

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 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 Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

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 February 16, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 16, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

A moment of silence and flag salute was led by Councilman Jack Surrency.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Zapolski announced prior to starting the meeting, he will turn it over to the Mayor for swearing in of our new Fire Department personnel.

Mayor Kelly called upon Fire Chief David Schoch and Councilman William Spence, Fire Department Liaison.

Chief Schoch called new Fire Department personnel who were sworn in, comments made by Chief Schoch, Mayor, Councilman Spence and representative from Congressman Frank LoBiondo Office.

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of February 7, 2012 and Work Session of February 7, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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. Zapolski presented the Executive Session Minutes for January 17, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that said minutes be approved which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski announced this Friday at 9 am, Council will have a Special Meeting to discuss the subject of the School Board Election.

Also add on Resolutions J-7 thru J-13, bid removal debris Sunset Lake, bid for Indian Avenue sidewalks, bid debris removal Mary Elmer Lake Dam, bid repair River walk, bid replace storm water pipe, authorizing contract FMBA, and settlement agreement New Jersey Ethanol. He pointed out that the authorizing bid are all the infrastructure repairs that are part of that four and half million dollar bond that is on the agenda for tonight.

The next item he pointed out was why the taxi cab ordinance was on the agenda twice and lastly the ordinance adjusting the hours of the alcoholic beverage hours of sale to coincide with the surrounding communities.

Pres. Zapolski announced two Ordinances for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321

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 March 6, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 77-4 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REGARDING HOURS OF SALE FOR RETAIL PLENARY CONSUMPTION AND RETAIL PLENARY DISTRIBUTION AND CLUD LICENSES

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on March 6, 2012 which motion was carried by roll call vote with Mr. Thompson voting in the negative.

Pres. Zapolski announced three Ordinances for second reading.

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING 4,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that this is considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting is opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to close the public hearing on the ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski closed the public hearing on the ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
SPENCE	NONE	NONE	NONE
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY			
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 11-16**, the ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

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

Mr. David Elwell, Tournament Director for the Bridgeton Baseball Tournament, enlighten City Council on some things that the Bridgeton Invitational Tournament provides for the City and stressed the importance of the need for a concession stand.

Mr. David Hitchner, Stow Creek Township, reiterated what Mr. Elwell stated and informed Council of other events scheduled which will attract others to the area.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Bridgeton, President Bridgeton Little League, he is agreement with Alden Field needing a refreshment stand. When the Ordinance was read there was designation where the money was to go and each league has a special need, which he elaborated upon and stated the money should be spread around.

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

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SURRENCY			
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 11-17**, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

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It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that this is considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting is opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to close the public hearing on the ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski closed the public hearing on the ordinance.

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	LUGARDO-HEMPLE		
	SURRENCY		
	THOMPSON		
	ZAPOLSKI		

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance DEFEATED.

Pres. Zapolski 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 Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple second by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard at this time.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Bridgeton, addressed Council concerning the Bridgeton Inspection Station reopening.

Mr. Zapolski suggested that Council can adopt a support Resolution of the reopening of the Inspection Station to be sent to State Agency.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Bridgeton, informed Council of volunteers to paint the Babe Ruth Field Building and also having the paint donated and they will apply through the Recreation Director for permission to do that.

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

Pres. Zapolski closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Zapolski announced all matters listed under items J-1, through items J-13 are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple seconded by Mr. Surrency that the following Resolutions listed 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 193-11, accepting the Corrective Action Plan.

RESOLUTION NO 194-11, requesting closure of Mayor Aitken Drive for May 19, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO 195-11 award UEZ Development Grant to Mason Davis, LLC.
RESOLUTION NO 196-11 Award bid to Miracle Chemical Company for sodium hypochlorite.
RESOLUTION NO 197-11 authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.
RESOLUTION NO 198-11 authorizing agreement of sale for property known as Block 117, lot 6.
RESOLUTION NO 199-11 authorize bid for removal of debris from Sunset Lake Raceway.
RESOLUTION NO 200-11 authorize bid for Indian Avenue sidewalk project.
RESOLUTION NO 201-11 authorize bid for removal of debris from Mary Elmer Lake Dam.
RESOLUTION NO 202-11 authorizing bid for River walk repairs.
RESOLUTION NO 203-11 authorizing bid for replacement of storm water pipe.
RESOLUTION NO 204-11 authorizing FMBA agreement.
RESOLUTION NO 205-11 authorizing confidential settlement of litigation.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$405,593.47 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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. Zapolski announced no application/s.

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following reports for January:

Water/Sewer Department
Fire Department
Code Enforcement
EMSD
Public Works
Police Department
Tax Office Cash Receipts
Vital Statistics Office (Department)

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

Pres. Zapolski called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly, commented he had the opportunity to attend the State of the Budget by the Governor which he outlined and elaborated upon the highlights and offered copies of same from the budget.

Mayor also informed Council that \$5,000 was raised for the restoration of the Civil War statute and he is still has money coming in and still receiving calls in regard to the statute.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson no comments.

Councilman Surrency no comments.

Councilman Lugardo-Hemple no comments.

Councilman Spence commented on the Babe Ruth Building and also the confession stand.

Pres. Zapolski commented he attended the Civil War Concert and thought it was very well put together. The musicians were excellent and more than just music there was history lessons along with it and well attended.

Pres. Zapolski also thanked Ms. Goldsboro for bringing her concerns regarding the taxicabs and which helped to make that ordinance better.

Pres. Zapolski acknowledged the Police Department on their apprehension of the copper thieves, another job well done

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

President Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

Date: _____