

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., 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 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 Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on February 26, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City on February 26, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Surrency
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Zapolski
Pres. Edwards

Pres. Edwards called upon Mayor for swearing in of Chaplains.

Mayor Kelly called upon Police Chief Gaimari who swore in the following City of Bridgeton Police Chaplains: Douglas Hickman, Daniel Vasquez, Howard Duncan, Tyrone Jones, and Beverly Dairsow.

Pres. Edwards presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016, Work Session of February 16, 2016 and Work Session of February 2, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that said minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards announced two ordinances for first reading.

Pres. Edwards stated that this Ordinance has been removed:
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE V, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

CITY OF BRIDGETON CALEDAR YAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 15, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Edwards announced on ordinance for second reading:

Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$9,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PHONE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that the 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 a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one 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.

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

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple	X			
Mr. Spence		X		
Mr. Surrency	X			
Mr. Zapolski		X		
Pres. Edwards	X			

Pres. Edwards announced Ordinance failed.

Pres. Edwards announced this is the time for public portion to comment on the consent agenda items or any other matters.

It was moved Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that 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.

Ms. Linda Lynch, registered complaint regarding trash ticket she received.

Mr. Michael Abbott, commented on the down town area and the Historic District.

Ms. Dolores Batten, thanked everyone and her problem has been solved.

Mr. Carl Hemple, informed everyone of the Little League opening on April 16 also commented on the Reorganization Meeting and the Hall of Fame Building and its ownership.

Councilman Zapolski and Councilman Spence responded that the Administrator and Solicitor would look into the matter.

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

Pres. Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Edwards announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-9 will be enacted upon by one motion unless a Council member desires to discuss an item; in that case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately. Item J-5 was removed from the Agenda during the Work Session. Also item 9 was added, changes in language was made to Items J-1 and J-4, the name of Michael Abbott was listed in Item J-6.

RESOLUTION NO. 71-16, authorizing amendment agreement with Cumberland Empowerment Housing Corporation for River Grove Housing Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-16, award contract for Tax Appeal Attorney, Rebecca Bertram.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-16, award contract for Tax Foreclosure Attorney, Douglas Long.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-16, authorizing full refund to Elder Garcia of his application for peddler permit.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-16, appointing Michael Abbott as a member of Municipal Port Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-16, authorizing contract modifications to 2015 Road Paving Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-16, awarding Rio Supply, Inc. for furnishing Water Meters to City of Bridgeton.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-16, confirming sale of property to Kintock Group of New Jersey, Inc.

It was moved Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded 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.

Pres. Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of March 1, 2016 in the amount of \$580,966.75

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 no applications.

Pres. Edwards announced the following reports:

Tax Office Annual Receipts/January Receipts

Comptroller Sale Special Emergency Note

Police Department (January)

Vital Statistics Office (January)

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

Pres. Edwards called upon Mayor for comments.

Mayor commented that the Hall Fame owner ship would be looked into and that we are working with the Seniors and extended and invitation to Ms. Batten regarding the Nursing Home visits.

Pres. Edwards called upon Council for closing remarks.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple congratulated Mr. Abbott on being appointed to the Port Authority and Ms. Batten on getting her problem solved.

Councilman Spence no comments
Councilman Surrency congratulated Mr. Abbott.
Councilman Zapolski no comments.
Pres. Edwards congratulated Mr. Abbott.

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

Pres. Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____