

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 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 November 30, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on November 30, 2012, 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 November 20, 2012

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski 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 agenda item G-2 has been pulled from the agenda and will be discussed in the future

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

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING UNION STREET ONE-WAY TOWARD COHANSEY STREET.

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 December 18, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 265 OF THE CITY CODE-GOVERNING MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES, ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND LEVYING A REGISTRATION FEE ON OWNERS OF VACANT PROPERTIES

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski 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.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency 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. Surrency 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. 12-8 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$80,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$76,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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.

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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.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-9 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPAVING AND RESTORATION OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$332,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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. Thompson 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. Thompson 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.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-10 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 12-2 SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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.

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, told Council that he agrees with the first change, but the second position has already been given to the Fire Chief, who was compensated for this position. If someone else is now going to be in that position, is money going to be taken away from the Chief for giving up the position?

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. 12-11 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. Thompson second by Mr. Spence 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.

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, questioned Council about the property where Angie's Diner was.

Mr. Goodreau stated that investigations are still being conducted, and when they are finished, cleanup will begin.

Mr. Abbott commented that Church Street is a very dangerous street, he saw a car almost hit a school bus. Cars are going too fast. Something should be done before someone gets hurt.

Mr. Abbott had a question about agenda item G-2, regarding department heads.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple told Mr. Abbott that that item has been pulled from the agenda.

Carl Hemple, Bridgeton, the Bridgeton Little League has sent equipment to the Little League organization overseas.

People going to El Rodeo on Pearl Street are parking up to the curb line and it is hard to see traffic coming south on Pearl Street from Madison Street.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence 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. At the

request of Councilman Zapolski Items J-3 and J-4 were removed from the consent agenda.

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 136-12, authorizing insertion in budget – Solid Waste Recycling Tonnage Grant FY 13
RESOLUTION NO 137-12, authorizing insertion in budget – Body Armor Grant FY 13
RESOLUTION NO 140-12, suspending use of trash stickers for holidays – December 23, 2012 to January 5, 2013
RESOLUTION NO 141-12, granting Senior Citizen exemptions
RESOLUTION NO 142-12, authorizing change order – underground storage tank removal – Water Works property
RESOLUTION NO 143-12, authorizing change #3 to the Personnel manual
RESOLUTION NO 144-12, awarding bid to AC Schultes, Inc. – Well #21 Pump rehabilitation and piping upgrade
RESOLUTION NO 145-12, rescind bid award for fire house shower and authorize re-advertisement of same
RESOLUTION NO 146-12, amending resolution 183-11 regarding sale of certain property to Cumberland Empowerment Housing Corp. (River Grove)
RESOLUTION NO 147-12, authorizing lease of Police vehicles

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski,
RESOLUTION NO 138-12, authorizing change order #1 to agreement with Northstar Marine, Inc. removal of UST and related systems at 586 N Pearl Street was adopted by roll call vote, with Mr. Zapolski voting against. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski,
RESOLUTION NO 139-12, authorizing change order #2 to agreement with Northstar Marine, Inc. removal of UST and related systems at 586 N Pearl Street 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 \$292,071.84 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski 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 applications:

Towing applications for renewal from Ed's Body Shop and Quick Towing LLC., both applications in order and appropriate fees have been paid.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated that Council has received the following taxicab application:

Go US Cab & Transport, application in order and appropriate fees being paid.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve said application and issue license for same, which motion was carried by voice vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated that Council has received the following taxicab application:

El Chapulin Taxicab, application in order and appropriate fees being paid.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence to approve said application and issue license for same, which motion was carried by voice vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple stated that Council has received the following taxicab application:

Jaylene Cab & Transport, application in order and appropriate fees being paid.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence that said application be denied, which motion was carried by voice vote.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the following report for November, unless otherwise noted:

City Clerk's Office

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 the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly stated new bus system is moving along. Ridership is up 22%, without advertising. He attended the Festival of Lights, it was very nice, and entertaining, and something that the city should be proud of.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council remarks.

Councilman Thompson - none

Councilman Surrency - none

Councilman Zapolski stated he was at the Festival of Lights; activities were very nice, very well put together. Well attended. He commended the volunteers who worked on the event. Councilmembers will be supporting the Salvation Army by ringing the bells at C-Town on December 15th.

Councilman Spence – several activities have taken place since the last meeting, the last one being the Festival of Lights, Fridays attendance was over 600 people, and on Saturday there were over 1,300 people attend. He appreciates all the work of the volunteers, and the city employees, who take pride in their jobs. Also the parade was successful, as well as the Holiday House Tour. Thank the volunteers who have helped in these events, and wish them a Merry Christmas.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple – House tour was really beautiful. People there from Delaware. She hopes that the people who live here appreciate what is here in the city. She attended the Festival of Lights, food and activities were fantastic. She wishes it could be up the whole month of December, because families from all over would enjoy it.

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,

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Date: _____