

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 21, 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 October 17, 2014, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on October 17, 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

President Jack Surrency presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2014, Work Session of October 7, 2014, Executive Session Minutes of October 7, 2014, and City Council Special Meeting on October 14, 2014.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Spence 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 four Ordinances 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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF WHEELED RECYCLING CONTAINERS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second 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 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. 14-6, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RECYCLING RULES

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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.

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President Surrency closed the public hearing.

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The Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

President Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-7, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 300

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the public hearing be closed, which motion was carried.

President Surrency closed the public hearing.

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Lugardo-Hemple			
Spence			
Thomspn			
Zapolski			
Pres. Surrency			

President Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-8, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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

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President Surrency closed the public hearing.

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

President Surrency declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 14-9, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

It was moved by Councilwoman 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. Warren Robinson of 213 Hampton Street asked about the restoration of the Nail Works Museum, and the status of the Municipal Port Authority. Administrator Goodreau informed him that there are a lot of projects underway right now and the Nail Works Museum is not on that list currently. He pointed out that there are some hang ups due to the historic relevancy that will have to be taken into account, etc. President Surrency stated that Port Authority is still under litigation, but City Council is trying really hard to move it forward in order to bring in new business. Mr. Robinson also asked the Mayor to consider charging admission at the zoo to create more revenue. Mayor Kelly said he would take a look at it.

Mr. Robinson, President of Bridgeton's Professional Firefighters Association, came forward to address the introduction of the budget and stated the Firefighters Union is completely opposed to any reduction in fire staff and is open to discussion about it.

Mr. John Fuqua, concerned citizen, came forward to discuss a situation he had this evening at the Bridgeton High School when he went to play basketball with a few friends around 6:00 p.m. He stated he knocked on the door of the gymnasium and the gentleman who opened the door would not let them in because they were not on the list. Mr. Fuqua asked him how he can get on the list, but was not given any information. There were approximately 8 other kids behind Mr. Fuqua who were allowed to enter the gym which is why he wanted to come before City Council. Mayor Kelly stated that he was addressing the issue with the Superintendent of the Board of Education right now via text message to make her aware of the situation and will get back to Mr. Fuqua with a response.

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.

At this time, President Surrency announced that there is one presentation tonight and gave Mr. Sherman Denby and Miss. Diamond Cisarow the floor. Miss. Cisarow gave a brief overview of the meaning behind the red ribbon pinning ceremony, and presented City Council with red satin ribbons in recognition of non-violence and non-drug use week.

Pres. Surrency announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-16. 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. Items J-15 and J-16 were added on to the agenda during the Work Session. Deputy Clerk read the two added items to the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-14, authorizing Closed Session

RESOLUTION NO. 79-14, imposing lien for abatement of property maintenance violations

RESOLUTION NO. 80-14, authorizing issuance of duplicate tax sale certification

RESOLUTION NO. 81-14, authorizing DOT Trust Fund Application for South Pine St.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-14, authorizing DOT Trust Fund Application for Baltimore Ave.
RESOLUTION NO. 83-14, congratulating BACC recipient Bridgeton Christian School
RESOLUTION NO. 84-14, congratulating BACC recipient Carol Musso
RESOLUTION NO. 85-14, congratulating BACC recipient Code Blue Program
RESOLUTION NO. 86-14, congratulating BACC recipient First National Bank of Elmer
RESOLUTION NO. 87-14, congratulating BACC recipient Let's Do Linens, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO. 88-14, congratulating BACC recipient Papco Transportation and Crestwood
RESOLUTION NO. 89-14, congratulating BACC recipient Rutgers Food Innovation Center
RESOLUTION NO. 90-14, introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget
RESOLUTION NO. 91-14, No. 1 contract modification South State, Inc. Raceway Dam Project
RESOLUTION NO. 92-14, No. 2 contract modification South State, Inc. Raceway Dam
RESOLUTION NO. 93-14, authorizing mediation City of Bridgeton and Municipal Port Authority v. Henry Grove Diversified Investments
RESOLUTION NO. 94-14, honoring Breast Cancer Survivors and Domestic Violence Month

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 \$1,975,234.74 all members have received copies of same.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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 reports:

1. Police Department (September)
2. Public Works (Quarterly)
3. Vital Statistics Office
4. Zoning Applications (October)

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Thompson to receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

Pres. Surrency called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Kelly pointed out that the park is looking fabulous and he has received a lot of compliments and good feedback about it, particularly the sidewalks and walking path along the raceway.

Pres. Surrency called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson expressed his appreciation for the red ribbon presentation given by Mr. Denby and Miss. Cisarow. He emphasized the importance of learning about what goes on in other countries. In addition, he wanted to acknowledge the fabulous job Mr. Denby is doing with educating our youth.

Mr. Thompson also wanted to thank our Fire Department for coming out this evening.

Councilman Zapolski stated that he would like to echo the remarks of Mr. Thompson. He also wanted to take this opportunity to inform everyone that he is sponsoring and leading a rocket building club in Bridgeton and throughout Cumberland County. He will be hosting a rocket launching demonstration on November 8, 2014, noon at the soccer field and all are invited to attend. He noted that this is a community-minded activity which urges students and adults to be creative, ask questions and move in a positive direction.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple wanted to thank the Fire Department for the wonderful presentation at the Workshop Meeting. She also wanted to thank Miss. Cisarow for her red ribbon presentation. She noted that Miss. Cisarow will be a fine leader one day for the City of Bridgeton.

Pres. Surrency wanted to thank Mr. Denby and pointed out that Miss. Cisarow did a fine job in her presentation. He also wanted to thank everyone for coming out this evening.

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 Hitchner
Deputy Clerk

Jack Surrency
Council President

Date: _____