

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 23, 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 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 April 19, 2013, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on April 19, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. moment of silence and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Council President Lugardo-Hemple and Councilmembers presented a resolution to Goldie Wulderk upon being named to the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Public Session minutes from the Meeting of April 9, 2013, as amended, the Work Session, and Closed Session minutes of April 9, 2013.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that there is one Ordinances for first reading.

Deputy Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE II (fee for Splash Park)

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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 May 7, 2013 which motion was carried by roll call vote, with Mr. Zapolski abstaining.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that there are two ordinances for second reading.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 149-27 (G) (providing fees for release of towed vehicles)

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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 a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance 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
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Surrency			
Mr. Thompson			
Mr. Zapolski			
Pres. Lugardo-Hemple			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-39 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 3-21 (E) (4) (duties of class 1 Officers)

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Surrency 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 a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton stated that they would have a vehicle to go place to place for peddlers, asked if officers are not on patrol how is the city to stop illegal sellers.

Mr. Goodreau stated that the Police Chief runs his department. The Chief will come up with the appropriate guidelines for his officers. There is a big distinction between Class One and Class Two Officers, their training and the job duties.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-40 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.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Thompson 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.

Mary Cossaboon, Bridgeton – water quality on April 11, 2013 – West Commerce Street area-problems when hydrants are being tested. She was told to let water run through pipes to clean them out. It took a long time to flush out the pipes.

Mr. Zapolski responded to Ms. Cossaboon’s concerns and questions.

Mr. Spence stated that he has a water filtration system in his home and was unaware of a problem.

Ms. Cossaboon asked if residents could be told when hydrant flushing takes place.

Dean Dellaquila, Public Works Director stated that notification was included in tax bill but city did not flush hydrants when planned because of wells going down.

Administrator Dale Goodreau stated that that date was a state insurance inspection, not a regular scheduled hydrant flushing.

Ms. Cossaboon is concerned because children in the area schools drink out of the water fountains.

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, stated that there are two vendors near Church and Walnut Streets, they do not move between sales, as the ordinance states. Restaurants in the area suffer because of this. City should make peddlers abide by the ordinances. The store owners are taxpayers who have obtained all the necessary licenses to operate.

Mr. Abbott stated he was at the Little League grand opening and people were parking in no parking zones. Children were running around. Police were called, but no tickets were given.

Mr. Goodreau asked where the parents were at.

Mr. Abbott stated that the city should enforce the ordinances that they put in place for the residents.

Mr. Spence supported Mr. Abbott. Mr. Spence believes that anyone who parks in any no parking zone should be ticketed. That is what the ordinance is for. Maybe people will think twice before taking the chance of parking illegally if they know they will have to pay a fine.

Mr. Zapolski stated that he walked through the park, people were parked illegally and he called the police, who rode through the area and left. No tickets were given out.

Mr. Spence and Pres. Lugardo-Hemple related what happened at the Little League grand opening.

Mr. Goodreau agreed that there needs to be more enforcement, but when they have calls they have to respond to the most important one at any given time. It all comes down to personnel.

Council asked if an officer could patrol through the park on his shift, if anyone is parked illegal give them a ticket. It stopped illegal parking at the basketball courts, and may do the same in other areas of the park.

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

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

Deputy Clerk 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. Item

J8 has been removed from the agenda. We are adding two items: J-10, increasing the bid threshold amount, which will be voted upon separately, and J-11, authorizing an amendment to settlement of litigation.

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

RESOLUTION NO 239-12, authorizing a limited-time dual appointment with compensation

RESOLUTION NO 240-12, granting Veterans Tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO 241-12, granting Senior Citizen Tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO 242-12, authorizing participation in Safe and Secure Communities Program for the year 2013/2014.

RESOLUTION NO 243-12, authorizing refund for rental registration to Thompson Realty

RESOLUTION NO 244-12, authorizing refund for rental registration to Yvonne Brown

RESOLUTION NO 245-12, authorizing indemnity agreement concerning city property, 19 Eagle Street

RESOLUTION NO 246-12, authorizing amendment to settlement of litigation

RESOLUTION NO 247-12, recognizing Goldie Wulderk – induction in Women’s Hall of Fame

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Surrency

RESOLUTION NO 248-12, authorizing increase in bid threshold amount, was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Zapolski voting against. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of bills in the amount of \$1,661,061.28, all members having received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Surrency 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 stated that Council has received the following application:

1. Raffle License for Fraternal Order Eagles, from May, 2013 to May, 2014

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson that said application be received and the license issued for same, which motion was carried by voice vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following reports, all for the month of March:

Police Department
Water/Sewer Division
Tax Office

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson 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 - no comments

Councilman Spence: Next event for Main Street is Cinco de Mayo; all are invited. There is a lot of fun, a lot of food, and you have to see the dancing horses.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple – no comments

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Date: _____