

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 20, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 20, 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 June 14, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on June 14, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Spence

Councilman Surrency

Absent: Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Council President Lugardo-Hemple called on Dean Dellaquila, Director of Public Works who made a presentation to City Employee Donna Sooy who is retiring after 28 years of service in the Department of Public Works with a Resolution congratulating her on her retirement.

Council President announced a presentation from the Bridgeton Women's Club and called them forward along with Police Chief Gaimari at which time they announced the Club Collected over thousand dollars and presented to the Bridgeton Police Department. Chief Gaimari presented the bike patrol equipment and was able to re-outfit all the bikes with the money that was given.

Council President announced another presentation by Mayor Kelly. Mayor Kelly presented a resolution recognizing the Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond on her retirement after forty-one years of employment with the City, twenty five of those years being the Municipal Clerk.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced four ordinances for first reading.

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2016**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards 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 July 5, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY OF BRIDGETON IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM**

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Edwards that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on July 18, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON**

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on July 5, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote with Councilman Spence voting No.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION CHURCH LANE AND ASSOCIATED ALLEYWAYS**

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on July 5, 2017 which motion was carried by roll call vote with Councilman Spence voting No.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced five ordinances for second reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON RENAMING LOT AT THE CORNER OF COMMERCE AND PEARL STREETS ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 86 LOT 19 AS WARREN ROBINSON PARK**

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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

Mr. Michael Abbott inquired about dedication of renaming the area and bench purchased. Mayor informed Mr. Abbott that plans are being made and the public would be informed.

Ms. Jeanne Garrison questioned the location if it was the pocket park and was informed it is not the pocket park but the area on Pearl and Commerce Streets.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-9, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON RENAMING THE STREET KNOWN AS “BURT STREET” WITHIN THE CITY OF BRIDGTEON TO “RICHIE KATES, SR. WAY”**

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

President 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 Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-10, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-11, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 247 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

President 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 Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-12, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Edwards that this be considered the second reading and of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

President 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 Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Edwards that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Spence			
Surrency	None	None	Zapolski
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-13, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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.

Ms. Dolores Batten, thanked Darlene for her help in the Clerk's Office on different issues and commented the City needs jobs and businesses also on the Police Bike Patrol makes you feel safe.

Ms. Nikia Rivera commented on the revitalization of the community and the Master Plan that included various activities as of yet has not been done and no progress in it being done and her family may move which is sad.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on the ID Program seems like it would be a lot of burden on Department of Administration but it has come a long way.

The sale of property to CCIA that Council would designate someone else beside the Mayor to negotiate and execute it.

The Solar Project is not consistent with the Park Plan and if they have looked at other locations.

Also that the three CCIA projects are not ratables for the City and we already have many non-ratables.

Mr. Dean Dellaquila wished the Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond the best on her retirement and thanked her for all her help.

Chief Mike Gaimari congratulated Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond on her retirement.

Mr. Wayne Steward congratulated Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond on her retirement.

Mr. Steward posed a question regarding a grant for the dump for a walkway and lights, what happen to the grant? Park should be a Park that there is a lot of potential.

Also that the City needs to be cleaned-up, make it clean and make it safe everything else will take of its self.

He further reported on several times his property was broken in and stated that a cloud is over Bridgeton.

Mr. Velaquez addressed the ratable issue regarding the properties in the down town area and in respect for the landfill CCIA is trying to help the City has a Cap and they came up with a solution that may help the City close the Cap and also helping with shared services for repair of vehicles.

Mr. Mike Abbott posed question regarding closing of Church Lane is Domino's Pizza going to stay there, how will the trucks unload?

Councilman Surrency thanked Mr. Abbott for his assistance during an incident that occurred along the road side.

Mr. Abbott was informed Domino's is staying and they are working with them as far as access to their property and CCIA is working with all downtown store owners.

Mayor commented Rutgers Food and the gentlemen that produced a tomato sauce there and bottled was asked to stay here there was no place for him to stay and moved to Pennsylvania. CCIA will expand Rutgers and people like him can stay in the City.

What was said about cloud over the City he has to take an exception to that, it is how you see what is happening in Bridgeton, if his house was broken as many times as his. I may feel the way he does and he wish it did not happen. But as the Mayor of the City of Bridgeton a lot of people do not see the good things that are happening in the City but positive things are going on we are a great City and getting better. There is no cloud our City is not what it once was but it is not what it will be

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Spence 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-121, with items J-7 and J-10 removed during the Work Session will be 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. 104-17 recognizing Donna Sooy on her retirement from the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 105-17 recognizing Darlene Richmond on her retirement as City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 106-17 imposing lien on various properties for maintenance violations.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-17 requesting insertion of item of revenue from 2017 Municipal Court Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-17 requesting insertion of item of revenue from DOT for the 2017 Municipal Aid Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-17 requesting insertion of item of revenue from New Jersey Department Environmental Protection for the 2017 Clean Communities Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-17 authorizing Fire Works Display.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-17 authorizing release of escrow with respect to Ricci Stahlberger.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-17 authorizing access to Block 79 Lot 9.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-17 authorizing assignment of tax sale certificate 15-00206.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-17 authorizing sale of 2014 Seagrave Rescue Truck to City of Vineland

RESOLUTION NO. 115-17 approving submission of application to NJDOT for reconstruction of brick sidewalks downtown Bridgeton Phase I

RESOLUTION NO. 116-17 authorizing application with Office of Community Oriented Police Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-17 confirming CCIA as City of Bridgeton's bidding agent for purposes of selection of an Equipment Leasing Company

RESOLUTION NO. 118-17 renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-17 award contract for Municipal Management Software Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-17 advertise for tennis court and futsal repair, resurfacing and fencing.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-17 authorizing bids for purchase of firefighter uniforms.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-17 CCIA shared service agreement for vehicle repair and maintenance service.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-17 award contract to Max Communications, Inc. for telephone service and equipment.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Spence 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 June 20, 2017 in the amount of \$665,168.93.

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. Catering Permit: 54<sup>th</sup> Street Liquor LLC on June 24, 2017, 4 pm to 9:30 pm at 401 E. Commerce Street.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following report.

1. Cash Receipts May 2017
2. Monthly Treasurer's Report May 2017
3. Municipal Clerk's Monthly Report May 2017
4. Water/Sewer Department Monthly Report May 2017
5. Zoning Officer May/June 2017

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

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards congratulated Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond and enjoy her retirement.

Councilman Surrency stated he appreciated Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond expertise, friendship and concern for the City, she have a great life and go visit Surrency Georgia.



Councilman Spence congratulated Municipal Clerk Darlene on her retirement and appreciated all the help she has given him wish her the best. She will have her hands full with two young ones at home.

Also commented on the projects that come before Council is the first time hearing about them and we are not able to go to every meeting to hear about them and we need to ask questions about them does not mean we are opposed to them.

President Lugardo-Hemple congratulated Municipal Clerk Darlene Richmond and echoed the previous remarks and appreciated all the years she was help to her. Also appreciate all that where here tonight.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

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Darlene J. Richmond, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Gladys Lugardo-Hemple  
Council President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_