

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 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 Council President Jack Surrency.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy 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 November 26, 2014, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on November 26, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Zapolski
President Surrency

At this time President Surrency gave Administrator Goodreau the floor to do a budget presentation showing the small changes that the State required from the time the budget was first introduced.

President Surrency asked Deputy Clerk to read the Budget Resolution for FY 2015 by title.

Upon a motion by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple RESOLUTION NO. 128-14 to read the 2015 Municipal Budget by title only for the Public Hearing was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Surrency announced that this is the time and place set forth for a public hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the meeting be open to anyone desiring to be heard on the 2015 Municipal Budget only which motion was carried.

With nobody desiring to be heard, President Surrency asked for a motion to close the public portion. Mr. Zapolski moved, seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple to close the public hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget, which motion was carried.

Mr. Zapolski made a motion to adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget, seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple, which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The adopted budget may be found in the Resolution Book under RESOLUTION NO. 131-14.

President Jack Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014 and Work Session of November 17, 2014.

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

Pres. Surrency announced there is one ordinance for first reading this evening and asked Deputy Clerk to read by title.

Deputy Clerk read title, "Ordinance Amending City Code of the City of Bridgeton Section 12-22."

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on December 16, 2014 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Surrency announced that there is one ordinance for second reading.

Deputy Clerk announced this is the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing, and final consideration of an Ordinance entitled, "Amending City Code Section 40-12."

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that this 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.

President Surrency opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on this ordinance only. With no one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that the public hearing be closed, which motion was carried.

President Surrency closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Zapolski that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for final adoption or rejection by roll call vote which motion was carried.

The Deputy Clerk read the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lugardo-Hemple			
Spence			
Thompson			
Zapolski			
Pres. Surrency			

President Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-10, 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.

Mr. Mike Abbott of Commerce Street came forward to express his discontent with the transparency of the items discussed in the Workshop Meeting. He felt it was difficult for the public to follow along with what was being discussed. In addition, he asked Councilman Zapolski to take a look at the fee list, specifically regarding construction permits since he feels they are too high.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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 M-1 through M-8. All resolutions 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-14, Mobilease Modular Space
RESOLUTION NO. 123-14, Shared Service Cohanzick Zoo
RESOLUTION NO. 124-14, Appointing Class I Officers
RESOLUTION NO. 125-14, Appointing Class II Officers
RESOLUTION NO. 126-14, Block-off Holiday Parade
RESOLUTION NO. 127-14, Professional Service Contract KBA Architecture
RESOLUTION NO. 128-14, Budget Read by Title Only
RESOLUTION NO. 129-14, Employment Agreement Fire Chief
RESOLUTION NO. 130-14, Special Item of Revenue for Drive Sober Crackdown
RESOLUTION NO. 131-14, Adoption of 2015 FY Budget

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence that the Resolutions 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.

Pres. Surrency presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$222,263.60 all members have received copies of same.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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 files under "S" for Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Surrency announced the following applications:

1. Towing – Ed's Body Shop
2. Block Off Street, Parish of the Holy Cross, Dec. 8, 2014
3. Block Off Street, Parish of the Holy Cross, Dec. 11, 2014
4. Taxi Cab Renewal, Jaylene Cab & Transport
5. Towing – Quick Towing, LLC
6. Block Off Street, Bridgeton Main Street Assoc., Holiday Parade Nov. 30, 2014

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

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports received:

1. Vital Statistics Office
2. Tax Collector's Statement of Uncollectable Taxes

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

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson had no comments at this time.

Councilman Zapolski said that he enjoyed his time at the lighting of the tree ceremony last week and felt it was a really nice get-together put on by the Rotary Club. In addition, he enjoyed the send-off for Carola Hartley, former Executive Director of the Bridgeton Main Street Association.

Councilman Spence stated that we had a wonderful Holiday Parade this year with decent weather, it starting on time and minimal horse-droppings. He also wanted to mention the Holiday House Tour coming up on Saturday.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple invited everyone to the Festival of Lights coming up on Friday and Saturday. She expressed how nice it is to see new faces in the audience tonight and hopes to see them back at future meetings.

Council Pres. Surrency pointed out how nice the parade was on Sunday with a nice turn-out. He also enjoyed the lighting of the Christmas Tree ceremony. He also wanted to mention the wonderful ceremony hosted by the Soroptomists of Cumberland County last week which focused on domestic violence toward women. He thanked everyone for attending.

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: _____