

**BRIDGETON CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 16, 2022**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 5:30 p.m., at the 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 Bethea.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Municipal Clerk, Miriam Garcia;

Notice of this Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, as required by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the "Open Public Meetings Act", has been provided to the South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal on January 8, 2022 and on the City Website setting forth the date, time and place of this meeting of the Bridgeton City Council.

Invocation and Flag Salute was led by Councilman Gonzalez.

**The following answered to roll call:**

Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio  
Councilman J. Curtis Edwards  
Councilman David Gonzalez  
Councilwoman Marian King  
Council President Edward Bethea

**Also in attendance:**

Solicitor Michele Gibson  
Administrator Kevin Rabago  
Deputy Clerk Miriam Garcia

**ABSENT:** Mayor Albert Kelly

**PRESENTATIONS:**

***Michael Gaimari, Police Chief– Swearing in of police officers – Martin Adame and Challysse Jusino***

Police Chief Michael Gaimari provided career background of both police officer Martin Adame and Challysse Jusino. Council President Bethea provided the Oath of Office to each individuals.

***Revive South Jersey- Angie's Diner***

Administrator Kevin Rabago-stated that he asked John Cummings from Revive South Jersey and his partner to come up with a resolution for the former Angie's Diner and that they have expressed their interest in what will be required to renovate that project.

John Cummings-from Revive South Jersey introduced his partners Roger Green, Ideal Institute Technology and George Davis, Living Faith Alliance Church. He stated that they are happy to be presenting their proposal regarding the restoring of the Bridgeton Grill, he also stated that this is a great opportunity to provide additional jobs in the community and opportunity for entrepreneurs to eat on a beautiful historic place on the river front of the great City of Bridgeton.

John Cummings- stated that they want to appreciate and bring back the history of the community.

Roger Green- stated he is a full part owner and director of strategic initiative partnership development with the idea institute technology and that they have been primary in Atlantic County for the past three years. He continued that they are a work force development program for out of school youth from sixteen to twenty four years and that they put them in a pathway to IT Construction trade or advanced manufacturing. He also stated that they have six social enterprises one of those in particular is a food truck.

Roger Green-continued that this a great way to go deeper within the community particular with the City of Bridgeton. He stated they are extremely excited about this project to really align local individual with this opportunity so that they will be able to utilize what was formally Angie's Diner.

George Davis-stated he is also part of this project. He continued that they are working on numerous projects in the town and the most visible project is the renovations for Johnson Reeves Park. He stated that there interest is to help families that can afford housing but don't have a great credit history. He also stated one of the way that they see themselves in this partnership is a pathway to give back to the community to create job opportunities and see that grow.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio-commented she likes the concept and thinks it is great especially in our area.

Councilman Edwards- questioned how long it will take to get approval to see food actually being served. He also questioned what will be the estimate cost and how many jobs it will create.

John Cummings responded that the initial hurdle is Green Acres and the State Preservation Society and that they have a basic idea but they want to get through that and to make sure they're going to give them the ok.

Councilman Edwards- questioned how long does it take for SHPO

Kevin Rabago-stated that since the pandemic it is taking longer that his understanding is that a lot of people are still working from home and it make take months.

Councilwoman King questioned in the event SHPO turns it down will all component go away in teaching kids technology, construction.

Roger Green responded that it will not go away.

Councilman Gonzalez-commented that this is a great project that they are presenting but there has been previous redeveloper in the past that hit some hurtles and stumbling blocks and questioned if the city has information as to reason why so that way the information is given for guidance needed to get over the hurtles.

Kevin Rabago-stated that he doesn't foresee any issues with Green Acres. Their main interest is converting open space or recreation to something else but in this case the diner there has been a functioning diner and there will not be much deviation from what was there previously.

Council President Bethea-stated that it has been sitting there for so long and that he has had his own experiences with SHPO and how they tend to dance to their own journey. He continue that the worst case scenario even if things don't go right with SHPO if Revive South Jersey plans to leave it in a better condition and questioned what is preventing us from doing it now and why can't we at least start the process.

Council President Bethea-directed his questioned to Administrator Kevin Rabago and asked why it wouldn't be in our best interest to have the dining cart removed from the present location.

Administrator Kevin Rabago responded that we will have to get approval whether is from Green Acres, local or SHPO and that there is a process. He continued it is Green Acres restricted and the requirements is that we have to present to them whatever it is that we are proposing in terms of the change.

#### **MINUTES:**

Council President Bethea presented the City Council Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2022. It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Edwards that said minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Council President Bethea requested Council/Committee Liaison Reports:

**Councilwoman DeQuinzio** – gave report about the Library that Mayor and her continued to meet with the County regarding shared services nothing has been finalized yet but will keep everyone posted.

