

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 1, 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 Deputy Municipal Clerk, Jeanne Hitchner, "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 28, 2015, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on August 28, 2015, at 4:30 p.m."

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Zapolski
Pres. Surrency

Pres. Surrency announced that at this time, Fire Chief Bowen will be administering the Oath of Office for two firefighters who were recently promoted. Fire Chief Bowen first congratulated Captain Gene Shelton on his retirement. He then asked Jack Justice to come to the head of the room to be sworn in as Fire Captain. After administering the Oath of Office, he asked Brent Hitchner to come to the front to be sworn in as Lieutenant, which he did. There was much applause.

At this time, President Surrency announced that in order to comply with State Budgetary procedures, we must act on the Resolution to read the Budget by title only. Deputy Clerk read the resolution. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple moved, seconded by Councilman Edwards to read the budget by title, upon which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. This resolution became RESOLUTION NO. 274-15 and may be found in the original Resolution Book located in the Clerk's Office.

Pres. Surrency announced this is the time set forth for a Public Hearing for any comments on the Amendments for TY 2015 Budget only. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and a second by Councilman Edwards, the meeting was opened to the public. With nobody coming forward, Pres. Surrency asked Council for a motion to close the public portion. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple moved, seconded by Councilman Edwards to close the public portion, upon which motion was carried.

President Surrency announced that this is the time set forth to act on the 2015 TY Budget Resolution as amended. Ms. Lugardo-Hemple moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to adopt the 2015 TY Budget Resolution as amended which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. This resolution became RESOLUTION NO. 275-15 and may be found in the original Resolution Book located in the Clerk's Office.

Pres. Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015, Work Session of August 18, 2015, and Executive Session of August 18, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence 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 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 Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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.

Goldie Wulderk, owner of Senior Care and Thrift Store on East Commerce Street came forward to ask City Council for some help with her efforts in feeding the hungry within the City. She said she has the ability to get a lot of farm fresh foods to disburse, but not enough help to collect and distribute it.

Dolores Batten of 56 Albertson Avenue came forward to address an article she read in the paper about the Hispanic Community wanting to get drivers licenses.

Dr. Copare came forward to represent his elderly father, Anthony Copare who lives at 216 W. Lincoln Street. Mr. Copare was burglarized and beaten in his home and is still recovering from the attack. Dr. Copare

wanted to bring the incident to City Council and ask for stronger security measures to look after the elderly in the community.

Mr. James Doughty of 59 Cedar Street came forward to mention the property next to his located at 52 Church Street which has been cleaned up quite a bit since he first came to City Council to complain about it. He did mention, however, that there is still more to be cleaned up. Administrator Goodreau said he would follow-up with him after speaking with Code Enforcement about it.

Dale Stevens of 56 Cedar Street came forward to ask City Council about how she might go about getting some assistance for her failing health. Council President Surrency directed her to go to her doctor and speak directly with him about the different organizations out there who may be able to assist her.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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-11 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-10 and J-11 were added to the Agenda during the Work Session. Also during the Work Session, item J-2 was decided by Council to be rescheduled for the September 15, 2015 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 264-15, Authorizing agreement between City of Bridgeton and Bridgeton Housing Authority
RESOLUTION NO. 265-15, Imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations
RESOLUTION NO. 266-15, Requesting approval for Chapter 159 for 2015 Drive Sober Labor Day Crackdown
RESOLUTION NO. 267-15, Granting Senior Citizen Tax Exemption for Gail Steward
RESOLUTION NO. 268-15, Amending Phase II of the ADA Parking Plan to Think Pavers, LLC
RESOLUTION NO. 269-15, Authorizing street closure for First Annual Mexico Independence Day Celebration
RESOLUTION NO. 270-15, Authorizing advertisement for bids-foundations/ relocation of donated Vo-tech houses
RESOLUTION NO. 271-15, Amending Resolution 4-15 to recognize Investor Bank as an additional designated official depository and investor group
RESOLUTION NO. 272-15, Authorizing the request for bids for repaving of Baltimore Avenue
RESOLUTION NO. 273-15, Authorizing amendment to the MOU with the City of Vineland for FY 2014 JAG Grant

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Spence that Resolutions J-1 through J-11, except for J-2, which was rescheduled, 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 located in the Clerk's Office.

Pres. Surrency asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$308,173.45

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the Schedule of Bills be 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 Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced two applications were received.

1. Block Off Street - Fraternal Order of the Eagles on 9/19/2015
2. Raffle – Parish of the Holy Cross

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to approve said applications which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports:

1. Comptroller – Sale of Bond Anticipation Notes
2. Vital Statistics Report – July 2015
3. Police Department Report – July 2015
4. Tax Collector Annual Statement of Receipts

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

Pres. Surrency called upon the Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly stated he had none at this time.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for closing remarks.

Councilman Edwards had no comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple also had no comments.

Councilman Spence wanted to thank the Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works for their help with Crab Fest 2015, making it a very successful event.

Councilman Zapolski thanked all the residents who came to City Council with their Code Enforcement issues and concerns.

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,

Approved:

Jeanne M. Hitchner, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____