

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 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 President 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 July 2, 2015, at 4:30 pm
  - 2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on July 2, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.
- Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2015 and Work Session of June 23, 2015, Executive Session of June 23, 2015.

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

Pres. Surrency announced no Ordinances for first reading.

Pres. Surrency announced two Ordinances for second reading

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON CREATING THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Edwards that this be considered the second reading and public hearing and 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 a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Ms. Jamie Warner inquired about the salary for the position. Administrator responded that the salary range in the Salary Ordinance range is \$4,000 to \$7,000 at the present it is \$5,000.

No else one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that the public hearing be closed, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Edwards that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Lugardo-Hemple			
			Spence
			Zapolski
Surrency			

Pres. Surrency declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 15-19, the original Ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CIT OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that this be considered the second reading and public hearing and 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 a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple that the public hearing be closed, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards 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 which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Lugardo-Hemple			
Spence			
Zapolski			
Surrency			

Pres. Surrency declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 15-21, the original Ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BRIDGETON PORT AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING \$335,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$225,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and second by Ms. 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 which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edwards			
Lugardo-Hemple			
Spence			
Zapolski			
Surrency			

Pres. Surrency declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 15-20, the original Ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Pres. Surrency announced this is 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.

Ms. Dolores Batten, addressed Council regarding bicycle and motorized wheel chair safety on the streets and inquired about Angie's Dinner.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, expressed concern over the empty store fronts in the City, and suggested advertising renting them to outside businesses.

Ms. Jamie Warner, addressed Council regarding the requirement of Insurance for a Block Party when blocking off the street and asked for a possible waiver of the application requirement for insurance.

Ms. Felicta Cox, expressed concern over lack of activities for the youth in the community and the requirement for insurance for Block Party.

Ms. Jamie Warner addressed Council concerning the Block Party and insurance.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Edwards 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-1 through J-17 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. Items J-14 to J-17 was added to the Agenda during the Work Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 214-15, award police and fire uniforms contract to Action Uniform Company.  
RESOLUTION NO. 215-15, amending Resolution 195-15 purchase of Ford F-450 for Public Works Department.  
RESOLUTION NO. 216-15, Tax Office senior citizen deduction add back.  
RESOLUTION NO. 217-15, Tax Office utility account adjustments and taxes.  
RESOLUTION NO..218-15, granting senior citizen tax exemption.  
RESOLUTION NO..219-15, honoring Festival Puertorriqueno De NJ, Inc.  
RESOLUTION NO. 220-15, authorizing memorandum understanding for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant.  
RESOLUTION NO. 221-15, honoring Dr. Thomas Isekenegbe, PH.D.  
RESOLUTION NO..222-15, authorizing discharge or cancellation of mortgage for Mooney/Trolley Barn.  
RESOLUTION NO. 223-15, amending Resolution 204-15 cancel stale dated checks.  
RESOLUTION NO. 224-15, refund of vacant property registration fee to NFR.  
RESOLUTION NO..225-15, refund zoning permit application fee to Raymond Roman.  
RESOLUTION NO. 226-15, Temporary Appropriations for transition year 2016..  
RESOLUTION NO. 227-15, authorizing approved State Contract Vendors.  
RESOLUTION NO. 228-15, authorizing purchase energy generation Bridgeton main electric accounts EMEX LLC.  
RESOLUTION NO. 229-15, authorizing purchase energy generation Bridgeton street lighting account EMEX LLC.  
RESOLUTION NO. 230-15, authorizing special counsel contract with Barker, Gelfand & James, P.C.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Spence that the Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Spence and Mr. Zapolski being absent. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Surrency announced no Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced one applications.  
Raffle Permit Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that said permit be granted and license issued, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced two reports.

Vital Statistics (May)  
Treasurer (May)

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Spence that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Edwards, no comments.  
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, no comments  
Councilman Spence expressed concern over frustrations of rules and regulations that must be followed and wished that they could do more.

Councilman Zapolski, no comments.

Pres. Surrency offered his assistance to help those concerning the Block Party.

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

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darlene J. Richmond  
Municipal Clerk

Approved:

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Jack Surrency  
Council President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_