

**CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2018**

The Reorganization meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 5:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at the City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Kathleen L. Keen.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal Clerk, Kathleen L. Keen;

Notice of the Reorganization 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 setting forth the time, date, place and agenda to the extent known of said meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Edwards

The following answered to roll call:

- Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio
- Councilman J. Curtis Edwards
- Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
- Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr.

Also in attendance:

- Mayor Albert Kelly
- Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette
- Solicitor Rebecca J. Bertram
- Municipal Clerk Kathleen L. Keen

The Municipal Clerk called for nominations of Temporary President.

Councilman Zapolski nominated Councilwoman DeQuinzio as Temporary President, Councilman Edwards second the nomination. With no other nominations and by a unanimous roll call vote Councilwoman DeQuinzio was elected as Temporary Council President.

The Municipal Clerk announced Councilwoman DeQuinzio as Temporary President.

Temporary President DeQuinzio called for nominations of Council President for the Year 2018.

Councilman Edwards nominated J. Curtis Edwards for Council President. Councilman Zapolski nominated Mike Zapolski for Council President. With no other nominations Councilman Zapolski motioned to close the nominations, Councilman Edwards second and the motion carried unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the name of the Council President for the Year 2018.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio: J. Curtis Edwards

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Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple: J. Curtis Edwards

Councilman Zapolski: Abstained

The Municipal Clerk announced the vote.

Councilman Edwards was elected as City Council President for the Year 2018.

President Edwards announced the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting will be presented at the January 16, 2018 meeting.

President Edwards announced there were no Ordinances for first reading or second reading.

President Edwards announced this being the time and place set for public portion on the consent agenda or any other concerns.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second Councilman Zapolski the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

President Edwards opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mr. John Schmidt of Gloucester City, questioned council taking action during the work session and the past President running the meeting prior to the actual reorganization. He then questioned the annual meeting notice being advertised; the Municipal Clerk informed him of the process that was taken. Lastly Mr. Schmidt questioned appointments to the housing authority.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilman Zapolski to close the public portion of the meeting which motion was carried.

President Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Edwards read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items L-1, through items L-15, with item 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.

Upon motion by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, and second by Councilman Zapolski that the following Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-18, Designating the dates, time, and place of meeting for the City Council  
RESOLUTION NO. 2-18, Designating the official newspapers of and for the city.  
RESOLUTION NO. 3-18, Designating the official radio stations of and for the city.  
RESOLUTION NO. 4-18, Designating the official depositories and investment groups.  
RESOLUTION NO. 5-18, Setting interest and penalty on taxes.  
RESOLUTION NO. 6-18, Authorizing adopting a Cash Management Plan.  
RESOLUTION NO. 7-18, Reappoint Dean Dellaquila to the Planning Board.  
RESOLUTION NO. 8-18, Appointing Kathleen Keen as Public Agency Compliance Officer.  
RESOLUTION NO. 9-18, Designating the official check signers.  
RESOLUTION NO. 10-18, Appointing the City of Bridgeton Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer  
RESOLUTION NO. 11-18, Appointing various professionals and awarding professional service agreements for the year 2018  
RESOLUTION NO. 12-18, Authorizing the Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order  
RESOLUTION NO. 13-18, Reappointing Alvin G. Richards III to the Bridgeton Zoning Board of Adjustments  
RESOLUTION NO. 14-18, Reappointing Roberta Copeland to the Bridgeton Zoning Board of Adjustments  
RESOLUTION NO. 15-18, Authorizing a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between participating units and the County of Cumberland

President Edwards announced there were no applications or reports.

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for comments. None at this time

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – wished everyone a happy and safe New Year, and stated it was good to city employees at the meeting.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple – thanked everyone for working with her while she was Council President, stating this is a new year with new beginnings and congratulated Council President Edwards on his new position. Lastly she hopes to see more people attend the council meetings.

Councilman Zapolski – stated he felt compelled to read something that he feels in his opinion underscores what he see in the City of Bridgeton. He then read the sonnet “Ozymandias”.

Council President Edwards – wished everyone a Happy New Year, and welcomed Dr. Feinstein, who will be joining council soon. He thanked Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple as outgoing President, stating it is not an easy position and thanked all for putting their trust in him. He then thanked Mr. Schimdt for his knowledge, stating council will look into everything to be in compliance. Lastly President Edwards said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and reminded all of the new meeting times; work session 4:00pm and council meeting at 5:30pm.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried.

President Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

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Kathleen L. Keen, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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J. Curtis Edwards  
Council President

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