

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 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 Council President 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 Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on February 27, 2015, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 27, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Edwards
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Spence
Mr. Zapolski
President Surrency

Pres. Jack Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015 and Work Session of February 17, 2015, also Executive Session Minutes of February 17, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence with the necessary correction on the February 17, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes (adding vote of Council President Surrency on the Bond Ordinance for Capital Improvements) and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and that said minutes are approved, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced one Ordinance for first reading.

The 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 \$1,220,00 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,159,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 17, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Surrency announced no ordinances for second reading.

Pres. Surrency announced this being the time and place set forth for the public to address Council with their comments on the consent agenda items or any other matter.

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

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Jamie Warner, Russell Sage Avenue, asked how a citizen can be placed on a committee or board, she was informed that there is an application on line that they can volunteer to serve.

Ms Warner commented on the peace rally held on Saturday and appreciated the leniency given to the group not having a permit but thanked the City for giving the space.

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

Pres. Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-2 through J-7 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-1 was removed from the agenda during the Work Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-15, Tax Assessor authorized to grant senior citizen tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 80-15, Tax Office authorizing Senior Citizen Add Back.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-15, reaffirm purchase of 100' tower Ladder Truck thru Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-15, award professional service agreement to NW Financial Group, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 83-15, supporting S2642/A3952 for UEZ sales tax revenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-15, authorizing confidential settlement of litigation.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that the Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Surrency presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,467,465.90 all members have received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Spence that the Schedule of Bills is approved and warrants be drawn on their various accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" for Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced no applications.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports:

1. Vital Statistics Office (January)
2. Comptroller's Sale of Bond Anticipation notes and Special Emergency Note.
3. Zoning Officer

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor commented on the peaceful protest that took place on Saturday commending the Police Department, Sheriff Department, Chaplains, Council Members and Road Department and all that participated.

The Mayor also stated that they were aware of them not obtaining a permit, the City allowed it so that there would be no confrontation. The march was held in a safe and orderly matter.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Edwards, no comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, no comments.

Councilman Spence, no comments.

Councilman Zapolski commented on the Rotary Dinner, Rocket Club, and New Jersey Makers Day.

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. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____