

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Wednesday, June 21, 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 June 17, 2016, at 4:30 pm
- 2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on June 17, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Jack Surrency

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 June 8, 2016, Work Session of June 8, 2016 and Executive Sessions of June 8, 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 one Ordinance for first reading and one added during Work Session.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION OF TAXI LICENSES BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out that the minimum bid in the Ordinance was changed to \$250.00.

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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 July 5, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

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

Pres. Edwards announced one ordinance for adoption (public hearing was held on June 8, 2016).

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

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

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Lugardo-Hemple			
	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Surrency			
	Mr. Zapolski		
Pres. Edwards			

Pres. Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 16-10, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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. Surrency 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.

Mrs. Dolores Batten, registering complaint regarding grass needing to be cut neighboring yard. Councilman Zapolski explained the process in which the City must go through in order to cut the grass and apply a lien on the property.

Mrs. Batten further commented she is glad that Bridgeton has a safe place to go out and celebrate, after what took place in Florida.

Mr. Michael Abbott, commented need for Council Members and Mayor to work together. He feels that something's done in executive session does not belong there and it is very frustrating to him.

Mr. Abbott further criticized the condition of the yards (cutting of grass) and code enforcement, not enforcing these violations and others, something needs to be done.

Mr. & Mrs Corella inquired about information regarding the Taxi Licenses.

Administrator Goodreau explained to them the procedure that will take place regarding the public auction, which will take place of five licenses that are available, on September 20, 2016, 4p.m. City Council Complex, with the minimum bid starting at \$250 per license.

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

Pres. Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

Administrator Goodreau commented on the remarks regarding the high grass and Code Enforcement informing those present of the process to act upon these violations.

Pres. Edwards announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-9 with J-11 added and J-7 and J-8 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, J-10 will be acted upon separately.

RESOLUTION NO.160-16, authorizing In Rem Tax Foreclosure List 2016A.
RESOLUTION NO.161-16, authorizing In Rem Tax Foreclosure List 2016B.
RESOLUTION NO.162-16, authorizing In Rem Tax Foreclosure List 2016C.
RESOLUTION NO.163-16, authorizing adoption of County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City.
RESOLUTION NO.164-16, support Bridgeton Villas NJ Housing Mortgage Finance Agency.
RESOLUTION NO.165-16, authorizing renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses.
RESOLUTION NO. 166-16, authorizing amendment to Resolution 09-16 adding State Vendors.
RESOLUTION NO.167-16, authorizing cancelation of tax sale certificate.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that said Resolutions be adopted which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that RESOLUTION NO. 168-16, amendment to the 2016 CY Municipal Budget be adopted which motion was carried by roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting No. The original resolution maybe found in the Resolution Book.

Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski prior to voting commented on their decision of voting No.

Mr. Zapolski stating fundamental issues still have not been addressed concerning of continual tax increase of the Budget and Mr. Spence agreeing with Mr. Zapolski.

Pres. Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of June 21, 2016 in the amount of \$1,365,221.26

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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 no applications.

Pres. Edwards announced the following reports.

1. Police Department (April)
2. Vital Statistics (April and May)

3. Municipal Clerk (May)
4. Zoning Officer (May/June)

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Edwards called upon Council for remarks.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple agreed with Mr. Abbott concerning Council working together and addressed parking on Hitchner Avenue and thanked everyone for their comments.

Councilman Surrency commented on the success of June Teen Celebration at the Riverfront on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

Councilman Spence no comments.

Councilman Zapolski no comments.

Pres. Edwards called upon Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly commented: on showing support for Orlando by displaying a Banner asking for Council input, Informed those present of Gateway Youth Job Fair over 300 showed up and encouraged businesses to hire youth and submit ideas. There is a youth tax credit which will pay an employer 2/3 money back if they hire a youth. The Sunset Lake Fireworks Display Event from contributions was great and may have the July Fourth display held there.

Mayor commented on Budget and distributed a study that may help us regarding tax relief, distributed a copy of the Independent Study of Thomas Edison University to each member.

Mayor asked that they all work together.

Pres. Edwards thanked everyone for what they did concerning the Budget and what it is today.

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,

Approved:

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____