

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 15, 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 March 11, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City on March 11, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Edwards presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2016, Work Session of March 1, 2016 and Executive Session of March 1, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 five ordinances for first reading.

Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE V, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE II, FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 265, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277, RENTAL PROPERTY, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo Hemple that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Edwards announced one ordinance for second reading:

Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

CITY OF BRIDGETON CALENDAR YEAR 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 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. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards closed the public portion.

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 adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 16-2, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

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

Mr. Michael Abbott addressed Council regarding sitting arrangement of Council. The need to enforce ordinances and being more specific when passing the ordinance especially regarding resolution J-7 on the agenda. Mr. Abbott wanted to make it clear that he commented on gangs in the Park not crime.

Mrs. Dolores Batten, commented on donations to be made to the Park and also suggested that the downtown empty store front windows be renovated made attractive even though empty.

Ms. Barri Goldsboro, of S & k Taxi, LLC, addressed Council regarding additional Taxi Cabs.

Chief of Police Michael Gaimari addressed the issue regarding crime in the Park assuring those present that there is no problem with crime in the Park and reported statistics regarding the issue over the last two years.

Ms. Shae Belum, addressed Council regarding medical issues her husband is having.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence 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-8 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-16, governing body has reviewed Annual Audit.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-16, authorizing granting veteran tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 82-16, authorizing membership in U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-16, authorizing identification statement required by Recycling Enhancement Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-16, authorizing Recycling Tonnage Application.
RESOLUTION NO. 85-16, authorizing Temporary Appropriations pending adoption 2016 CY Budget.
RESOLUTION NO. 86-16, authorizing RFP for Mobile Food Concessions in City Park.
RESOLUTION NO. 87-16, authorizing utility account adjustments and taxes.

It was moved Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. 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.

Pres. Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of March 15, 2016 in the amount of \$196,396.65.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 the following applications:

Parish of Holy Cross, Chinese Auction Raffle
Parish of Holy Cross, Regular Raffle
Parish of Holy Cross, Instant Raffle
Parish of Holy Cross, 50/50 Raffle

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that said applications be approved and permits issued, which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards announced the following reports:

Zoning Officer (February)
Municipal Clerk (February)
Treasurer (February)
Police Department (February)

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 Council for remarks.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked Police Department for their assistance at Indian Avenue School crossing.

Councilman Spence no comments
Councilman Surrency no comments
Councilman Zapolski no comments.

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

Pres. Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____