**Councilman Edwards** – None at this time.

**Councilman Gonzalez** – reported that the Planning Board meeting on July 27, 2022 approved for the renewal expansion for Shoreline Freezer unit.

**Councilwoman King** – reported that Marquise Bell day parade will be held September 3, 2022.

**Council President Bethea** –reported that there is a posting for Executive Director for the Bridgeton Housing Authority.

**Council President Bethea referred to the Mayor, Business Administrator and Solicitor for their reports.**

**Business Administrator, Kevin Rabago** – None at this time.

**City Solicitor, Michele Gibson** – None at this time.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Council President Bethea opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard. It was moved by Councilman Edwards motioned and seconded by Councilman Gonzalez the public portion be opened.

Esaul Martin-stated that Community Day is September 3, 2022 at the City Park and that there will be a lot to do for the adults and youth. He also stated the Semi Annual Citywide cleanup is in three weeks.

Carl Seabrook-stated that trees are growing on Baltimore Avenue and South Avenue. He also stated that school is starting and they haven't received their yellow signs on Spruce Street for the kids to cross and for the traffic to slow down.

Alan Trzuskoski of Edison, New Jersey- stated that they have three licenses that they are working on in helping to convert. He stated that the first stage is a conditional license application which needs approval from the State base on certain criteria.

Damion Cheeks- thanked all in given him an opportunity and that if he needs help or have any questions he will report back.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Dequinzio and seconded by Councilwoman King the public portion be closed, which motion was carried. Council President Bethea closed the public portion of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council President Bethea announced all matters listed under the consent agenda; M-1 through M-27 will be enacted upon by one motion unless a council member desires to discuss an item, in which case the items will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

Council President Bethea called upon the Deputy Municipal Clerk to read the Resolutions of the Consent Agenda. Council President indicated that M-23- through M-27 will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted separately.

**RESOLUTION 179-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton amending Resolution 242-21 appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate as required by the Statewide Insurance Fund.

**RESOLUTION 180-22**, authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a Non-Fair and Open Agreement with Jonathan Bergmann DVM PC for Cohanzick Zoo Veterinary from August 18, 2022 – August 17, 2023 not to exceed the amount of \$24,000.00

**RESOLUTION 181-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton extending grace period to pay Third Quarter 2022 Property Taxes.

**RESOLUTION 182-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton amending Resolution No. 08-22 designating Official Check Signers for the Year 2022.

**RESOLUTION 183-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating Redeveloper for Block 138, Lot 9.01, aka 59 Ellis Street and authorizing Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase Sale Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 184,22** of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating a Redeveloper for 259 South Avenue (Block 149 Lot 1) and authorizing Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase/Sale Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 185-22** of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating a Redeveloper for 225 S. Pine Street (Block 150 Lot 1) and authorizing Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase/Sale Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 186-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating Redeveloper for Block 52 Lot 10 aka 227 Cohanse Street and authorizing Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase Sale Agreement.

**RESOLUTION, 187-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton designating Redeveloper for Block 52 Lot 9 aka 229 Cohanse Street and authorizing Redevelopment Agreement and Purchase Sale Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 188-22**, of the City of Bridgeton authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for public use on an online auction website.

**RESOLUTION 189-22**, authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a Non-Fair and Open Agreement via Purchase Order with Groff Tractor Mid Atlantic – GT Mid Atlantic for maintenance and repair of the Water and Sewer Department Backhoe and Compact Excavator when needed, from September 21, 2022 – September 20, 2023.

**RESOLUTION 190-22**, authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award an Addendum to Resolution 50-22, the Agreement with JEM Print for Printing Services for year one (1).

**RESOLUTION 191-22**, authorizing Contracts with certain approved State Contract Vendors for contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, County Co-Op Vendors approved by the County of Cumberland for use by Municipalities pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29, and National Co-Op Vendors approved by the State for use by Municipalities pursuant to P.L. 2011, c.139.

**RESOLUTION 192-22**, authorizing the City to advertise for Proposed Futsal Court within the City of Bridgeton.

**RESOLUTION 193-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing certain utility account adjustments and taxes.

**RESOLUTION 194-22**, authorizing the Release of Maintenance Bond / Inspection Escrow with respect to Iglesia Pentecostal Senda Antigua Church.

**RESOLUTION 195-22**, certifying the 2021 Annual Audit.

**RESOLUTION 196-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing and approving Contract between the City of Bridgeton and Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local No. 252.

**RESOLUTION 197-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing and approving Contract between the City of Bridgeton and the Bridgeton Police, PBA Local #94.

**RESOLUTION 198-22**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing Lease Agreement with Revive South Jersey for the former Angie’s Diner also known as 1 E. Broad St., Block 116, Lot 36.01.

