

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 1, 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk, Kathleen L. Keen, "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 26, 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 26, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence

The following answered to roll call:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Spence

Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Absent - Council President Edwards

Acting President Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016, Work Session of October 18, 2016 and Executive Session of October 18, 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.

Acting President Surrency announced there were no Ordinances for first reading, nor 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. Michael Abbott commented on Council pulling resolution J-5 from the agenda during the work session, stating he agreed with council on their decision. He then spoke of going to the county library due to the temporary closure of the city library. He was not received well as a city resident; an employee at the library referred to the county and city libraries merging, stating the county did not want to merge with the city. Lastly Mr. Abbott gave “kudos” to the police department for their visibility downtown during Halloween, he stated the police presence was noted and seen.

Mayor Kelly asked Mr. Abbott for the name of the employee at the county library he spoke with. He then commended the police department for handing out candy on Halloween and thanked them for being community friendly.

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.

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, with J-8 and J-9 being added and J-5 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. 267-16, authorizing award for electrical lighting supplies to Bulb World Electrical Supply.

RESOLUTION NO. 268-16, authorizing execution to discharge mortgage, Joann R. Tumelavich.

RESOLUTION NO. 269-16 authorizing Tax Office changes on Utility Accounts.

RESOLUTION NO. 270-16 authorizing shared services with Cumberland County regarding Cohanzick Zoo.

RESOLUTION NO. 271-16 authorizing accelerated tax sale, December, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 272-16 authorizing release of Maintenance Bond and Engineering Inspection Escrow, with respect to BV Real Estate, LLC (Buona Vita, Inc.)

RESOLUTION NO. 273-16 authorizing execution of discharge of mortgage for Ilga U. Elwell.

RESOLUTION NO. 274-16 authorizing temporarily suspending code enforcement of street sweeping during the months of November 2016 thru January 2017 between Mayor Aitken Drive and Franklin Street.

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.

Acting President Surrency asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of November 1, 2016 in the amount of \$1,581,696.63.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 schedules may be found in the Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Acting President Surrency announced there were no applications.

Acting President Surrency announced the following reports:

Police Department - September

Public Works - October

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 Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly said superheroes month has come to an end, and thanked Mr. Steven Paul of Main Street for everything he did for the month. The Mayor announced the winners of the Main Street window display contest; 1st Place – M & B Clothing, 2nd Place – Best Tattoo, LLC, and a tie for 3rd Place between Dominion Title & Services, and Bridge The Gap.

Acting President Surrency called upon the Council for comments.

Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple announced the Greater Bridgeton Women's Club recently served more than 100 meals to the homeless.

It was noted there were no negative calls to the police department during the Halloween season.

Mr. Spence – No comments at this time.

Mr. Zapolski – No comments at this time.

Acting President Surrency spoke of family members who recently visited from out of town, and unfortunately were stopped by the Bridgeton Police Department. In light of recent incidents throughout the country, they became anxious and uneasy. Mr. Surrency said they told him the police officer whom stopped them was very professional and helped to calm them down; they spoke very highly of the officer and how the police department conducted themselves.

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,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Acting Council President

Date: _____