

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 7, 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 Acting Council President William D. Spence.

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 August 3, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on August 3, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. The Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Spence
Mr. Surrency
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Zapolski

Absent: Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

Acting Pres. Spence announced President Lugardo-Hemple was on a well-deserved vacation.

Acting Pres. Spence presented the minutes from the Meeting of July 3, 2012, Work Session of July 3, 2012, Meeting of July 17, 2012 and Work Session of July 17, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski 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.

Acting Pres. Spence announced two Ordinances for first reading.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, CHAPTER 77 TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISTRIBUTION ON SUNDAYS.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on August 21, 2012 which motion was carried by roll call vote with Mr. Thompson voting in the negative.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE VACATING PORTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY/ALLEY ON A PORTION OF THE NORTH SIDE OF 520 NORTH PEARL STREET, BEING LOT 19, BLOCK 73

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final

consideration be held on August 21, 2012 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Acting Pres. Spence announced one Ordinance for second reading.

The Clerk announced this is time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

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

Acting Pres. Spence 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. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski to close the public hearing which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Spence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance 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	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Surrency			
Mr. Thompson			
Mr. Zapolski			

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple

Acting Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 12-4 the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Acting Pres. Spence 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 Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Acting Spence opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard to come forward and state their name and address.

Mr. Michael Abbott, commented on construction going on and merchants downtown selling vegetables with no permits visible and this is money lost, also expressed concern over raises regarding Department Heads, parking on curbs and sidewalks, he further questioned difference between UEZ Grant and Loan, thanked Mr. Zapolski for his scrutiny regarding the expenditures of funds.

Mrs. Goldie Wulderk registered complaint concerning a ticket her tenant received for the trash lid container being up which she believes someone else was going through the trash.

Administrator commented that recycling would eliminate those going through trash because of the separate containers they would have no reason to go into the trash containers. Mrs. Wulderk was also informed that there are photographs she could ask to see of the incident through the Public Works Department and Director of Public Works Dean Dellaquila stated she could also contact him

Mrs. Wulderk also suggested that the stores be open during the Crab fest.
Councilman Spence responded that they are asking the stores to be open and also have sidewalk sales.

Mrs. Wulderk further questioned new stores opening having a permit.

Councilman Zapolski explained to her they would only need a permit if they were changing the business use and then a notice would be sent to the surrounding businesses.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson to close the public portion of the meeting, which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

Acting Pres. Spence announced changes on the consent agenda resolutions: j-9 there is an attachment listing the properties available and will be noted in the resolution, j-13 the second Whereas has been deleted and the figure has been changed to the actual bid of the bleachers \$30,240.80 and item j-19 was added awarding bid for Fire Department uniforms.

Acting Pres. Spence announced all matters listed under items J-1, through items J-19 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. Thompson seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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 30-12, confirming appointment Jared Loatman to Zoning Board

RESOLUTION NO 31-12, confirming appointment of Perla Islas to Zoning Board

RESOLUTION NO 32-12, adopting pre-qualification regulations for Cumberland National Bank Project funded by the NJ Historic Trust Capital Grant

RESOLUTION NO 33-12, authorizing advertisement for bids for maintenance services for Fire Department Apparatus

RESOLUTION NO 34-12 supporting drive sober or get pulled over statewide crackdown

RESOLUTION NO 35-12 award bid to G.M. White Electrical Contractor, Inc. for providing electrical installation and repair services

RESOLUTION NO 36-12 establishing FY 2013 Tax Rate

RESOLUTION NO. 37-12, Tax Office make changes

RESOLUTION NO. 38-12 Tax Office cancel small balances

RESOLUTION NO. 39-12, authorizing agreement with James M. Rutala Associates, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 40-12, awarding bid to TC Landscape Construction Group, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-12, award bid bleachers in Park

