

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 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 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 October 2, 2015, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on October 2, 2015, at 4:30 p.m."

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Absent: Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Spence  
Councilman Zapolski  
Pres. Surrency

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for promotion in the Fire Department.

Mayor Kelly called Todd Bowen forward, whom he swore in as Bridgeton Fire Department Chief.

Pres. Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015, Work Session of September 15, 2015, and Executive Session of September 1, 2015 removed.

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 received copies which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced one Ordinance for first reading added to the agenda entitled:

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RENOVATIO TO THE CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$712,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

It was moved by Mr. Edwards 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 October 20, 2015, which motion failed with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski voting in the negative.

Pres. Surrency announced one Ordinance for second reading.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE APPROVING TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT REGARDING BLOCK 5, LOT 5**

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that this be considered second reading of said ordinance and the meeting be open to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency 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 Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence 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 vote, which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS

NAY

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Mr. Edwards

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Spence  
Mr. Zapolski  
Pres. Surrency

Pres. Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming  
ORDINANCE NO. 15-24, the original ordinance can be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Surrency announced this being the time and place set forth for public portion.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to address Council on the consent agenda or any other matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public.

Goldie Wulderk of N. Pearl Street commented on receipt of violations regarding the Senior Thrift Shop.  
Mr. Jeff Fogg of Lake Street registered complaint regarding habitual barking of dogs in his neighborhood.  
Mr. Brian Picard of Giles Street offered his services regarding fund raising projects.  
Mayor Kelly thanked the Administration for their support during the opening of the Steam Works and College down town.  
Also introduced Ms. Chole Williams, representing Cumberland County Positive Youth /development Coalition, who Addressed Council regarding National Make A Difference Day a celebrate education walk and rally to be held on October 24, 2015 at the Riverfront.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-9 will be enacted upon by one motion unless a Council member desires to discuss an item; in that case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately. Items J-6 to J-9 were added to the Agenda during the Work Session. Also during the Work Session, item J-2 was removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 291-15, authorizing application for Cultural and Heritage Grant.  
RESOLUTION NO. 292-15, adopt the State Health Benefits Program coverage payment of certain retirees.  
RESOLUTION NO. 293-15, adding approved State Vendors to City Vendor list, Amending 227-15.  
RESOLUTION NO. 294-15, amending Resolution 294-11 elating to UEZ Fund allocation.  
RESOLUTION NO. 295-15, authorizing advertisement of bids for City Park Signs.  
RESOLUTION NO. 296-15, authorizing re-advertisement of bids for Vo-Tech Building relocation project.  
RESOLUTION NO..297-15, authorizing Change Order Nine for South State, Raceway Dam Project.  
RESOLUTION NO. 298-15, authorizing agreement with FMBA 252.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded 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.

Pres. Surrency asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$468,555.96

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Mr. 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 schedule may be found in the Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced following application received.

1. Block Off Street – South Jersey Robotic, Inc. on October 10, 2015, Commerce Street to Cohanzick Zoo.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to approve said applications which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports:

1. Best Practices presented by Administrator
2. Vital Statistics (August)
3. Police Department (August)

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

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly stated he had none at this time.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for closing remarks.

Council had no remarks.

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

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

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Jack Surrency  
Council President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_