone to attend and wear blue.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

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Kathleen L. Keen, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Gladys Lugardo-Hemple  
Council President

Date: May 2, 2017