

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 6, 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 March 2, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on March 2, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

A moment of silence and flag salute was led by Mayor Albert B. Kelly.

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 a presentation.

Mayor Kelly called upon Elvin Beardsworth of the Fire/EMS Department. He and Councilman Spence presented Mr. Beardsworth with a Certificate for Employee of the Month also with the statue.

Pres. Zapolski announced the following additions to the Agenda: Resolutions J-8 thru J-11: authorizing contract between City and Council 18, authorizing agreement with Cumberland County for shared services compost and wood chip, auth agreement with Rutala Associates LLC for feasibility assessment for compressed natural gas station, and authorizing interim transfer of lease pending execution for Angie's Diner.

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of February 21, 2012, Work Session of February 21, 2012, and Special City Council Meeting of February 24, 2012..

It was moved by Mr. Spence 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 February 7, 2012, July 1, 2011, July 19, 2011, August 2, 2011 and August 16, 2011.

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

Pres. Zapolski announced three Ordinances for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.

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 March 20, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 07-24 OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED JANUARY 15, 2008, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND USEFUL LIFE.

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 20, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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 20, 2012 which motion was carried by roll call vote with Mr. Thompson voting in the negative.

Pres. Zapolski announced three Ordinances for second reading.

Pres. Zapolski informed the public that the first ordinance will only be voted upon as the public hearing was already held but there was not enough members present for a sufficient vote.

The Clerk read the ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A LADDER TOWER TRUCK IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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 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. 11-05, 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:

CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency 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 Mr. Surrency 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 Mr. Surrency 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
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	THOMPSON		
ZAPOLSKI			

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 11-18**, 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:

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 CLUB LICENSES

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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.

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
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	THOMPSON		
ZAPOLSKI			

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 11-19**, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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. Surrency 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. Joseph McMahon, Hopewell Township, Desert Storm Veteran informing Council of the memorial he has ready to place in the Park and due to the delay of having it placed in the Park he is removing the proposal.

Council explained that before any work gets under way they would like to see a plan for the whole Park after much dialogue between Council, Mayor and Mr. McMahon, Mr. McMahon ended by stating he was taking the proposal off the table.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, President Little League, announced 60 Year Anniversary of Little League and the opening of the season April 14 and gave a brief history of Little League.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, informed Council of the importance of tree trimming and how it saved her home.

Ms. Batten further informed those present of the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, thanked Council for the Resolution in regards to the reopening of Bridgeton vehicle inspection station.

Mr. Michael Abbott addressed Council and pointed out loss of ratable also regarding petition for school board election not to be in April.

Mr. Abbott further suggested that Council be more transparent to the general public so they would know more about what Mayor and Council go through.

Mr. Mark Ott, commented that when someone has an issue in the City you can contact the Department Head rather than Mayor and Council to take care of the matter.

He also pointed out he is a Desert Storm veteran and would like to see the monument placed in the Park but in a solid stable placement.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency 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 207-11, insertion of revenue in budget Cultural Heritage Grant.

RESOLUTION NO 208-11, authorizing tonnage grant application.

RESOLUTION NO 209-11 tonnage tax identification statement.

RESOLUTION NO 210-11 authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO 211-11 maintaining commercial golf course.

RESOLUTION NO 212-11 supporting reopening of Bridgeton Inspection Station.

RESOLUTION NO 213-11 authorize advertising bid for roof repair of water works building.

RESOLUTION NO 214-11 authorize agreement with Council 18.

RESOLUTION NO 215-11 authorize agreement with Cumberland County shared services compost and wood chip.

RESOLUTION NO 216-11 authorizing agreement with James Rutala Associates, LLC feasibility assessment for compressed natural gas station.

RESOLUTION NO 217-11 authorizing interim transfer of lease pending execution of lease regarding Angie's Diner.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$468,472.87 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Spence 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:

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly commented that Adopt a Block is for schools and churches and Neighborhood Watch is for individual volunteers to be the eyes and ears in the neighborhood. We had a meeting last week where over twenty people attended. We plan to ask the cops to be at the next meeting and also voted to develop a relationship with Millville and Camden. We had presentations from individuals from Camden who have much more experience than we have concerning Neighborhood Watch.

Thanked the public for stepping up and sharing information with the Police Department about their neighborhoods and ask them to continue to share information with them.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson no comments.

Councilman Surrency reminded everyone of the Little League opening on April 14.

Councilman Lugardo-Hemple commented on the veterans that we all here respect the veterans.

Councilman Spence commented that he initiated the committee for the whole Park project so it will be done right the first time. So, until we decide how we want to do the whole project, we do not want to tell somebody that it's okay to go ahead and stick a statue somewhere. We want to try and do it right the first time.

Pres. Zapolski commented he wanted to speak to transparency that he makes an effort to encourage everyone to come to Council meetings, he also avails his self to speak to any one about any issue. He thinks this Council has been exceedingly transparent although it may be frustrating to people that don't understand. We are trying to look at an overall picture someone may not respond to you the way you want them to. But he encouraged McMahon to work with the city on his proposal rather than withdraw it due to frustration. There is nothing about a Desert Storm Monument or statue that is undesirable in the park. But it must be at the proper time and in the proper setting. He does not see anyone up here saying "no" they don't want it and he wants to make that very clear.

Administrator Goodreau commented that he would like to commend the Police and Fire Departments on their combined efforts on locating the missing fifty year old male that was missing.

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: _____