

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 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 Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

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 March 15, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on March 15, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Spence

Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

President Lugardo-Hemple stated on behalf of International Women's Month, she would like to acknowledge the members of the Greater Bridgeton Women's Club and invited those in attendance to step forward to receive a Certificate of Recognition. Council joined her in presenting the certificates.

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Meeting Minutes, the Work Session Minutes, and Executive Session Minutes of March 7, 2017.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple announced two ordinances for second reading.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 300 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REGARDING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple 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 Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency 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 Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-2, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Zapolski this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple 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 Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Zapolski that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-3, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

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

Mr. Tom Martin commented on the resolution in support of building a thriving NJ, voicing his concerns, and urging councilmembers to vote in the interest of the tax payers.

Mr. Carl Hemple invited everyone to Little League opening day on April 8th at 10 am. The major and senior league divisions will be traveling this year to Alloway, Salem, Vineland, and Millville.

Mr. Dwayne Ames of the American Littoral Society asked for volunteers and crew leaders for a clean-up being held on April 29th at 8 am. Those interested can sign up online.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Surrency that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-9 with J-1 being voted on separately and J-2 removed, 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.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that Resolution J-1, A Resolution in Support of Building a Thriving New Jersey be adopted.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence		X		
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski		X		
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

The original resolution known as Resolution 45-17 may be found in the Resolution Book.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-17 authorizing refund of plumbing and fire permit application fee

RESOLUTION NO. 47-17 affirming city funding for CHABA grant funds received from the 1772 Foundation for repairs of the Nail House

RESOLUTION NO. 48-17 requesting the Southern New Jersey region receive its fair share of state aid and /or general public benefits

RESOLUTION NO. 49-17 authorizing utility account adjustments and taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 50-17 to reject RFP for Vacant and Abandoned property services

RESOLUTION NO. 51-17 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sunrise Catering to operate mobile food vending at approved locations within the city park

RESOLUTION NO. 52-17 authorizing the emergency temporary appropriations pending final adoption of the calendar year 2017 budget.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman 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.

President Lugardo-Hemple asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of March 21, 2017 in the amount of \$266,793.54.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Spence 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.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following applications.

1. Parish of the Holy Cross 50/50 Raffle Application #517
2. Parish of the Holy Cross Gift Card Raffle Application #518
3. Parish of the Holy Cross Daily Instant Raffle Application #519
4. Parish of the Holy Cross Bingo Application #101
5. Parish of the Holy Cross Bingo Application #102

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Spence that said applications be approved which motion was carried and licenses granted.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports.

1. Central Cashier Receipts February 2017
2. Water/Sewer February 2017

3. Treasurer's Report February 2017
4. Zoning Application Report 1/31/17-3/10/2017
5. Municipal Clerk Report February 2017

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

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly spoke of the meeting tomorrow at Rowan University regarding the state budget, he will be speaking regarding the restoration of the UEZ, restoring COMPTRA and local aid to the levels they should be. He noted the State Prison needs to be discussed in the future, and is South Jersey getting their fair share. Lastly, Mayor Kelly said tax reform and school funding needs to be addressed and informed everyone Senator Sweeney will be attending the school board meeting next Tuesday and urged all to attend. Councilman Spence questioned the Mayor on changes to the Property Tax Freeze, Mayor Kelly noted he would look into it, and invited council to attend the NJLOM meetings in Princeton.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards commended the Recreation Committee on a great presentation, and congratulated the Women's Club on their recognition.

Councilman Spence congratulated the Women's Club. He said he supports the Littoral Society for what they are doing, however he cannot make it that day. As the Liaison to recreation, he hopes a committee can be formed to help the futsal/tennis project come to fruition.

Councilman Surrency congratulated the Women's Club on their recognition.

President Lugardo-Hemple spoke of attending the Fire Department Awards, and thanked the Fire Department for their service. She thanked the recreation committee for bringing futsal to council's attention. Lastly she spoke of the upcoming walk for Autistic Children on April 29th, and encouraged everyone to attend and wear blue.

Councilman Zapolski – No comments at this time.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____