**\*\*RESOLUTION 199-22 was inadvertently missed in numbering of Resolutions.**

**RESOLUTION 200-22**, authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award an Agreement with Garrison Enterprise Inc. for Emergency Repairs of Water and Sewer Systems (Streets) from 2022 – 2025.

**RESOLUTION 201-22**, of the City Council of the city of Bridgeton authorizing and directing the Bridgeton Planning Board to prepare a Parcel-Specific Redevelopment Plan for Block 189, Lots 3.03 and 3.04.

Council President Bethea asked for a motion to accept the resolutions under the consent agenda.

It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and second by Councilwoman Dequinzio that Resolutions M-1 through M-22 be adopted which motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION M-23** being **RESOLUTION NO. 202-22, RESOLUTION**, of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton amending Resolution No. 71-22 authorizing and directing the Bridgeton Planning Board to prepare a Parcel-Specific Phoenix Redevelopment Plan Amendment for parcels in Block 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183 on the City of Bridgeton’s Official Tax Map.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Gonzalez that resolution M-23 be adopted which motion carried unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution book

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

Councilman Gonzalez made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION M-24 being RESOLUTION NO. 203-22** designating Conditional Redeveloper, authorizing negotiations for Redevelopment Agreement pertaining to Block 181 Lot 23 and Block 182, Lot 3 within the Phoenix Redevelopment Area.

It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and second by Councilwoman Dequinzio that resolution M-24 be adopted which motion carried unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution book

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION M-25 being RESOLUTION NO. 204-22** of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing and directing the Bridgeton Planning Board to consider including Block 181 Lot 23 and Block 182 Lot 3 in parcel-specific Redevelopment Plan previously approved by the Bridgeton Planning Board via Resolution 23-03PB

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilwoman Dequinzio that resolution M-25 be adopted which motion carried unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution book

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

Councilwoman Dequinzio made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION M-26 being RESOLUTION NO. 205-22** of the City of Bridgeton, Cumberland County, authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement and Contract for Sale of Real Estate between the City of Bridgeton and Eastern Pacific Development, LLC for parcels located in Blocks 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183 on the City of Bridgeton's Official Tax Map

It was moved by Councilwoman Dequinzio and second by Councilman Gonzalez that resolution M-26 be adopted which motion carried unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution book

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION M-27 being RESOLUTION NO. 206-22** approving the Application for a Long Term Tax Exemption with Eastern Pacific Development, LLC for Phase I and Phase II of the Project to be constructed on parcels in Blocks 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183 on the City of Bridgeton’s Official Tax Map.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Gonzalez that resolution M-27 be adopted which motion carried unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution book

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

**ORDINANCES ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING:**

Council President Bethea announced there was seven (7) Ordinance for First Reading. The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AMENDING MUNICIPAL SECTION 7E7-4 OF THE CITY CODE TO EXTEND HOURS OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISTRIBUTION ON SUNDAYS**

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and seconded by Councilman Edwards that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.



**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>x</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON  
RELEASING, VACATING AND EXTINGUISHING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN  
A 10' X 62.23' UNUSED RIGHT-OF-WAY SITUATED BETWEEN LOT 5 AND LOT 28  
IN BLOCK 154.**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilwoman King that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>x</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON  
RELEASING, VACATING AND EXTINGUISHING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN  
A 10' X 40' UNUSED RIGHT-OF-WAY SITUATED BETWEEN LOT 2 AND LOT 1.01  
IN BLOCK 125 ON SOUTH LAUREL STREET.**

It was moved by Councilwoman King and seconded by Councilman Gonzalez that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>x</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

**ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION WITH EASTERN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR PHASE I AND PHASE II OF THE PROJECT TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON PARCELS IN BLOCKS 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 AND 183 ON THE CITY OF BRIDGETON'S OFFICIAL TAX MAP.**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Gonzalez that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>x</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON ADOPTING PARCEL SPECIFIC REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PARCELS IN BLOCK 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, AND 183 FOR PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF APPROXIMATELY 150 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND 72 UNIT OVER 55 SENIOR FACILITY IN PHASES.**

It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and seconded by Councilwoman Dequinzio that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>x</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea			<b>X</b>	

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON ADOPTING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – SHORELINE FREEZERS URBAN RENEWAL EXPANSION FOR BLOCK 189, LOTS 3.01, 3.02, 3.05 AND BLOCK 189.01, LOTS 1, 3 AND 4.**

It was moved by Councilwoman King and seconded by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>X</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON  
AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-28 FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF  
CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and seconded by Councilwoman King that the Ordinance be introduced on first reading and that the second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 20, 2022.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Edwards	<b>X</b>			
Councilman Gonzalez	<b>x</b>			
Councilwoman King	<b>X</b>			
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

