

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 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 Jack Surrency.

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 2, 2015, at 4:30 pm
 2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on April 2, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.
- Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Edwards
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Spence
Mr. Zapolski
President Surrency

Pres. Jack Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015 and Work Session of March 17, 2015, also Executive Session Minutes of March 17, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Edwards to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and that said minutes be approved, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced six Ordinances for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 350 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Edwards that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 21, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPEED HUMPS ON MAYOR AITKEN DRIVE

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 21, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote

The Clerk announced Ordinance designating Parts of Cohansey Street as One-Way Streets was removed from the agenda.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A MOUNTABLE CURB SYSTEM AND MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MAYOR AITKEN DRIVE.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Spence that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 21, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk announced Ordinance amending Chapter 149 Article II of the Code was removed from the agenda.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF SIMPSON STREET AND VACATION OF A PORTION OF ALLEN OR ALEN AVENUE

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 21, 2015 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote

Pres. Surrency announced one Ordinance for second reading:

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE CREATING THE BRIDGETON JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public for anyone 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. Zapolski that the public portion of the meeting be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Zapolski that this be considered that 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	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Edwards			
Ms. Lugardo-Hemple			
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Zapolski			
Mr. Surrency			

Pres. Surrency declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 15-5, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Surrency announced this being the time and place set forth for the public to address Council with their comments on the consent agenda items or any other matter.

It was moved by Ms., Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Jose Osorio, Bridgeton Avenue, requested Council to reconsider his taxicab driver license which was denied.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, commented he agreed with statement made in Work Session regarding the person waiving of fees on item G-5 amending Chapter 149 Article II.

Also commented on trash in Park when barriers were not up and safety in Park.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-6 through J-18 will be enacted upon by one motion unless a Council member desires to discuss an item; in that case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately. Item J-1 and J-5 was removed from the Agenda along with G-3 and G-5. Added to the agenda during the Work Session was J-17 and J-18. Item J-17 will be acted upon separately.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-15 authorizing application FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant. .

RESOLUTION NO. 110-15, authorizing professional services with GPM Associates, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-15, authorizing closing streets for Parade of Champions.

RESOLUTION NO. 112-15, authorizing granting veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO..113-15, authorizing granting senior citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-15, authorizing utility account adjustments in the Tax Office.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-15, authorizing Tonnage Grant Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-15, submission of Tax Identification Statement for Recycling.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-15, authorizing application for Recreation Trails Program Grant.

RESOLUTION NO..118-15, authorizing sale of Block 186 Lot 18.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-15, appointing Sangeeta Scott to Zoning Board of Adjustment. .

RESOLUTION NO. 121-15, authorizing confidential settlement of litigation.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Edwards and second by Mr. Zapolski
RESOLUTION NO. 120-15, authorizing agreement with CCIA for retention of vehicle was adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Pres. Surrency abstaining. The original Resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Surrency presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,436,503.25 all members have received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded 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" for Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced no applications.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports:

1. Best Practices Inventory Work Sheet CY 2014/2015
2. Vital Statistics, February
3. Zoning Officer, March

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly, introduced Ms. Stephanie Simmons who gave remarks regarding her helping hand/emergency help program in she conducts in her neighborhood.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Edwards, no comments.
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, reminded those present of the opening of Little League this Saturday at 10 am.

Councilman Spence, no comments.
Councilman Zapolski, no comments.

Pres. Surrency thanked everyone for coming out.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____