

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 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 Acting President Michael Zapolski.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Clerk, Mary L. Kimble, "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 January 11, 2013, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on January 11, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Surrency	Absent: Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson	Pres. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Zapolski	

Acting Pres. Zapolski announced this is the time for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter of concern the public desires to address Council.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

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

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, council should have let Mr. Celaya speak during the public hearing. Mr. Abbott thinks the resolution council will adopt regarding the CDC is a good idea. Mayor scares him when he talks about campuses in Bridgeton. We cannot afford to turn ratables into tax-free buildings.

Mr. Surrency stated that the college would lease property, like the county does with other agencies.

Gloribel Celaya, Bridgeton, stated that her daughters are afraid of what has been going on between the cab companies. They do not go anywhere out of fear.

Ms. Rosemary DeQuinzio, Bridgeton, resolution to be a member of the CDC is an excellent idea.

Wayne Stewart, inquired if the city will be putting speed bumps on East Avenue, Mr. Liston, a few years ago said the city had the money to do that. He thinks they are needed, because of the traffic and speeding on East Avenue. He is concerned for the children and residents on the street.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson to close the public portion of the meeting, which motion was carried. Acting Pres. Zapolski closed the public portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Surrency that RESOLUTION NO. 167 12-authorizing the agreement for membership in the Cumberland Development Corporation (CDC) be adopted, which motion was carried by roll call vote, with Mr. Spence and Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple being absent. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book

Acting Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$466,589.05, all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and seconded by Mr. Thompson that the Schedule of Bills is 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 files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Acting Pres. Zapolski stated that the Mayor is not here, and called upon Council for comments.

Mr. Thompson agreed with Mr. Stewart, as he also lives on East Avenue and hopes the city can find it in the budget to do something.

Mr. Surrency recognized Ms. DiQuinzio. He stated that the CDC helped to get the funding for building the new football stadium. If Bridgeton is to do anything positive it must focus on economic development. He stated that he works with the CDC, he knows what they are about and what they are capable of doing. He thinks it is a good idea to join, and help Bridgeton.

Acting Pres. Zapolski stated that there was a lot of emotion and a lot of comments made during the public hearing. It will be difficult to hear all the testimony from both sides and make a fair conclusion, but that is their job. He thinks they will do a fair job.

Councilman Thompson, welcomed Clerk, Darlene Richmond, back from sick leave.

There being no other business to come before Council it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Surrency to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Zapolski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

Acting President Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

Date: _____