

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 18, 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 December 14, 2012, at 11:00 am.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on December 14, 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 December 4, 2012 and Work Session of November 7, 2012

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski second by Mr. Spence 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 are eight Ordinances for first reading.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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 January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

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

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 January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321-12

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski 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 January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$425,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$403,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF 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 January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PARTS OF FAYETTE STREET AND MAYOR AITKEN DRIVE

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 January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING BLOCK 127-LOT 1.04

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 January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

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It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Spence that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on January 8, 2013 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Council President read an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARIES

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 January 8, 2013 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:

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

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency 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. Surrency 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. 12-12 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 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$114,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$108,300 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.

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.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-13 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. 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.

Michael Abbott, Bridgeton, concerned about the ordinance that will increase the fees for ambulance service in the city. What happens if people can not pay the difference between what their insurance company pays and the actual billing fee?

Mr. Goodreau responded to Mr. Abbotts concerns.

Agenda item J-1, shared services will the city have to hire someone to fill the city's commitment to this resolution.

Mr. Goodreau responded that we have adequate staff on hand to adequately handle the terms of this agreement.

Agenda item G-9 which was discussed in the work session regarding amending the Administrative Code for contractual obligations to the employee, why can't the city just respond to the needs of that one employee instead of increasing the maximum salaries of all the other department heads.

Mr. Zapolski stated that all the other numbers in the ordinance are the same as last year.

Mr. Abbott thanked Mr. Zapolski for looking out for the dollars spent. If past administrations paid as much attention to dollars spent, we may not be in the situation we are currently.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson 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-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. Thompson 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 149-12, authorizing agreement for Fire Code Enforcement shared services with Greenwich Township

RESOLUTION NO 150-12, authorizing bid advertisement for FY 2013 Road Restoration and Repaving Program

RESOLUTION NO 151-12, authorizing Tax Office changes

RESOLUTION NO 152-12, appointing Risk Management Consultants – Willis of NJ

RESOLUTION NO 153-12, appointing Dale Goodreau, fund Commissioner for Statewide Insurance Fund

RESOLUTION NO 154-12, authorize MOU with Hopewell Township relating to Barretts Run Green Acres real property acquisition

RESOLUTION NO 155-12, authorizing interlocal service agreement for animal control services with Stow Creek Township

RESOLUTION NO 156-12, awarding bid to Riggins, Inc. for supplying and delivering #2 fuel oil

RESOLUTION NO 157-12, approve appointment of Rebecca Bertram as City Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO 158-12, authorize extension of time to Jaylene Taxicab license renewal until date of public hearing – January 15, 2013

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski, RESOLUTION NO 159-12, authorizing amendment to Resolutions 138-12 and 139-12 as to revising the name which is Northstar Environmental Services, 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 \$1,837,801.63 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second 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:

S& K Taxicab LLC License renewal for 2013

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

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

Tax Office
Police Department

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Thanked Council for approving the appointment of Rebecca Bertram as City Solicitor, and thanked Ms. Bertram for accepting the appointment. He looks forward to working with her.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council remarks.

Councilman Thompson concurred with Mayor on the sentiments for the holidays as well as the appointment of Ms. Bertram as Solicitor. Wished everyone a great holiday. He asked everyone not to forget to love your family while they are here.

Councilman Surrency congratulated Ms. Bertram and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had a fruitful year, and he hopes we have a better one next year.

Councilman Zapolski welcomed Ms. Bertram aboard as Solicitor, and wished everyone the best wishes for the holidays.

Councilman Spence wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a safe new year. Welcomed Ms. Bertram as Solicitor.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple welcomed Ms. Bertram and thanked City Council for their work in the last six months, and the girls in the City Clerk's office. Wished everyone a nice Christmas, and embrace everyone that we love.

There being no other business to come before Council it was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson 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: _____