

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 19, 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 July 15, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on July 15, 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
Pres. Edwards

Pres. Edwards at this time called upon Bridgeton Police Chief Michael Gaimari and Mayor Kelly for promotion of Police Officer Jason Hovermann to Sergeant.

Pres. Edwards presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016, Work Session of July 5, 2016 and Executive Session of July 5, 2016.

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

Pres. Edwards announced one Ordinance for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

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

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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 August 2, 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 Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. 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.

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

Mr. Michael Abbott – commented on curbing in front of his residence being fixed; he questioned being responsible for clearing and maintaining sidewalks as the homeowner, yet not being able to stop people from parking on the curbs.

Ms. Dolores Batten – suggested landlords receive copies of the City Code to distribute to their tenants. Council informed Ms. Batten of the cost of code books; Mayor Kelly suggested specific areas of the code book possibly be distributed. Ms. Batten congratulated Administrator Goodreau on his impending retirement.

Mayor Kelly – read a proclamation in honor of Administrator Dale Goodreau on his retirement. He thanked Mr. Goodreau for his unwavering service to the city. Mr. Goodreau accepted the proclamation noting each year the city has had to do more and more with less, yet has continued to move forward. He thanked Council and Mayor Kelly for working diligently with him.

Mayor Kelly then introduced students who participated in the summer feeding program "Bridgeton Youth Helping to Feed, Learning to Lead". He explained the NJ Health Initiative and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through Gateway funding the program. Mayor Kelly spoke of a 54 passenger school bus that has been transformed into a mobile food truck and the nearly 20 students whom participated this year, noting he is hopeful the amount of students will increase next year.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski, 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-6 with J-7 and J-8 added 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.182-16, approving minor refunds by Business Administrator.
RESOLUTION NO.183-16, emergency appropriation for cost of lightning strike at Police Complex.
RESOLUTION NO.184-16, emergency expenditure without public bidding for Police Complex.
RESOLUTION NO.185-16, authorizing imposed lien on property maintenance violations.
RESOLUTION NO. 186-16, amending modification of contract with Asphalt Paving Corporation.
RESOLUTION NO. 187-16, emergency repair services for Indian Avenue to Ricky Slade Construction.
RESOLUTION NO. 188-16, accepting grant from HDSR thru Economic Development Authority.
RESOLUTION NO. 189-16, authorizing award to George Coyne Chemical for Lime Hi-Calcium Hydrated.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 July 19, 2016 in the amount of \$279,524.82.

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. Municipal Clerk (June)
2. Treasurer (June)
3. Public Works (Quarterly)
4. Zoning Officer (June/July)
5. Vital Statistics (June)

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

Pres. Edwards called upon Council for remarks.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple – thanked Administrator Goodreau for his service to the city and wished him well. She invited everyone to the County Court House on Monday for the raising of the Puerto Rican Flag. Lastly Ms. Lugardo-Hemple commented on the summer feeding program noting she was glad to see students working in the summer.

Councilman Surrency – thanked Administrator Goodreau and wished him well. He praised the police department for their service; stating while visiting the department recently he could see distress on the officers' faces due to recent events in Texas. Mr. Surrency noted he wants residents and council to all feel safe.

Councilman Spence – thanked Administrator Goodreau for his service to the city and wished him well.

Councilman Zapolski – congratulated Administrator Goodreau on his retirement, noting he did his best with the challenges he met.

Pres. Edwards – referred to Administrator Goodreau as a "tough guy" who handled situations well, and wished him the best.

Pres. Edwards called upon Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly commented – on the recent UEZ bill passed by the Senate and is hopeful the Governor will pass it also. He spoke of Cumberland County being ranked 21 out of 21 counties in the state for health rankings, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation working with Rutgers-Camden for the City on a possible \$150,000 grant over three (3) years to help with the City health initiative.

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

Pres. Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date: _____