RESOLUTION NO. 42-12, authorizing City Park Bond Funds for Bleachers

RESOLUTION NO. 43-12, contemplating purchase of property

RESOLUTION NO. 44-12 authorizing Veteran Tax Exemption by Assessor

RESOLUTION NO. 45-12, maintenance bond release Anthony's Hot Dog World, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-12, contract modification for reconstruction of Hampton Street Phase I

RESOLUTION NO. 47-12, contract modification for Water Works Building re-roofing

RESOLUTION NO. 48-12, award bid for Fire Department uniforms

Acting Pres. Spence presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,613,290.79 all members having received copies.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out correction of \$85 changing the amount to \$1,613,375.79.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Zapolski that the Schedule of Bills in the correct amount of \$1,613,375.79 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.

Acting Pres. Spence announced two applications:

1. Gospel Tent Street Services, Bethany SDA Church, August 12 to 24, 2012
2. Noise Exempt Ordinance, Bethany SDA Church, August 12 to 24, 2012

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Thompson to approve said applications an issue the permits which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Spence presented the following reports for July:

Vital Statistics (June)
Water/Sewer Department

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

Acting Pres. Spence called upon Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly commented that this evening there is also a meeting going on at the Cumberland County Board of Social Services as you may recall last year we negotiated a satellite office at City Hall Annex. He was notified last week that the satellite office may close do to the lack of usage. He wrote a letter to Ms. Miller the Director of Board of Social Services objecting to that. Because no one utilized the office in the Annex in the entire year therefore that is reason enough to close it, but I object mainly due to they never informed anyone in the western part of Cumberland County that the office is available. So, you would not have usage because you did not tell anyone. So he is requesting Council to adopt a resolution objecting to this closing, which Council agreed for the next meeting.

Mayor stated on a different note he just received an E-mail from the DCA that the NJRA announced it provided preliminary approval for 10 million dollar tax-exempt bond to Renewable New Jersey to develop the plant within the Bridgeton's Port District Redevelopment and will provide 128 jobs to our community.

Mayor also announced the Bridgeton Invitational is going on its final week and also the statute is being completed and rededication will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Acting Pres. Spence called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson glad to hear about new jobs are coming.

Councilman Surrency - no comments.

Councilman Zapolski commented on August 2 news article concerning purchase of the BEN building and he wanted to make it clear concerning the purchase of the BEN building Resolution j-14 which authorized the cancellation of the contract for the purchase of that building. The news article mentioned the Administration's due diligence that was carried out with respect to assessing the building's condition. But he also wanted to make it clear that Council also exercised their due diligence on May 1 by tabling an ordinance that could have authorized that building purchase to take place prematurely as the building condition reports were not yet completed. He wanted to make sure that our residents were aware of the fact that Council also exercised their due diligence as they take their roll of financial oversight and control quite seriously.

Councilman Zapolski pointed out that our McDonald's will be opening August 31 a grand opening ceremony there.

He further addressed Goldie in regards to trash or anybody if there is ever a concern about why you got a trash ticket, please contact the Department of Public Works talk to the enforcement people and they have documented evidence to show why the ticket is issued, if there is any controversy I am sure they will be fair with you and his understanding is the number of tickets have dropped down considerably because people are really following

the rule it doesn't mean that something doesn't happen by accident. So he encourages those to contact those people to see what really happen.

Acting Pres. Spence commented regarding the salary ordinance increases, that negotiations are going on and there are not two separate increases one from Civil Service another one thru the City, it is just the one.

Also with the news flash, the City has been working on the project for quite a while regarding what the Mayor mentioned with DCA. He has a feeling we will read about it in the paper and it is a very exciting thing. Councilman Thompson mentioned about jobs; that and taxes are the number one good thing as a result of the whole thing.

Dale Goodreau, Business Administrator, explained the salary ordinance that it is a range the salary fits somewhere between that range, all the raises are negotiated.

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

Acting Pres. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Acting President William D. Spence

Date: _____