

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 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 President J. Curtis Edwards.

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 November 30, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on November 30, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence

The following answered to roll call:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Spence

Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Edwards

President Edwards presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016, Work Session of November 14, 2016 and Executive Session of November 14, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that said minutes be approved as corrected (Work Session Minutes: amended Ordinance and title by removing Block 226 Lot 33 in item G-3 and language regarding New Jersey Ethanol and Councilman Zapolski accompanying them on a visit to their site, no commitment made) and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies which motion was carried.

President Edwards announced no Ordinance for first reading.

President Edwards announced three Ordinances for 2nd Reading

Deputy Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,233,750 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,172,062 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Ms. Lugardo Hemple 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.

Pres. Edwards opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mr. Tom Martin spoke of attending Council meetings and having the chance to see and hear presentations from the department heads discussing the needs for the bond ordinance, i.e.: fire truck repairs needed, retrofitting a new ambulance, and the new pothole patching machine.

There being no further public comments, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards closed the public hearing.

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

Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

Yeas	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lugardo-Hemple			
Surrency	Spence	None	None
Edwards	Zapolski		

Pres. Edwards declared the ordinance failed.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES WITH BRIDGETON APARTMENTS URBAN RENEWAL LLC FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT BLOCK 226, LOTS 34 AND 34.01.

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

Pres. Edwards opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Edwards closed the public hearing.

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

Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

Yeas	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lugardo-Hemple			
Spence			
Surrency			
Zapolski			
Edwards			

Pres. Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 16-19, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Deputy Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES WITH CA VILLAS LLC FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT BLOCK 227, LOT 1

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

Pres. Edwards opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Edwards closed the public hearing.

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

Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

Yeas	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lugardo-Hemple			
Spence			
Surrency			
Zapolski			
Edwards			

Pres. Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 16-20, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 Edwards opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Father Rivera of Holy Cross Parish thanked council for supporting the fireworks presentation. He stated last year's procession event was attended by over 2500 people, some from as far away as Delaware and Maryland. He hopes to bring positive attention to the city, the Spanish community and the parish and help make Bridgeton better.

Mr. Mike Abbott said he agreed with Mr. Spence for voting "no" to the bond ordinance. He reminded council of a city right-of-way on the Sun Bank property. Mr. Abbott then spoke of hearing residents say they don't utilize the city library due to the amount of homeless people who are there; they cannot get to the computers or restrooms. Lastly he voiced his opinion regarding the possibility of food trucks setting up in the area of the boat ramp. He stated that would be taking business away from the downtown businesses, and could be dangerous for those trying to cross Broad Street which is a state highway.

Mr. Steven Paul, Bridgeton Main Street Association said the holiday parade went very smooth, and thanked the police department and administration for their help. The house tour sold over 200 tickets, bring people from northern New Jersey to the city. Lastly he spoke of a petition to extend the UEZ fund.

Mr. Kenneth Hunter spoke of recreational basketball and the age limits. He then discussed potholes and the road conditions of county owned roads within the city.

Mr. John Finkle reiterated what Mr. Hunter said regarding county road conditions in the city and the potholes. He then spoke of a permit for recreational basketball for kids ages 15-17 and being denied from the Recreation Department.

Mr. Carl Hemple stated he was present when the board of education submitted a permit to the recreational commission for youth basketball ages 15-17; it was not denied, it was questioned due to the cost of the high school gym. Subsequently the recreation department did submit a request for the age group. Mr. Hemple also spoke of the high cost for youth groups to use the high school gym.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on proposed resolution j-3 authorizing removal of accounts from the annual tax sale. He questioned specific properties being removed and the cost to the taxpayers.

Ms. Alberta Frazier questioned why council voted against the bond ordinance, stating it was for monies for a new fire engine, and she feels the city needs it.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple, that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

President Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Edwards announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-17, with J-18 added 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. 286-16 authorizing suspension of enforcement of ordinance section 30-4 (Holiday trash collection)

RESOLUTION NO. 287-16 imposing liens on properties for abatement of maintenance violations

RESOLUTION NO. 288-16 authorizing Tax Office to remove accounts from the annual tax sale

RESOLUTION NO. 289-16 cancelling improvement authorizations to improvement balances to water/sewer utility

RESOLUTION NO. 290-16 cancelling unspent grant balances

RESOLUTION NO. 291-16 authorizing release of escrow to Mead Woodward Post 1795 (VFW)

RESOLUTION NO. 292-16 accepting trailer from Cumberland County Office of Emergency Management

RESOLUTION NO. 293-16 authorizing RFP for Professional Services for calendar year 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 294-16 authorizing senior citizen tax exemptions

RESOLUTION NO. 295-16 authorizing budget appropriation transfers for CY 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 296-16 authorizing shared service agreement with Township of Greenwich

RESOLUTION NO. 297-16 authorizing sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use

RESOLUTION NO. 298-16 authorizing award to NAPA Auto Parts/Bridgeton Motor Parts

RESOLUTION NO. 299-16 authorizing award to DMC Supplies, Inc. for cleaning supplies and miscellaneous clothing needs

RESOLUTION NO. 300-16 authorizing award to Bridgeton Plumbing & Heating Supply Co,

RESOLUTION NO. 301-16 authorizing emergency expenditure without public bidding for damage at the library

RESOLUTION NO. 302 authorizing emergency appropriation for costs for water damage to the library

RESOLUTION NO. 303 authorizing a fireworks display for the Parish of Holy Cross

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. 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 Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of December 6, 2016 in the amount of \$349,055.18

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. 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.

Pres. Edwards announced four applications.

Block off Street – Father David Rivera 12/8/16 7 pm to 8:15 pm beginning at 123 E. Commerce Street ending at 312 N. Pearl Street

Block off Street – Father David Rivera, 12/11/16 6:30 pm-8 pm, beginning at 312 N. Pearl Street ending at 46 Central Avenue.

Taxicab Owner Renewal License S&K Taxi. LLC Husan L. Chumber.

Taxicab Owner Renewal License Jaylene Cab Rafael Jimenez

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to approve said applications which motion was carried and licenses granted.

Pres. Edwards presented the following reports:

Treasurer (October)

Vital Statistics (October)

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

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Mr. Surrency thanked everyone involved in the Christmas parade; noting he and Mayor Kelly did the route twice, walking the first time and riding the second.

Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple thanked everyone for attending the festival of lights, the parade and Main Street for a very successful house tour. She also thanked Father David of Holy Cross Parish for bringing fireworks to this year's religious event.

Mr. Spence thanked everyone for being at the meeting, stating usually when a big group attends council they leave when their business is done. He noted the respect shown to council was very much appreciated.

Mr. Zapolski said he wanted to explain when people address the council in public session it is a comment portion for people to express their concerns to the council, not a question and answer period; it is the formality of what the council does. He also said when questions are asked of the council with regard to departments, the city council cannot get involved or dictate to the administration how to run the city. He suggested any questions or concerns to that affect should be discussed with the Business Administrator for better communication. Lastly Mr. Zapolski addressed Mr. Tom Martin regarding the NJ Ethanol Plant, noting he has expressed his concerns with council regarding the project, and agrees with Mr. Martins concerns.

President Edwards thanked everyone for coming to the meeting; he thanked Father Rivera and spoke of the upcoming fireworks, he praised Mr. Steven Paul of Main Street for doing a great job with all of the recent activities in the city and lastly addressed Ms. Frazier saying he would stay to speak to her and answer any questions regarding the bond ordinance that was rejected.

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

President Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis, Edwards
Council President

Date: _____