

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 7, 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 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 May 3, 2013, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 3, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Public Session minutes from the Meeting of April 23, 2013, as amended, the Work Session, and Closed Session minutes of April 23, 2013, and City Council and Board of Education Joint Meeting of December 5, 2012.

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 and Work Session of April 23, 2013 as amended which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced that there is one Ordinance added to the agenda for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT KNOWN AS HOPEWELL BRIDGETON BARRETT'S RUN GREEN ACRES PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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 May 21, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

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 370-ZONING**

Prior to opening the meeting to the public, Pres. Lugardo Hemple called upon Barbara Fagley, City Planner, who gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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

Mr. Michael Abbott, Commerce Street, asked the availability of the Ordinance and was informed that it has been available in the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Spence thanked the City Planner and Councilman Zapolski for all the work that was involved in the Ordinance.

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 second by Mr. Spence 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. 12-41 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON**

Clerk also announced additional wording was added to the Ordinance and that the last sentence should read “Said fee may be waived by the Business Administrator on select days or times”.

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

Delores Batten, Albertson, suggested that those fees can not be afford by some children and may be local churches can help out in those situations.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson 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. 12-42 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.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson, registered concern regarding motorized wheelchairs at night with no lights or reflectors also the cutting of grass on empty lots.

Mr. James Doughty, Cedar Street, registered complaint regarding 52 Church Street concerning trash and broken fence.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple informed Mr. Doughty that the Director of Public Works, Dean Dellaquila will investigate the matter.

Mr. Will Martin opposed the adoption of resolution regarding authorizing the corrective deed (J-11)

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon the Solicitor, Rebecca Bertram, who explained the reasoning for adoption which was ordered by the Superior Court Judge.

Mr. Michael Abbott, Commerce Street, thanked the Police Department for what they are doing over at the little league field and also Code Enforcement and Police Department for what they did Sunday downtown by sending a message to here in Bridgeton you have to follow the law.

Ms. Lydia Roma, Lakeview Avenue, a Vendor expressing concern over disallowing her to sell food by the County Health Department at the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Councilman Spence commented that there will be a meeting held with the County Health Department and Vendors regarding what is necessary and required.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple inquired about a ticket being issued to Ms. Roma, she was assured that a ticket will be not issued.

Mr. Abbott commented that he has been working with the Vendors and stated Chapter 24 deals with this issue and also commented on Main Street which Councilman Spence stated that Main Street's only function is to make the downtown a better downtown along with the merchants.

Councilman Surrency stated that the Committee along with this meeting will reach out to the Vendors so they will have a better understanding of what is needed during these events.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated this meeting will be good so that procedural protocol is obtained from the City and County Health Department along with a mobile vending permit to sell food outside at the event, all issues can be addressed.

Ms. Delores Batten, spoke on the cleanliness of Vendors especially washing hands is very, very important when handling food.

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.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-12 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 J9 and J-10 have been removed from the agenda and Item J-12 was added.

It was moved by Mr. Spence seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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 250-12, request for closing streets for Memorial Day Parade, May 27, 013

RESOLUTION NO 251-12, request for closing streets for Parade of Champions, June 6, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO 252-12, authorizing Fireworks Display for Fourth of July Celebration

RESOLUTION NO 253-12, authorizing reduction of Performance Bond with respect to 717 North Pearl LLC.

RESOLUTION NO 254-12, approving FY 2013 Annual Action Plan, HOME Consortium.

RESOLUTION NO 255-12, authorizing deduction add backs.

RESOLUTION NO 256-12, authorizing Tax Office changes.

RESOLUTION NO 257-12, supporting Bay Shore Heritage Byway Corridor Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO 258-12, authorizing execution of corrective deed.

RESOLUTION NO. 259-12, authorizing appropriation transfers in budget.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of bills in the amount of \$1,487,932.59, 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 announced no applications.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following reports:

Public Works (Quarterly Report)  
Municipal Clerk (April)

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly announced Thursday, 6 pm a Town Meeting will be held here anyone can come to discuss issues concerning the City and this will be the first of many meetings we will having throughout the City.

The Bridgeton High School will be having a Baseball Clinic, Saturday, may 18, 2013, Alden field form 10 am to 12 noon, ages 6 to 18, free.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for remarks

Councilman Thompson commented the tremendous job Youth to Youth and Karen Barnett also the success of the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Councilman Surrency commented on success of Cinco-de Mayo celebration was very well attended and commended the police for the fine job they did that day.

Councilman Zapolski thanked all the people who were involved in the preparation of the Zoning Ordinance it was a very lengthy effort, taking a 139 page document down to a little over 70 pages

Councilman Spence thanked the police department especially Class II Officers in the downtown area.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple commented on the success of the Zoo Fest held Saturday and informed everyone of the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 27, 2013 and thanked everyone for coming out and for their input.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

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President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

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