

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 12:00 Noon, City Council Chambers, City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Darlene J. Richmond

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, 168 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on June 29, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on June 29, 2012, at 4:30 p.m." The moment of silence and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Spence
Councilman Surrency
Councilman Thompson
Councilman Zapolski

Clerk called for nomination of Temporary President.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency that Councilman Spence be nominated as Temporary President with no other nominations; Councilman Spence was elected Temporary President.

Clerk announced Councilman Spence as Temporary President.

Temporary Pres. Spence called for nomination of Council President for the 2012/2013 Year.

It was moved Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Thompson that Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple be nominated as City Council President year 2012/2013 with no other nominations and by unanimous roll call vote Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple was elected as City Council President for the year 2012/2013.

Temporary Pres. Spence presented 2012/2013 City Council President Elect Gladys Lugardo-Hemple the gavel.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no minutes.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no Ordinances for first reading.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no Ordinances for second reading.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced this being the time place set for public portion on the consent agenda or any other concerns.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mr. Carl Hemple gave a report on the Little League and invited everyone to their July fourth activities.

Mr. Francisco Torres congratulated Gladys Lugardo-Hemple being elected as Council President and thanked Council for voting for her, he knows she will do a good job.

Mr. Ed Gajate congratulated Gladys Lugardo-Hemple on becoming Council President and commented on the excellent job Public Works Department did during the storm and the clean up that is taking place, kudos to Director Dean Dellaquila.

Mr. Ed Bethea congratulated Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and echoed the remarks concerning the Public Works Department.

Ms. Gloria Cortez commented she is proud of Ms. Lugardo-Hemple happy for her and that Director Dellaquila is the best.

Mr. Samuel Serata commended City Council and that it is nice to have a rainbow coalition on City Council and see the leadership of City change; recognize some of the different factors that constitutes our community.

He congratulated Gladys Lugardo-Hemple on her achievement and congratulated the other members of Council.

Mr. Serata recognized the Department of Public Works for the good job they are doing in the City.

Mr. Serata further stated that we are the County seat and the most illiterate County in the State of New Jersey. We should take pride in our library and when considering your Budget you should give us more operating funds because we don't have enough to maintain the library that we have, and we urge you to take that into consideration. We can not achieve things if we can not read and write in this County and if you want more employment and increase in the City you have to improve the literacy of the City. That is where it starts.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items L-1, through items L-13, are considered routine and 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. Items 12 and 13 added during Work Session copies are available.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Spence that the following 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-12, designating City Council meeting dates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-12, designating official radio stations.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-12, designating official newspapers

RESOLUTION NO. 4-12, designating official depositories

RESOLUTION NO. 5-12, authorizing re-appointment Dean Dellaquila to Planning Board

RESOLUTION NO. 6-12, setting interest and penalties on taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-12, Tax office make changes on accounts water, sewer and trash.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-12 purchasing by state contract authorized.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-12, adopting Cash Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-12, Gruccio, Pepper De Santo Ruth, PA contract labor counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12, authorizing Temporary Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 12-12, appointing Municipal Judge

RESOLUTION NO. 13-12, appointing Municipal Prosecutor.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no Schedule of Bills.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no applications.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no reports.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly congratulated Gladys Lugardo-Hemple for becoming our newest Council President and thanked her for taking up the challenge and he looks forward to working with her.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Thompson congratulated Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that she has made a lot of strides. Bill has done a tremendous job and he admires the input Mr. Zapolski has done this past year; and he is proud of being a part of this Council and now with her taking the helm the first bilingual he knows she will do a great job and he is very proud of her.

He concurs with everyone's comments about the storm and the Library we must all work together.

Councilman Surrency thanked Councilman Zapolski; he did a great job this past year and hopes he continues the same throughout our tenure here.

Councilman Surrency congratulated Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple as becoming President it is a great honor to serve with her, and informed her to feel free to call upon him for any assistance.

Councilman Zapolski commented first and foremost he would like to congratulate Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple. It was a pleasure to nominate her and he certainly feels she will do an excellent job, and he is here to help her where ever he can.

Councilman Zapolski further commented he would like to recognize the Department of Public Works, Fire, Police and Emergency Services they did a fantastic job that they do, and continue to do that's all you have to do is look around at the devastation in the City, the trees, the brush and the rest of it and see. He also reported that there is a moratorium that has been published in the paper until August 17 tree limbs must be cut in to six foot or shorter segments so people can handle them.

Councilman Spence congratulated Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple, thanked Mr. Zapolski and stated Mike is not going away, he is still with us and will be here and still an integral part of our Council and we appreciate that going forward.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple thanked Council members for electing her as Council President and Councilman Zapolski for all his help. All Council members are very special we all here with a common goal to help our community and our city that is our commitment no matter what language or ethnic group you are, the commitment is the City of Bridgeton.

She feels honored and humbled for this opportunity to take the hot seat, for this is the hot seat as Council President. I take it very seriously and it is a lot of responsibility.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple thanked all the departments for the excellent job they did during the recent storm.

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple recognized her husband, son, family and friends present and thanked them for their support.

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

Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President Lugardo-Hemple

Date: _____