

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 3, 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 30, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on March 30, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

A moment of silence and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

The following answered to roll call:

ABSENT: Councilman Spence

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

A this time Pres. Zapolski turned the meeting over the Mayor for presentation of the employee of the month award.

Mayor Kelly called Kelly Shaw, Supervisor Animal Attendant to come forward and presented her with the Employee of the Month Statute and elaborated upon her work history and dedication.

Pres. Zapolski addressed those present regarding the changes on the agenda and added on Resolutions: A new first Ordinance, deals with adjustment of Taxi Cab to increase flexibility of drivers. Item H-1 and H-3 have been tabled temporarily. There has been three added resolutions to consent agenda: 1. Alcoholic Awareness Month, 2. Requesting Planning Board review and provide report for proposed Zoning Boundary change 3. Appointment of the Director of Planning and Development.

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of March 20, 2012, Work Session of March 20, 2012.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple second by Mr. Thompson 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 March 6, 2012, December 20, 2011, (1&2), December 6, 2011, November 14, 2011 and November 1, 2011.

It was moved y Mr. Thompson and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that said minutes be approved which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Zapolski announced one Ordinance for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321-3A

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo Hemple. 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 April 17, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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:

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

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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. Surrency 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. Surrency 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

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
LUGARDO-HEMPLE		SPENCE	
SURRENCY			
THOMPSON			

ZAPOLSKI

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 11-22, 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 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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. Thompson 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. Thompson 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 SPENCE	ABSTAIN 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 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Pres. Zapolski consulted with Administrator that we can adopt that has already had public hearing so we can go into adoption which the Administrator confirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 SPENCE	ABSTAIN NONE
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY			
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted.

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. Carl Hemple invited everyone for the opening of the Little League on April 14, 2012 at 10 am and elaborated upon the League and coaches requirements and the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Goldie Wulderk, suggested empty lots be used for neighborhood gardens and registered complaint of trash trucks on sidewalks.

Mr. Michael Abbott suggested Church Street becoming a one way also spoke in opposition of the vacant property ordinance which was removed this evening especially the amount to be paid for vacant property.

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 stated that the public hearing for the previous Ordinance must be held as advertised for this evening and directed by the Bond Counsel.

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 THEREFOR 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 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. Thompson 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. Thompson 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
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY			
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			

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

Pres. Zapolski announced all matters listed under items J-1, through items J-8 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 Mr. Surrency seconded by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 229-11, petty cash updated information.

RESOLUTION NO 230-11, authorizing refund for resale certificate over payment

RESOLUTION NO 231-11 authorizing refund for overpayment of rental registration.

RESOLUTION NO 232-11 authorizing tax office changes water/sewer/and trash accounts

RESOLUTION NO 233-11 authorizing change to personnel policy manual.

RESOLUTION NO 234-11 recommending report for zone change Block 190 Lots 1-18 and 21-36.

RESOLUTION NO 235-11 recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

RESOLUTION NO 236-11 appointment of Kevin Rabago as Director of Planning/Development

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$170,207.71 all members having received copies.

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

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following report:

1. Vital Statistics Office (February)

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

Pres. Zapolski called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly updated Council on the amount raised to repair the Civil War Statute being \$6,600 and have received two bids approximately \$8,000 and \$28,000. We will continue to keep it before us.

Mayor reported on the meeting with the Neighborhood Watch and the Adopt a Block Committee, the prosecutor was our guest speaker and will to have her staff to come to the next meeting. She is also willing to have a walk thru our neighborhood and looking to have that done soon.

He further reported that April 28, 2012 will be our clean up neighborhoods; this will be our kick off which we will go out and clean up neighborhoods and we will need the residents to stand up, there will be Tee Shirts and Hats. The month of May we will ask the churches to go out and knock on doors in the terms of ministry.

Also he informed those present of the Tip-411 which he explained is a Text Line that has been instituted in the City. This is for an anonymous resident to share information to the Police Department about incidents and crimes. These fliers will be posted all over

town and we are the only town in Cumberland/Salem County area that has instituted Tip-411.

Mayor further commented on an organization he has been working with, Pascale Sykes Foundation, on how we can institute a transportation network here in the City such as buses and vans which is needed.

Mayor informed those present that he was approached by a high school senior about holding a rally this weekend on behalf of Tevon Martin. It was an honor student who wanted fine some way of supporting justice and sharing their feelings. They are looking for an organized way to conveying their feelings rather than in an unorganized way so he told them he would work with them to organize an activity.

Mayor also reminded everyone that May is our Youth Week time again, last year we had youth election and perhaps this year we can expand to Department Heads.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson commented that we good and positive things coming.

Councilman Surrency welcomed Goldie Wulderk back.

Councilman Lugardo-Hemple also welcomed Ms. Wulderk back.

Pres. Zapolski informed those present that the City has received from the Department of Transportation funding for the Phase II reconstruction of Hampton Street, and encouraged people to support the Little League opening on April 14, 2012.

Also commented on the law that has recently came out in regards to certification of companies using fertilizer on lawns; and the confirmation of Kevin Rabago as Director of Development and Planning. It is a very well deserved appointment and congratulated him personally.

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