

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 2, 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 Clerk, Darlene 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 10, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on May 10, 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 Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Presentation was made by Council President Lugardo-Hemple to Carla who came before Council requesting to open a Lemon Aid Stand.

Presentations of appreciation by Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple was also given to the volunteers who participated in the City's first Autism Walk.

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Meeting Minutes, Work Session Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of May 2, 2017.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilman Surrency 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 three ordinances for first reading.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149, FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 7, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Spence that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on June 7, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 7, 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 Zapolski 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. Michael Abbott presented request for placing a memorial bench in the pocket park at Commerce and Pearl Streets in commemorating the life of Warren Robinson. He is committed to purchasing the bench but will accept donations for same anything above the cost will be donated to a charity.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on maintenance of DeEdwin Center which is leased by Try-County, Schedule of Bills regarding use of UEZ funds for Audit of City Port Authority requesting that it be removed from the Schedule of Bills.

Mr. Jorge Romero spoke in support of Main Street Association.

Mr. Andrew Bodine new member of Main Street and commented in support of Bridgeton Main Street Association.

Mayor Kelly commented on the maintenance of the DeEdwin Center by using volunteers and putting their own money (Tri-County) into that facility.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Surrency 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 items J-1 through J-12, and with removal of J-5 are considered routine and 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. 76-17, approving extension of lease agreement with Tri-County Community Action Agency, Inc. Block 142, Lot 11.

RESOLUTION NO.77-17, imposing lien on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-17, Tax Office authorized deduction of Senior Citizen Add Backs.

RESOLUTION NO.79-17, authorizing award of purchase Fire Extinguisher Supplies and Service.

RESOLUTION NO.80-17, authorizing professional service agreement to GEO Services Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-17, authorizing Senior Citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-17, authorizing Veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-17, award vacant and abandoned property services.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-17, authorizing purchase of Auto parts Supplies.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-17 authorizing State Contract List of Vendors.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-17, authorizing Fireworks Display.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 May 16, 2017 in the amount of \$1,505,235.07.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Spence 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 presented the following applications:

1. Block Off Street Church Street to Parker Street, Religious Service, Pastor Gilbert Hernandez.
2. Block Off Street Sharp Street, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Annual Fuzzie's Festival.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that said applications be approved which motion was carried and licenses granted subject to the Recreation Directors final approval.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports.

1. Department Public Works Quarterly Report
2. Tax Office Cash Receipts April
3. Municipal Clerk March and April
4. Police Department March
5. Treasurer Report April
6. Zoning Officer March, April, Part of May.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly apologized for earlier comments regarding Gateway. Announced Billboard on Route 55/42 advertising our City Park and Zoo. Also reminded everyone of the Invitational.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards sorry he missed the presentation by Main Street but has spoken to Steven Paul and Debbie Boykin and believes they are doing a great job.

Councilman Surrency commented that Cinco de Mayo was excellent last Saturday. Also stated that he welcomes those volunteers that want to offer their services in the City although they may live in the surrounding areas.

Councilman Spence commented that he is thankful that Main Street was pulled for further discussion, he hopes we can come to some resolution.

Councilman Zapolski none.

President Lugardo-Hemple thank everyone for coming and great idea for pocket park bench in memory of Warren Robinson who worked a lot for 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

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____