

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 17, 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 April 13, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on April 13, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

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

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Zapolski informed the public of two additional items added to the Executive Session during the Work Session; Public Safety related to sex offenders and Litigation regarding Demolition Lien.

The Public Session for this meeting a couple of changes on the agenda: J-2 Resolution insertion of the budget amount there should be \$150,000 and J-7 has been removed from the agenda and a modification to J-8 it identifies and amount of not to exceed \$578,900, two additional resolutions have been added; one deals with settlement litigation for police personnel and the other appointment of Historic District Commission Administration Officer, Mark Pierce.

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of April 3, 2012, Work Session of April 3, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency 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. Zapolski presented the Executive Session Minutes for March 20, 2012, May 3, May 17, June 8 (1&2), June 21, and June 28, 2011.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Spence that said minutes be approved which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinance for first reading.

Pres. Zapolski announced two 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:

AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321-3A

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

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. 11-23, 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 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 \$332,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

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SPENCE	NONE	NONE	NONE
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY			
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 11-24**, the ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Zapolski announced one other change on the agenda, under applications item three has been removed from the agenda.

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. Michael Abbott asked if the city was aware of what the Cumberland County Library is doing getting ready to do concerning the use of Clues to a Login system and will be costly to the City, discussion was entered into regarding the issue

Mr. Abbott commented that Item J-2 on the agenda was confusing as stated by Pres. Zapolski in the Work Session and he agrees with him. Items should be stated more clearly and specific language should come with the resolutions and ordinances especially when it comes to dollar amounts to clear up confusion.

Also stated that he has trouble with JPTA, not with the program but with the workers who do not perform especially in the Hi-Rise building also with the message that is being sent when the Pres. Zapolski states that these are already approved, says to him that your mind is already made up, which he tried to explain regarding the Resolutions,

Administrator clarified the statement that the decision regarding resolutions after hearing from the public can be changed.

Mr. Abbott further commented on the Adopt a Block that he supports the Mayor that it is very necessary thing.

Mr. Warren Robinson posed questions regarding the Nail House Museum.

Administrator explained that the building has termite problem and is presently closed until the City has funds to hire craft man to repair the building a consultant has been contracted.

Mr. Robinson inquired about the items donated for display.

He was informed that they have been removed are in a secure place.

Mayor explained that the City is going to look at and overall plan for our Park and the Nail House Museum will be part of it and he will get the answer for him as to where the articles are being kept.

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-10 with J-7 pulled 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. Spence 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 238-11, denying transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License.

RESOLUTION NO 239-11, requesting insertion of revenue in budget \$250,000, NJ Historic Trust.

RESOLUTION NO 240-11 requesting insertion of revenue in budget \$257,700, NJDOT.

RESOLUTION NO 241-11 authorizing shared service agreement with Greenwich for EMS.

RESOLUTION NO 242-11 authorizing agreement with County under Community Work Experience Program.

RESOLUTION NO 243-11 authorizing RFP for underground storage tank removal.

RESOLUTION NO 244-11 awarding RFP to Watersplash Inc for splash pad.

RESOLUTION NO 245-11 authorizing settlement agreement.

RESOLUTION NO 246-11 appointment of Mark Pierce as Historic District Commission Officer.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1776, 324.44 all members having received copies.

Pres. Zapolski pointed out that 1.3 million dollars is the second quarter County Purpose tax paid to the County.

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 receipt of the following applications:

1. Fraternal Order Eagles, Raffle Application
2. Main Street Association- Block off Street for Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 1 to 8 pm (Laurel Street from Broad to Commerce Street)

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following March, 2012, reports:

1. City Clerk's Office
2. Fire Department
3. EMS
4. Code Enforcement
5. Zoning Office
6. Public Works

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 reported on the Adopt A Block who have planned a day that they will walk the neighborhood along with the Prosecutor and other law enforcement to look at some of the hot spots and identify certain areas.

He also stated that on April 28, 2012 at 9 am we will hold a neighborhood clean up, he asking that residents meet behind City Hall and go out and make a difference in the neighborhood and in May he is asking churches to go out.

Mayor congratulated Greg who received an award for news reporting, Statewide was in Sunday's paper.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson reminded everyone of the Youth to Youth event scheduled on April 26 at 6 pm

Councilman Surrency commented on the opening of the Little League, the park an fields were beautiful. He heard comments being made on how, a great job the city done on park and fields and it was a great day. He also stated he attended the young lady's funeral services that was killed the fire.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple concurred with Mr. Surrency, it was a beautiful day and reminded everyone that Saturday, April 21, 2012 is the Film Festival

Councilman Spence had no remarks.

Pres. Zapolski commented on the Little League opening it was quite an event to see all the people in attendance. Mr. Hemple has done a fantastic job in last couple of years.

Also commented on the girl's softball league having extended to three levels now, this Thursday, April 19, 2012 the basketball courts will be opening ceremony, and echo the Food and Film Festival this Saturday at the Ashley McCormick building.

He informed the public that Water Street may be open by the end of the week.

Pres. Zapolski also mentioned that the cost of Electricity for the City on this month's Schedule of Bills was \$51,000 and 47 percent of that cost was for street lighting and if lights are out we still have to pay. So he asked that it you see them report them.

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: _____