

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 13, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City on May 13, 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
Council Pres. Edwards

Pres. Edwards presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2016, Work Session of May 3, 2016 Revised corrected statement by Mr. Zapolski under Schedule of Bills item should read "Mr. Zapolski suggested that as a condition of employment the exam fee be responsibility of the individual if they leave or resign before one year of employment". Executive Session of May 3, 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.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 8, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 167 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 8, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Edwards announced no Ordinances for second reading.

Pres. Edwards announced this is the time for anyone who desires to address Council on the consent agenda or any other matter.

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

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

Mr. Warren Robinson addressed Council regarding Memorial Day Plans.
Mayor responded that a ceremony at Broad Street Church and also at the Monument will be planned.

Mr. Clair Miller expressed excitement about the possibility of lifeguards at the beach. He agreed that taxes can not keep going up. Also that the demographics of the City have changed and the City needs to encourage the immigrants who could turn the City around and is willing to offer his service on any committee.

Ms. Karen Garcia addressed Council concerning youth in the City.
Mayor informed her of a Leadership Grant he just received to hire youth.

Mr. Robert Thompson, Landlord Association President, expressed concern over taxes going up.

Ms. Debbie Archer, business owner, addressed Council regarding Zoning violation she received for flag sign out side her business.

Mr. Thomas Martin commented on Port Authority Audit, Schedule of Bills regarding UEZ Funds and outstanding taxes New Jersey Ethanol and Deed

Mr. Clair Miller addressed Council regarding Ms. Archer's problem may be possibly exception to the rule and relaxing the violations or ticketing law.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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-5 and J-13 to J-19, will be enacted upon by one motion unless a Council member desires to discuss an item; in that case the items J-6 to J-12 will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately, items J-12 to J-19 were added during the Work Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-16, Tax Office changes made in records.
RESOLUTION NO. 128-16, authorizing Tax Office deduction add backs on records.
RESOLUTION NO. 129-16, Tax Office utility adjustments
RESOLUTION NO. 130-16, closing portion of Commerce Street and Riverfront in October.
RESOLUTION NO. 131-16, authorizing UEZ Funds for loan to Bridgeton Municipal Port Authority.
RESOLUTION NO. 132-16, authorizing shared services agreement with Borough of Shiloh.
RESOLUTION NO. 133-16, authorizing modification of contract for Baltimore Avenue.
RESOLUTION NO. 134-16, authorizing State of New Jersey to enforce as Elevator Sub code.
RESOLUTION NO. 135-16, authorizing cancellation of Bridge Keeper Building Grant
RESOLUTION NO. 136-16, granting veteran tax exemption.
RESOLUTION NO. 137-16, granting senior citizen tax exemption
RESOLUTION NO. 138-16, authorizing quiet title action against New Jersey Ethanol LLC enforcing reverter clause.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo Hemple 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 presented Resolutions outside the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 139-16, authorizing approval of FY 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 140-16, authorizing Temporary Budget Appropriations was adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 141-16, authorizing emergency temporary appropriation from Municipal Alliance Grant was adopted with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 142-16, authorizing emergency temporary appropriation from Historical Cultural Grant was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 143-16, authorizing emergency temporary appropriation from Recycling Grant was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 144-16, authorizing emergency temporary appropriation from reconstruction Mayor Aitken Drive was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
RESOLUTION NO. 145-16, authorizing emergency temporary appropriation from 2016 Clean Communities Grant was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of May 17, 2016 in the amount of \$680,463.79

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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 one application.

Block off Street – Bridgeton Main Street Association, June 18, 2016, Commerce Street, Juneteenth Celebration at the Waterfront.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski to approve the application which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards announced the following reports.

1. Zoning Officer (April/May)
2. Municipal Clerk (April)
3. Tax Office Central Cashier (April)
4. Treasurer (April)

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

Pres. Edwards called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly thanked Dean Dellaquila, Director Public Works and Melissa Hemple Director Park/Recreation for their help regarding the Health Walk on May 14, 2016.

Mayor distributed a flier reminding everyone to lock their car doors and not be a target as it will be an invitation to thieves.

Mayor further informed those present that he is looking into funding for the Park and is waiting to hear and Also that he has received two Funding Grants for the Youth Leadership and also asked that members of Council attend presentation on Thursday for accessing funding by INSPIRA Hospital.

Pres. Edwards called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Surrency no comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple no comments.

Councilman Spence no comments.

Councilman Zapolski no comments.

Pres. Edwards commented on the success of the Welcome Home Veterans held on May 7, 2016.

Dean Dellaquila, Director of Public Works, commented that the City employees are only enforcing the Ordinances.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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: _____