

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

A Reorganization meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 6:30 pm, City Council Chambers, City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Jack Surrency.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal Clerk, Darlene J. 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, 168 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on December 29, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on December 29, 2015, at 4:30 p.m."
3. Published on December 22 and 28, 2015

The Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson

Absent: Councilman Spence
Councilman Zapolski

Clerk called for nomination of Temporary President.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Edwards that Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple be nominated as Temporary President with no other nominations; Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple was elected Temporary President.

Clerk announced Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple as Temporary President.

Temporary Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called for nomination of Council President for the Year 2016.

It was moved Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that Councilman Edwards be nominated as City Council President year 2016 with no other nominations and by unanimous roll call vote Councilman Edwards was elected as City Council President for the Year 2016.

Temporary Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented City Council President Elect J. Curtis Edwards the gavel for the 2016 Year.

Pres. Elect Edwards thanked Council for their support and electing him as the next President.

Pres. Edwards presented the minutes of City Council Meeting December 15, 2015, December 15, 2015 Work Session, and December 1, 2015 and December 15, 2015 Executive Sessions.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and Second by Mr. Surrency to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members having received copies and minutes are approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards announced no Ordinances for first reading or second reading.

Pres. Edwards announced this being the time place set for public portion on the consent agenda or any other concerns.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Ms. Dolores Batten, Albertson Avenue, addressed Council suggesting that a suggestion box be placed at the Complex for citizen and also that the Neighborhood Dispute Court be reinstated.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, addressed Council regarding the condition of City Hall Annex and need of its renovation.

Mr. Edward Bethea, Oxford Street, commented his support of the City Council and congratulating Mr. Edwards as newly elected Council President.

Administrator Goodreau commented regarding Mr. Abbott's comments by giving an update on the Annex condition and stated that they will continue to look at what can be done by the band aid approach.

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

Pres. Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Surrency read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items L-1, through items L-29, are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately. Item 29 was added and copies are available to the public.

Upon motion by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple seconded by Mr. Surrency that the following Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by roll call vote with Mr. Zapolski and Mr. Spence absent. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-16, designating City Council meeting dates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-16, designating official newspapers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-16, designating official radio stations.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-16, designating official depositories.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-16, setting interest and penalty on taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-16, adopting Cash Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-16, reappoint Dean Dellaquila Planning Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-16, appoint Public Agency Compliance Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-16, authorizing State Vendors.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-16, designating official check signers.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-16, professional service Bowman Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-16, professional service City Engineer.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-16, professional service Demetrica Todd

RESOLUTION NO. 14-16, professional service Rebecca Bertram
RESOLUTION NO. 15-16, Independent Hearing Officer Barker Gelfand and James.
RESOLUTION NO. 16-16, Independent Hearing Officer Eric Bernstein
RESOLUTION NO. 17-16, professional service William Blaney.
RESOLUTION NO. 18-16, professional service Long Marmero Associates.
RESOLUTION NO. 19-16, professional service Gruccio Pepper DeSanto Ruth.
RESOLUTION NO. 20-16, professional service Stephen Nardelli of Fralinger
Engineering.
RESOLUTION NO. 21-16, professional service Barbara Fegley Planner.
RESOLUTION NO. 22-16, professional service Brock Russell Planning Board Solicitor
RESOLUTION NO. 23-16, professional service Joseph Maffair, Alternate Planning
Board Engineer.
RESOLUTION NO. 24-16, professional service Edward J. McManimon Bond Counsel.
RESOLUTION NO. 25-16, reappoint Robin Wood Zoning Board.
RESOLUTION NO. 26-16, reappoint Redonna Bowels Zoning Board.
RESOLUTION NO. 27-16, reappoint Perla Islas Zoning Board.
RESOLUTION NO. 28-16, Iris Herbert releases part of mortgaged premises.
RESOLUTION NO. 29-16, settlement of litigation Shakera Brown.

Pres. Edwards announced no applications.

Pres. Edwards presented report from Vital Statistics Office.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that said report be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly.

Mayor Kelly thanked Council for their support, congratulated Council President Edwards, stated Code Blue was in operation on last night and that he would look into Possibility of Neighborhood Dispute Court.

Pres. Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Surrency thanked Council for their support for the last year; especially Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple congratulated Pres. Edwards and welcomes his professionalism recognized those present and thanked the Clerk for her assistance.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple congratulated Council President, thanked everyone for their support especially her husband, and recognized those present.

Pres. Edwards thanked Council for their confidence in electing him as President and wished everyone and Happy New Year.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Surrency to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____