**ORDINANCES ON 2<sup>ND</sup> READING:**

Council President Bethea announced there was one (3) Ordinance for Second Reading. He asked the Deputy Municipal Clerk to read the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 22-19  
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON  
ESTABLISHING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT FOR  
BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.**

It was moved by Councilwoman King and second by Councilman Gonzalez this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Bethea opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Dequinzio and second by Councilman Edwards the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was then moved by Councilwoman Dequinzio and second by Councilman Gonzalez this be considered the final reading of said ordinance and that it be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Gonzalez	X			
Councilwoman King	X			
Council President Bethea	X			

**ORDINANCE 22-20**

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AMENDING SECTION 265-7 (A) AND (E) PERTAINING TO SIDE AND REAR ALLEY**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilwoman Dequinzio this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Bethea opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and second by Councilwoman Dequinzio the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was then moved by Councilwoman King and second by Councilman Gonzalez this be considered the final reading of said ordinance and that it be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Gonzalez	X			
Councilwoman King	X			
Council President Bethea	X			

**ORDINANCE 22-21**

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU**

**OF TAXES WITH AH PRESERVATION URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR THE  
PROJECT KNOWN AS THE AMITY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS**

It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and second by Councilman Edwards this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Bethea opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Councilwoman King commented what is the difference in the Lieu of taxes being that the property has been on a roll for so long and it has been a big burden to our city and questioned why we would give any more tax break.

Administrator Kevin Rabago stated that new owner requested financial agreement.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Gonzalez and second by Councilman Edwards this be considered the final reading of said ordinance and that it be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote.

**The Clerk called the roll as follows:**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio		<b>X</b>		
Councilman Edwards		<b>X</b>		
Councilman Gonzalez		<b>X</b>		
Councilwoman King		<b>X</b>		
Council President Bethea	<b>X</b>			

**Ordinance K-3 has failed.**

**SCHEDULE OF BILLS:**

Council President Bethea asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills dated August 2, 2022 in the amount of \$1,131,971.48 and Schedule of Bills dated August 16, 2022 in the amount of \$3,611,924.88 It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and seconded by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the Schedule of Bills be approved as read 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 minute books.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

Council President Bethea announced there was two (2) applications for approval being:

1. Inspira Health Foundation – On-Premises Merchandise Raffle for Breast Cancer – October 7, 2022 – 333 Irving Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

It was moved by Councilwoman Dequinzio and seconded by Councilman Gonzalez that said application be approved and filed, which motion carried with unanimously.

2. Parish of the Holy Cross – Instant Raffle - Daily – October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 – 46 Central Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

It was moved by Councilwoman Dequinzio and seconded by Councilwoman King that said application be approved and filed, which motion carried with unanimously.

## **REPORTS:**

Council President Bethea announced there were five (5) reports for approval.

1. Treasurer's Monthly Report –June 2022
2. Clerk's Monthly Report – June 2022
3. Tax Collector's cash receipt – June 2022
4. Treasurer's Monthly Report –July 2022
5. Vital Statistic's Monthly Report-July 2022

It was moved by Councilman Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Edwards that said applications be approved and filed, which motion carried unanimously.

**Council President Bethea called upon Council for comments:**

**Councilwoman DeQuinzio-** Stated she is looking forward to Revive South Jersey proposal.

**Councilwoman King-** thanked everyone from the city for coming out. She also wished a happy wedding anniversary to Council President Bethea.

**Councilman Gonzalez –** Congratulated the new recruit in those going to the academy. He also stated that he is looking forward to see some of these projects moving forward.

**Councilman Edwards –**asked that when we do resolution if we can add the assessment value of the properties.

**Councilman Edwards-**stated that there is a lot of concerned residents about some of the issues on Dare Avenue.

**Councilman Edwards-**stated that they had a great event Bike up Guns Down and that it was well attended and under controlled

**Council President Bethea**-Stated he is big on economic development and his concern about the site formerly known as Angie's Diner and that it had been in that condition for a very long time and asked the Administrator to take a look at it and if possible of relocating it.

**Council President Bethea** –was concerned about some of the comment that one of our resident talked about in Baltimore Avenue crossing sign and that it should not be heavy lift.

**Council President Bethea**-congratulated the new recruits and also congratulated the Chief of Police on the diversity and stated that our police force has to look like our community.

**Council President Bethea**-stated that their visions may be different and they may agree or disagree but at the end of the day they will move the city forward and that they will a way to do it.

**Council President Bethea**- saluted all 1<sup>st</sup> Responders – Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, Public Works and all Civil Servants for their outstanding jobs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before Council, it was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and seconded by Councilwoman King to adjourn the meeting which motion carried unanimously.

Council President Bethea adjourned the meeting which ended at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Miriam Garcia  
Miriam Garcia, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Edward Bethea  
Edward Bethea, Council President

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