

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 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 the Deputy Clerk, "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 December 12, 2014, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the South Jersey Times and the Press on December 12, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

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

At this time President Surrency gave Administrator Goodreau and Captain Gene Shelton of the Fire Department the floor to do a Presentation and hold a Public Hearing on the City of Bridgeton's Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Mr. Shelton explained that the County used to have one plan for everybody, but now each municipality has their own which coincides with the County's Plan to be extra prepared in the event of an emergency. The purpose is to reduce the loss of life and property when a disaster occurs, specifically related to weather and flooding. Once this plan is approved through FEMA, we may start to get funding for generators and items needed to meet our municipality's specific needs.

President Surrency announced that this is the time and place set forth for a public hearing on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

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

Ms. Rosemary Diquinzio of 98 Rutgers Avenue came forward to show her support and enthusiasm in having this Mitigation Plan in place. She feels it is a good idea for the City.

With nobody else 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 Hazardous Mitigation Plan, which motion was carried.

President Jack Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2014, Work Session of December 2, 2014 and Executive Session of December 2, 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 that there are not any ordinances for first reading this evening.

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 12-23 of the City of Bridgeton with Respect to Sewer Rates and Charges."

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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 Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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 Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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			
Thompson			
Zapolski			
Pres. Surrency			

President Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-11, 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 Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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 236 East Commerce Street came forward to tell Mr. Thompson that he will miss his soothing voice at the meetings. He also wanted to address the cost associated with the City having the Re-Organization Meeting at the High School falling on the taxpayers. Mayor Kelly asserted that he is the one paying for the event with the help of City Council and donations.

Ms. Jamie Warner of 1 Russell Sage Avenue came forward to try to recruit members of a social justice group which she belongs to called "Up to Us South Jersey." She also wanted to address the Urban Chicken topic. She would like to work with City Council to come up with a way to make it happen while not being a burden to those neighbors who do not want it.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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-15 with the exception of Resolution J-3 and J-12 which Council decided to pull from the meeting during the work session until a later date. There were small changes made to Resolutions J-5 regarding the compliance date and J-15 to include specific language. 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. 134-14, Insertion of an Item of Revenue for Police Chaplin  
RESOLUTION NO. 135-14, Insertion of an Item of Revenue for Alcohol Education  
RESOLUTION NO. 136-14, Rescinding Taxi Owner License from Jaylene Cab and Transport for 2015  
RESOLUTION NO. 137-14, Authorizing 2014 Taxi Owner Licenses to Extend to Feb. 3, 2015  
RESOLUTION NO. 138-14, Authorizing Non-Fair and Open Award to Kennedy Culvert and Supply Co.  
RESOLUTION NO. 139-14, Authorizing an Extension of Time for Completion (Block 183 Lot 19)  
RESOLUTION NO. 140-14, Authorizing Award for Fire Dept. Uniforms in the City of Bridgeton to Enterprise Uniforms II  
RESOLUTION NO. 141-14, Authorizing Award for Public Works Interior Renovations in the City of Bridgeton to TriMark Building Contractors, Inc.  
RESOLUTION NO. 142-14, Authorizing Execution of Purchase and Sale Agreement Block 121, Lot 8  
RESOLUTION NO. 143-14, Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement Block 121, Lot 8  
RESOLUTION NO. 144-14, Authorizing Non-Fair and Open Award to Water Works Supply Company, Inc.  
RESOLUTION NO. 145-14, Authorizing Contract Modifications 2014 Road Paving Program  
RESOLUTION No. 146-14, Authorizing QPA to Award Contract Below the Bid Threshold for Non-Fair and Open Contract to CCSPCA

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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 1.) \$708,898.47 and 2.)\$18,750.00, 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 application:

1. VFW, 60 Atlantic Street, Raffle from 01/01/2015-12/31/2015

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the application, which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency announced the following reports received:

1. City Clerk's Monthly Report for November 2014

2. Police Department Monthly Report for November 2014
3. Vital Statistics for November 2014
4. Zoning Report for November 2014

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 Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly stepped up to the podium to invite everyone to participate in a Christmas Lighting Contest and encouraged everyone to light up their properties in the spirit of Christmas. When the winner is announced for the contest, they will also be announcing the winner of the Best Summer Yard contest.

Also, Mayor invited everyone to a breakfast at the Marino Center on Thursday for the Mayor's Christmas Breakfast Club from 8:00-10:00 a.m. He is asking everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for the children of families in need in the community. Mayor emphasized the need for these donations in the community and is thrilled with the response he has received so far.

Mayor stated that he is looking forward to the Inauguration Ceremony on January 1<sup>st</sup>. He feels this community has a lot of reasons to have this celebration and wants it to be a big event. He encouraged everyone to attend the festivities to start the next four years off right because we deserve nothing but the best.

Lastly, Mayor stated that this is our last Council meeting with Councilman Thompson. He has been such a calm and steady voice for us and the community these past eight years. Mayor thanked him for his service.

The audience applauded Mr. Thompson.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple wanted to thank Captain Gaimari, Jack Hummel and Dean Dellaquila for helping her adopt a family of seven children some with ADHD for Christmas week. She also wanted to thank all of the individuals who have been supportive to her and offer her their words of wisdom. If it were not for them, she stated she would not be here. She also wanted to thank those who have been supportive of City Council and wanted to wish everyone the best holiday season this year.

Councilman Zapolski wanted to thank Mr. Thompson for serving as Councilman and offering his sage advice and meaningful dialogue. He noted that it is not often that you find such an air of wisdom behind this bench and it is quite refreshing. He also wanted to thank his colleagues for their support. He wished everyone in the City of Bridgeton Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas.

Council Pres. Surrency wanted to thank Mr. Thompson for all his years of service and a job well done. At this time, he gave Mr. Thompson the floor.

Councilman Thompson thanked all those who elected him and gave him the opportunity to serve this community over the past eight years. He expressed that it has been a great experience in his life and given his background, he stated that he never would have thought that he would be involved in the civic affairs of the City in this way, but the education has been priceless. He stated that his prayer is that this administration continues to do the same great job that it has been doing. He also stated that as a concerned resident, he intends to continue to attend these City Council meetings, not to

oppose Council, but to stay abreast of the affairs of the community and quality of life issues, which are his heartfelt concern. “May God bless this City’s future and Administration, may you continue to go from good to great. May you all have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. Thank you.”

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

Pres. Surrency adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Jeanne M. Hitchner, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Jack Surrency  
Council President

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