

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Wednesday, June 7, 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 Clerk, Darlene 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 31, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on May 31, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Spence

Councilman Surrency

Absent: Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Meeting Minutes, Work Session Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of May 16, 2017.

It was moved by Councilman Spence and seconded by Councilman Edwards 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 five ordinances for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON RENAMING LOT AT THE CORNER OF COMMERCE AND PEARL STREETS, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 86 LOT 19 AS WARREN ROBINSON PARK

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 20, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON RENAMING THE STREET KNOWN AS "BURT STREET" WITHIN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON TO "RICHIE KATES, SR. WAY"

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on June 20, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 20, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 247 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on June 20, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADDED DURING WORK SESSION:

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

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Edwards that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading public hearing and final consideration be held on June 20, 2017.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced three Ordinances for second reading.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 FEES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that 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.

President Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-6 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

President Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Spence that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-7 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

AN ORDINANCE FIXIING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Surrency that 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.

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Edwards			
Spence	None	None	Zapolski
Surrency			
Lugardo-Hemple			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-8 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 Surrency and seconded by Councilman Spence 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. Michael Abbott presentation regarding ordinance vacant and abandoned properties that came up in 2013 and concerning his property at 249 East Commerce Street, that the Administrator at that time stated his property would be exempt from the ordinance. He distributed pictures of the property before and after improvements were made. He is asking the City to honor that commitment.

Mr. James McCloskey registered complaint concerning Block Off Street Permits, that notification be sent to the residents, and also to allow access and egress to their houses. He further suggested that the Park areas be used for these type of events.

Mr. Paul Steven announced June Teen celebration to be held on June 17, 2017 from 1 to 5. He further that the Board met and there will be some organizational changes and Council will be informed.

Mr. Carl Hemple commented on Yard Sale event held and his disappointment in the food truck not being opened for the participants. So what will happen when other events that open early in the morning regarding in the food truck. He is asking that the Administration review and try and solve this situation in the future with present food truck or allow other food trucks to get a permit.

He also commented on Invitational for next year concerning their fireworks display time.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on registration of vacant properties for absentee owners Mr. Abbott's property would not be considered as vacant/abandoned property and also that the other side is occupied would be considered.

Also spoke in regards to the Freemont Avenue property person buying it for a garden, he suggested that may be the City could lease the property so the City could maintain the ownership In case other opportunities may come.

Mr. Martin put forth the concept of placing available properties on the City web site.

Mr. Martin commended the Fire Department on the refurbishing of their equipment.

Ms. Nikia Rivera disappointed that the food truck in the Park was not open during the Community Yard Sale event.

Also Freemont Lot and Gateway property that a neighbor and she try to keep the area clean it takes the community to bring the community back to life.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Spence 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 items J-1 through J-17, with J-13 to J-17 added during the Work Session be considered routine and 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.

RESOLUTION NO.87-17, requesting insertion of \$65,455 in Budget from FEMA Assistance.
RESOLUTION NO.88-17, authorizing emergency repair services award Garrison Enterprise, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO.89-17, authorizing advertisement sale of 2014 Seagrave Rescue Truck.
RESOLUTION NO.90-17, award contract Ambulance Billing Company, LLC.
RESOLUTION NO.91-17, authorizing advertisement refurbishing Heavy Duty Seagrave Aerial.
RESOLUTION NO.92-17, authorizing release of escrow to Wendy's Restaurant.
RESOLUTION NO.93-17, authorizing Tax Office Senior Deduction Addbacks.
RESOLUTION NO.94-17, authorizing title changes in Recreation Change Funds.
RESOLUTION NO.95-17, renewal Alcoholic Beverage Licensees
RESOLUTION NO.96-17, honoring BHS2017 Valedictorian.
RESOLUTION NO.97-17, honoring BHS Salutatorian
RESOLUTION NO.98-17, authorizing shared service agreement Cumberland County for Zoo.
RESOLUTION NO.99-17, appointing Plumbing Sub-Code Official.
RESOLUTION NO.100-17, appointing Construction Official.
RESOLUTION NO.101-17, congratulating Jim Quinn on receiving Pride in Millville Award.
RESOLUTION NO.102-17, authorizing July 4th Fire Works Display
RESOLUTION NO.103-7, appointing Building Sub-Code Official

It was moved by Councilman Edwards 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 June 7, 2017 in the amount of \$137,362.83.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency 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 presented the following applications.

1. Instant Raffle License- Fraternal Order of Eagles – July 6, 2017 to July 6, 2018
2. Block Off Street – Walnut Street between Myrtle and E. Myrtle Pastor Leonida Feliciano (Iglesia Pentecostal Paz Y Gozo)

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that said applications be approved which motion was carried and licenses granted subject to the Recreation Directors final approval.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following report.

1. Vital Statistics Office-April

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

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly commented that the blocking off the street are legitimate concerns and it will be addressed.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards none.

Councilman Surrency none.

Councilman Spence addressed the issue of the Community Yard Sale the food truck there are things that need to be worked out.

President Lugardo-Hemple commented she was at the Community Yard Sale and this was the most attended from different areas beside Bridgeton, the Administrator will look into the matter concerning the food truck.

She further stated she recalls the remark made by the previous Administrator concerning Mr. Abbotts' property on Commerce Street that he was not to worry and would be exempt from the vacant abandoned property ordinance but the Administrator would look at that.

Administrator thanked Mr. Abbott for coming and ordinance does state that it is not abandoned or vacant if you are continuingly doing work on the property and if it is not completed in a reasonable time, she has spoken to Mr. Abbott regarding the matter. She will try to work it out so the City is not establishing a policy that will thwart we are trying to do.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____