

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 6:00 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 June 22, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on June 22, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

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

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Zapolski presented announced during the course of this meeting there will be a couple of recognitions: we will recognizing our Bridgeton nine and ten year old little League All Star Players and Coaches and also a swearing in ceremony for three new Class II Officers which will be appointed shortly during the resolution set agenda and recognition for our new police officer who has finished the Academy Brahem Days

He is not sure where they will fit in the program because we are still missing a few people, so we are going to proceed with our agenda and try to fill this in the best we can.

Pres. Zapolski announced there are no minutes.

Pres. Zapolski announced we have two Ordinances for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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 July 17, 2012 which motion was carried by roll call vote, with Mr. Surrency voting no.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES**

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on July 17, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinances for second reading.

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 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.

Mr. Joe DeLuca presented request for police services during their march on July 16, 2012 for the Catholic Church entitled The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Pearl Street from the church to the school.

Mr. DeLuca was informed that this was a State Highway and their permission was necessary but the Administrator would look into our ordinance as to our rule concerning the matter and would be in contact with them.

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 at this time called upon Mr. Carl Hemple, President of Little League, at which time we are going to recognize our nine and ten year old Little League All Star who have served as an inspiration and roll model for the City as shinning example.

Mr. Hemple presented the coaches who in turn introduced the nine and ten year old All Star Players.

Mr. Hemple also called upon Ms. Stephanie Arketta who is Vice President of the Girl Soft Ball Organization who made a presentation thanking Pres. Zapolski who umpired all their games.

Mayor offered words of encouragement and congratulations to the players and coaches.

Pres. Zapolski announced all matters listed under items J-1, through items J-11 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 308-11, authorizing release of Maintenance Bond.

RESOLUTION NO 309-11, authorizing cancelling stale dated checks.

RESOLUTION NO 310-11 authorizing rescinding Resolution 226-11 insertion in budget for fire truck

RESOLUTION NO 311-11, authorizing cancellation of unspent balances of various grants.

RESOLUTION NO 312-11 authorizing award of bid to J. Wilhelm Roofing.

RESOLUTION NO 313-11 authorizing application to DOT for enhancement grant for preservation of Route 49 Bridge Keepers Building.

RESOLUTION NO 314-11 award bid to Ricky Slade for Riverfront Bulkhead weep hole repair.

RESOLUTION NO. 315-11 authorizing contract modifications with R. E. Pierson Construction Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 316-11 City Park Bond Funds for ADA design and construction to various park recreation activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 317-11, appointing Class II Police Officers, Soper, Buffalino and Regan.

RESOLUTION NO. 318-11, authorizing amendment to Resolution 244-11.

Pres. Zapolski at this time called upon the Mayor for swearing in of our Class II Police Officers.

Mayor Kelly and Chief Mark Ott came forth and swore in the Class II Officers.

Mayor also announced that the City was the recipient of a COP Grant, so we can add three officers to the force.

Mayor also stated they would be swearing in their new officer who has finished the academy Officer Brahem L. Days and he was glad the young people are so they can see police officers being sworn in; joining the Mayor and Chief Ott was Cumberland County Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae.

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$284,287.70 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 no applications:

Pres. Zapolski announced no reports.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly thanked members of Council who were able to attend the first neighborhood walk last evening. He believes it was a success that over thirty people attended including the prosecutor and Chief of Police and some of the high ranking officers

and many people were very receptive to seeing City officials and community leaders to come out to knock on the doors and share information and the tip 411 flier is what we need to highlight as everyone wanted that. It was the best way to approach it, so people could see that this is anonymous and can work. He believes this was a success so next month they will do the courthouse hill area, including Bridgeton Villas, Glen Park area so that the residence can see that Council members, Mayor, Police Department, and City Officials they do care and take their time and go out and knock doors to share the hope and he thanked Council who went out and distributed hats to Council members.

Pres. Zapsolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson commented he is looking forward to the next neighborhood walk and encouraged everyone to be a part of it.

Councilman Surrency apologized for not being able to present at the walk due to accident his son and fiancé was in and solicited prayers for them.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple echoed what the Mayor and Councilman Thompson said it is important that the Tip 411 fliers be distributed as the people asked for them a lot and glad she was able interpret for them and also being the end of the Little League for Mr. Hemple she will see him at home.

Councilman Spence congratulated the little league players and commented on last night as being very informative for both sides and the brochures on TIP 411 was really receptive by the people and appreciated everybody coming out.

Pres. Zapsolski, commented he was very encouraged by the walk around that was done out in the neighborhood it was very enlightening to hear some of the comments from the people it was good thing and good start and he looks forward to the next one. He acknowledged Gladys for her bilingual skills. They were essential in the neighborhood we went into and he appreciates the fact that she was willing to continually and repeat many of the same things over and over again.

He also stated that he is very much encouraged and really appreciated the effort and the recognition that the soft ball coach gave to him. His daughter played for West Cumberland when the City of Bridgeton did not have a soft ball league and when he saw the opportunity he did not mind coming out of retirement to umpire the girl's soft ball league and thought that was fine and that was what he would like to do and he appreciates their recognition.

There being no other business to come before Council it was moved by Mr. Spence second by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapsolski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

President Michael D. Zapsolski, Sr. Date:_____