

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.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 22, 2012, 9:20 a.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 22, 2012, at 9:16 a.m.
3. Published in the News of Cumberland County on February 23, 2012

Pres. Zapolski announced that it was also stated at the City Council Meeting of February 21, 2012.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Spence
Mr. Surrency
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Zapolski

Pres Zapolski stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide the Board of Education the opportunity to share their rationale for opting to not move the election of school board members from April to November; in view of the last-minute request from the County Board of Elections to consider taking an action to override the school board decision and then for the City Council to take into consideration a Resolution to move the school board election to November.

PRESENTATION/S

1. Bridgeton Board of Election Member Curtis Edwards addressed Council stating that he did not come to justify, or discuss, the board's decision to remain in April. Rather, he was present to hear Council's decision.
2. Cumberland County Board of Elections Members Lizabeth Hernandez, Barbara Fowler, and Kelly Echevarria addressed Council on several aspects of the Election. Such as how moving it to November could save Bridgeton resident up to \$43,000 annually, and that Bridgeton was the only school district (out of 14) to not move to the November election. In addition, deadlines which must be meant were discussed and a sample November ballot was shown and discussed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Michael Abbott, Bridgeton, addressed Council in favor of moving the election to November.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Following the presentation and the public portion, a Council discussion was held at its conclusion, the Mayor was invited to comment.

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE
FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, was defeated by the following:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Mr. Spence	
	Mr. Surrency		
	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Zapolski			

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and seconded by Mr. Spence 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: _____