

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Meeting time change was due to a Bridgeton High School Student Youth Week City Council Mock Meeting held prior to the Council Meeting at 5 pm. The students that participated as our governing body were:

Mayor Brenda Ruiz
Councilman Louis Vera
Council President Heavenly Smith
Councilwoman Deja Mosley
Councilwoman Kimberly Celaya
Councilwoman Leah Sadler
Municipal Clerk Destiny Thompson
Business Administrator Kiyah Turner

It was a learning and interesting experience for all.

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 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 May 11, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on May 11, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

A moment of silence and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

Pres. Zapolski presented changes in the Agenda which were made in the Work Session: an additional item that was added to the Executive Session was contractual regarding cell tower installation, J-14 was a resolution that was added to the agenda and copies will be placed on the table as copies are being made. This is a resolution that allocates certain UEZ funds to various categories, the typed copy that will be provided is being amended in the wording such that the projects that are to be funded will list three specific projects Main Street Organization projects and administration in the amount of \$75,000, Outdoor Market Bazaar in the amount of \$50,000 and 2 Class II Police Officers for UEZ and Downtown area patrols in the amount of \$54,000 other projects to be used for the other \$942,008 that are allocated into the Project Infrastructure category will be individually approved by city council when it exceeds the bid threshold, that is the amendment that was done.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Spence
Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Surrency

Absent: Mr. Thompson

Pres. Zapolski

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of May 1, 2012, Work Session of May 1, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Spence second by Mr. Surrency 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 January 4, 2011, January 18, 2011, February 1, 2011 and April 17, 2012.

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

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinance for first reading.

Pres. Zapolski announced one Ordinance for second reading.

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. Spence and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that his 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	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Spence			
Lugardo-Hemple	None	None	
			Thompson

Surrency
Zapolski

Pres. Zapolski declared the ordinance adopted becoming

ORDINANCE NO. 11-25, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Zapolski announced this is the time and place set forth for the public to address Council for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter of concern.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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 to come forward and state their name and address.

Mrs. Gloria Cortez, commented that she took care of a problem at the High-rise, which involved a community worker and she is no longer working there.

Mr. Michael Abbott, expressed concern over rooming houses and sidewalk parking.

Mr. Joseph Carr, member of the Ionic Lodge No. 40 F&AM, 180 Vine Street, Bridgeton, requesting permission to make the public aware of where they are located and how they can assist the community in meeting there needs, through signage.

Mr. Greg Darden expressed concern and support of no smoking in the sports field and park area.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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-19 are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion, with the exception of Item J-6 which will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple seconded by Mr. Spence 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 260-11, authorizing request to block off street for Bridgeton Schools Parade of Champions.

RESOLUTION NO 261-11, refunding overpayment of Alcohol Beverage License Fifth Ward AA.

RESOLUTION NO 262-11 transfer appropriations in FY 2012 Budget.

RESOLUTION NO 263, insertion budget Clean Communities FY 12.

RESOLUTION NO 264-11, insertion in budget, Body Armor Grant FY 12.

RESOLUTION NO 266-11 authorizing interlocal agreement FY 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award

RESOLUTION NO 267-11 authorizing sale Block 187 Lots 29 and 30 to W. Dickson

RESOLUTION NO 268-11 authorizing expending donated funds for repairs of Civil War Monument.

RESOLUTION NO. 269-11 authorizing veteran tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 270-11 authorizing senior citizen tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 271-11, cancels unspent balances for UEZ Projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 272-11, approving FY2012 Annual Action Plan HOME Consortium

RESOLUTION NO. 273-11 approving allocations use of UEZ Project Funds FY2012

RESOLUTION NO. 274-11, authorizing commodity resale agreement salt brine and County wash bay facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 275-11, pledge support for Employment Initiative Program of New Jersey Employer Support Guards and Reserves.

RESOLUTION NO. 276-11, supporting the Jessica Lunsford Act

RESOLUTION NO. 277-11, honoring Julia Jean Rugenus

RESOLUTION NO. 278-11, Class II Police Officer appointed Jared Buffalino

Upon motion by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Spence

RESOLUTION NO 265-11 authorizing changes on water/sewer/trash accounts, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple recused herself. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills having been amended. The correct amount of the Schedule of Bills is \$987,480.68 all members having received copies.

Pres. Zapolski pointed out the additions to the previous schedule of bills for that purpose is \$615,000 payment for our fire ladder truck which we approved at a prior council meeting and those funds coming from the sale of an earlier truck.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second 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" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Zapolski announced one application from Assembly of God for blocking off Marion Street for Community Outreach on May 26, 2012.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency to approve said application an issue the permit which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski presented the following reports for April:

City Clerk	Code Enforcement
Vital Statistics (March)	Construction
Tax Office	
Water/Sewer	
Police Department	
Fire Department	
EMS	

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 announced the hiring of a new police officer, Officer Sarah Cheek, she is filling one of the vacancies we had in our police department. We are happy to welcome her to the force. She comes with experience from the City of Trenton and she is hired thru the Rice Bill, which gives us the opportunity to hire people who have previous experience and do not have to go thru the Academy. So as Chief noted she is the first civil service qualified African American Senior Officer that we have had, people who read that in the newspaper will say we had Ms. Gould as an officer but she was not civil service certified. We are not here to de-smudge her memories, because he does remember Mom Gould very well. Ms. Cheek is the first civil service certified African American female. We thank the Chief and Business Administrator for their recruiting and doing a great job in working to fill the vacancies. So, he thanked the Chief for the recruitment job he is doing and Dale for putting out the feelers in the community that we can try and fill the vacancies and also that the vacancies looks like a reflection of our community, making the effort to find minority officers, Spanish speaking officers so that it reflects our community.

Lastly, Mr. President he is going to reach out to Councilman Spence concerning the downtown living ordinances that you are working on. Mr. Spence has a great idea for Main Street and the downtown so we will set up meetings so we can talk and perhaps we can move the upstairs living downtown ordinances to fruition. We can give some of our downtown merchants, who own property some relief. We have been talking about pushing for second floor living in downtown. He will reach out to Councilman Spence, so that we can talk about it and how we can make it happen sooner rather than later.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Surrency no, comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple reminded everyone of the Senior Citizen Prom being held on May 17, 2012 at the Marino Center.

Councilman Spence no comments

Pres. Zapolski brought attention to a couple of resolutions adopted tonight, one is the Jessica Lunsford Act, previously in the State of New Jersey there were such things as child free safety zones from sexual predators but our Supreme Court in the State of New Jersey decided that wasn't lawful. There is now a new move a foot to re-designate child free safety zones and this is a resolution that we passed tonight and adopted basically in support of that resolution called the Jessica Lunsford Act that is one of them. The other one we passed deals with returning reserves that are in our military and there is an Employment Initiative Program. We were asked to help to support and that is another one of the resolutions that we passed tonight for that purpose as well.

The other point he would like to mention is that this Saturday is the Family Fun Day, Bridgeton Family Fun Day this Saturday, starting off with the walk from the Sports

Complex toward the downtown area and there is a whole list of activities that will be going on at that time.

There being no other business to come before Council it was moved by Mr. Surrency second 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: _____