

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 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 Acting President Jack Surrency.

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 August 31, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on August 31, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency

The following answered to roll call:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Zapolski

Absent: President Edwards

Acting President Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016, and Executive Session of August 16, 2016, Work Session of August 16, 2016 being tabled for further consideration.

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.

Acting President Surrency announced one Ordinances for second reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE APPROVING TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT REGARDING BLOCK 96, LOT, 11.

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 September 20, 2016 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Acting President Surrency announce no ordinances for second reading.

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

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

Acting President Surrency opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mr. Thomas Martin, spoke in regards to Resolution listed on agenda as J-3 release of engineering inspection escrow with respect to New Jersey Ethanol: maintenance of the grounds which he supplied photos of pipes disconnected not in operation also heard that there is a public Sheriff Sale of the property.

Council called upon Solicitor regarding the matter.

Solicitor stated that Council is releasing this according to what the engineer's letter to the Planning Board that they have did what they were suppose to do.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that Resolution J-3 listed on the agenda be removed was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Administrator stated that the engineer would be contacted to come in with the criteria that justify NJ Ethanol to meet the release.

Mr. Michael Abbott commented on the following matters: Closing off Streets residents should be notified so they are able to get in and out of their driveways and that should be apart of the process, PILOT Ordinances for new businesses makes competition hard for other businesses, Code Enforcement parking on grass, also the lack of trust and communications with public and also the attitude of the dispatcher when you call the Police Department.

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

Acting President Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

Acting President Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-9, J-8 and J-9 added during the work session, with the exception of J-3 removed from the agenda, 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. 213-16, authorizing sale of certain property owned by the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 214-16, accepting correction action plan for TY 2015 Audit.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-16, requesting insertion of revenue in budget from DOT Route 49 Buckshutem Road intersection improvement grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 216-16, authorizing amendment of Resolution 09-16 adding State Contract Vendors.

RESOLUTION NO. 217-16, authorizing release of escrow respect to HH. Hankins & Brothers.

RESOLUTION NO. 218-16, authorizing Senior Citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 219-16, authorizing loan servicing agreement with Ocean First for UEZ

RESOLUTON NO. 220-16, authorizing loan servicing agreement with Ocean First for CDBG

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.

Acting President Surrency asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of September 6, 2016 in the amount of \$372,218.93 (See Note Below)

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.

Acting President Surrency announced the following applications.

1. Block Off Street Main Street on September 10, 2016
2. Block Off Street South Jersey Robotics, Inc. October 15, 2016
3. Block Off Street Fraternal Order of Eagles September 17, 2016
4. Catering Application for Las Palmas on September 10, 2016

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

Acting President Surrency announced the following reports.

1. Treasurer (July)
2. Sale of Bond Anticipation Notes

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

Acting President Surrency called upon the Council for comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Spence echoed Ms. Lugardo-Hemple comments.

Acting President Surrency commented on the success of the crabfest.

Acting President Surrency called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly reported on UEZ going back up to seven percent which will put Bridgeton at a disadvantage and he will keep us informed about that legislature.

He further addressed the issue of middle own section not being neglected and that the city also visits the south side.

Acting President Surrency called upon Councilman Zapolski for comments.

Councilman Zapolski had no comments.

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

Acting President Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Acting Council President Jack Surrency

NOTE: Schedule of Bills was adjusted due to the removal of Resolution J-3 the release of NJ Ethanol escrow check \$ 16,666.50 reduced total Schedule of Bills to \$355,552.43.