

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 5, 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 Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

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 March 1, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on March 1, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Dennis Thompson

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Work Session Minutes of February 5, 2013 and February 19, 2013, Public Session minutes from the Meeting of February 19, 2013.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Spence to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members having received copies and that said minutes be approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced three Ordinances for first reading.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEST WEL FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$100,00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 19, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12-2 FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 19, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 307 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REGARDING SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 19, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read announced one Ordinance for second reading.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced this being the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 307 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REGARDING SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mrs. Carol King Sammons expressed her concern over the replacement of the brick sidewalk in the front of her business in the downtown area and historic district if needed, especially as to the cost.

Administrator Goodreau explained the ordinance only embeds the previously existing policy, which formerly had been included in City Code by way of a reference to the BOCA Code, as part of the City's Code. The ordinance clarifies that the responsibility of curb and sidewalk maintenance is the property owner's which represents no alteration to the standing policy and no additional threat of enforcement or penalties.

Mr. Claude Robinson expressed concern regarding the responsibility of the curbing and sidewalk in front of his property and the curb replacement on his street he alleged was poorly done and had created drainage issues at his property.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence to close the public hearing which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded 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 as follows:

YEAS	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Spence	None	None	None
Surrency			
Thompson			
Zapolski			
Lugardo-Hemple			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-23 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced this is the time for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter of concern the public desires to address Council about.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mr. Mike Abbott, East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, asked if we are using the BOCA Code and he was informed that we were.

Mr. Abbott also inquired if there is an ordinance regarding sleeping on the first floor. He was informed no that there was no ordinance concerning sleeping on the first floor.

Mr. Dave Elwell, Director of Bridgeton Invitational Tournament, requested an update on Council's plans for a new concession stand at Alden Field. He reported that more than \$20,000 has been raised for a concession stand or multiuse building at the field, but the Committee is looking for clarity regarding the city's commitment to the project.

Councilman Spence suggested a meeting between all parties involved to discuss the stand, Invitational Tournament, vision for the City Park and the general direction of baseball in the City.

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Mr. Carl Hemple reported on Little League plans in the City: Registration had been extended, the League is seeking coaches, thirteen Hispanic business owners have agreed to pay for signs or sponsor teams this year, Bridgeton High School baseball players would be helping Little League with a painting project in addition to league tryouts. Bridgeton Little League season is scheduled to open at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Mr. Michael Abbott commented that one of the store's down town being the best looking in the City of Bridgeton.

Mrs. Dolores Batten commented on several vehicles parked at residences on her street had been broken into the previous night and Bridgeton Police are investigating the spree. She encouraged her fellow residents to lock their vehicles and not to keep any valuable or seemingly valuable items in their cars.

Mrs. Carol King Sammons expressed concern that the City use businesses in the County rather than go out side the County.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-11 will be acted upon by one motion if any discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately, items J-9 to J-11 were added to the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency seconded by Mr. Spence that the following Resolutions under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book

RESOLUTION NO 192-12, authorizing granting senior citizen tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO 193-12, authorizing granting veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO 194-12, authorizing closing of Mayor Aiken Drive for Family Fun Day, May 11, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO 195-12, authorizing sale of certain City owned property Block 131 lot 12.

RESOLUTION NO 196-12, authorizing place to place transfer of Shiv and Krishna, Inc. Alcoholic Beverage License.

RESOLUTION NO 197-12, authorizing In Rem Tax Foreclosure.

RESOLUTION NO 198-12, authorizing emergency expenditure without public bidding for Well No. 3.

ESOLUTION NO 199-12, authorizing change order three Northstar Marine, Inc., Block 14 Lot 1 UST.

RESOLUTION NO 200--12, authorizing application to Local Finance Board.

RESOLUTION NO 201-12, authorizing insertion of revenue in Budget from Cultural Heritage Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 202-12, opposing user fees on consumption and diversion of water.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$227,417.42 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence 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.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following application:

1. Block off Street – Immaculate Conception Church, March 24, 2013

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following report::

Comptroller's Office - \$8,063,500.00 Bond Anticipation Note

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council remarks.

Councilman Thompson no comments

Councilman Surrency no comments.

Councilman Zapolski recognized Mr. Hemple's continuing effort for the Little League and he thinks he does a great job and it will be sad to see him go if he goes.

He mentioned, that as an add on resolution tonight, he wanted to make those present aware of that there is a Senate Bill that is attempting to surcharge the amount of cost of water for all residents in the State of New Jersey 40 cents per one thousand gallons of usage. The resolution passed tonight was a resolution opposing that Bill and will be sending to our State Legislature.

Councilman Zapolski further elaborated upon the comments made at last meeting regarding the sewer ordinance that he researched the information and found that it would not be equitable in the City of Bridgeton.

Councilman Spence no comments.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple thanked everyone for coming and for their comments, also announced during the clean up the Department of Health will be delivering 30 signs for No Smoking in the Park

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Date: _____