

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 18, 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 President 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 October 12, 2016, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on October 12, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Zapolski

The following answered to roll call:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Spence

Absent: Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Edwards

Council President Edwards called upon the Chief of Police for presentation of a Resolution and Plaque to Anthony Yearsley on his retirement from the Police Department after twenty years of service as Telecommunication Operator Dispatcher.

Council President Resolution No. 242-16 and Chief Police Gaimari presented the plaque.

Council President Edwards presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016, Work Session of October 4, 2016 and Executive Session of October 4, 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.

President Edwards announced no Ordinance for first reading.

President Edwards announced one Ordinance for second reading.

Clerk announced this being the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an ordinance entitled:

**CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER UTILITY  
REVITALIZATION FUNDING PLAN (PHASE-IN PLAN)**

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

President Edwards opened the meeting to the public for a hearing 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 portion be closed which motion was carried.

President Edwards closed the public portion.

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 it be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote which motion was carried.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple				
Mr. Spence	X			
				Mr. Surrency
Mr. Zapolski	X			
President Edwards	X			

President Edwards announced the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 16-18, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

President Edwards 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.

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

Mrs. Dolores Batten asked that she be introduced to our new Administrator which Council President made the introductions.

Mrs. Batten commented that we need prayer of our town and country. She wants to be apart of Council and our town and wants to know what is going on. What has been happening in the last three months and what is going on in our Country. She does not know who to believe in no more. She is a very mixed up senior. It sickens her how we can talk about peoples private lives and run them down because we want a positions. She is a very confused person and we really need prayer.

Ms. Jessica Melendez inquired about establishing a Cumberland County Brownfield Coalition in the Tri-City area of Bridgeton, Millville and Vineland. which she elaborated upon.

Mr. Thomas Martin commented on the Resolution regarding abandoned and vacant properties.

Council suggested that the Administrator and he meet to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Steven Paul of Main Street Association, thanked City for their support and reported that Gotham Gala was successful.

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

President Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Edwards announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-25, with J-4 removed during the work session, 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. 242-16, recognizing Anthony Yearsley on his retirement from Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 243-26, request for proposals for vacant and abandoned property.

RESOLUTION NO. 244-26, approving contract between City and EMT Local R2-352.

RESOLUTION NO. 245-16, limiting trick or treat hours.

RESOLUTION NO. 246-16, chapter 159 insertion of revenue for Body Armor Replacement Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 247-16, supporting an application to NJDOT for the 2016 Transportation Alternative Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 248-16, authorizing bids for furnishing Fire Hydrants for Water Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-16, terminating agreement with Line Systems, Inc. for phone system improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 250-16, authorizing approving clarifying amendment to the IAFF Local No. 4822.

RESOLUTION NO. 251-16, imposing lien on various properties for abatement of maintenance violations.

RESOLUTION NO. 252-16, authorizing release of performance bond respect to Mead Woodward Post 1795 (VFW)

RESOLUTION NO. 253-16, BACC recipient Robert A. Woodruff, Sr., for the Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 254-16, BACC recipient George Waddington for the Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 255-16, BACC recipient Susan Jones for the Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 256-16, BACC recipient Guidance Center for the Service Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 257-16, BACC recipient Bridgeton Police Athletic League for the Gary F. Simmerman Leadership Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 258-16, BACC recipient Woodruff's Drugs for the Service Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 259-16, BACC recipient Chance & McCann, LLC for the Professional Award

RESOLUTION NO. 260-16, BACC recipient Tips Trailer Park for the Commercial Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-16, BACC recipient Southwind Vineyard & Winery for the Agriculture Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 262-16, BACC recipient The Hope Chest for the Retail Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 263-16, BACC W. W. Manufacturing Company, Inc. for the Industrial Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 264-16, authorizing additional position of Zoo Animal Keeper Instructional Program in the agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 676.

RESOLUTION NO. 265-16, authorizing execution of discharge mortgage or endorsing original for Tyrese A. Gould.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. 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 Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of October 18, 2016 in the amount of \$200,942.99.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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.

President Edwards announced two applications.

Block off Street, East Commerce, Bank to Walnut on October 22, 2016, National Make a Difference Day

Las Palmas, for an Alcoholic Beverage Extension of Premises Permit (Parking Lot), October 28, 2016.

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

President Edwards announced the following reports.

Tax Office Cash Receipts –September

Zoning Officer –August/September/October

Treasurer - September

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

President Edwards called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly thanked Council for approving the application for blocking off street for the upcoming event on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 2 pm for National Make a Difference Day which is to focus on bringing the City and surrounding communities closer together in unity against the violence on our streets.

Mayor Kelly thanked Mr. Paul Stevens of Main Street Association for all the work he done for Gotham City Month and called upon Mr. Stevens who informed Council of the events taking place during the month of October.

President Edwards called upon the Council for comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked everyone for coming out with their ideas and stated we need to work together.

Councilman Spence, responding to Ms. Batten's comments stated he is not confused of who to vote for.

Mr. Zapolski that was encouraging to hear from Ms. Melendez with ideas for the City and hopes that will encourage other young people to come to Council and participate and review what is going on in our City.

Pres. Edwards thanked everyone in the City for the great job they are doing to make the City better.

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.

President Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

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J. Curtis Edwards  
Council President

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