

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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 Edwards

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Municipal Clerk, Kathleen L. Keen; 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 by public advertisement in the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 of a schedule adopted by resolution setting forth the time, date and place of all the meetings of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

The following answered to roll call:  
Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio  
Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple  
Council President Edwards

Absent:  
Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr.

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

President Edwards presented the Work Session Minutes, Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of December 19, 2017 and January 2, 2018.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that said minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies which motion was carried.

President Edwards announced there were no ordinances for first reading.

President Edwards announced there were no ordinances for second reading.

President Edwards announced this is the time for anyone who desires to address council on the consent agenda or any other matter.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to address council on the consent agenda or any other matters, which motion was carried.

President Edwards opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard; stating tonight he will not limit the amount of time for public comments, however beginning with the next meeting there will be a two (2) minute time limit for public comments. President Edwards clarified this is not a time for debate, and Council will answer questions during their ending remarks.

Mr. Mike Abbott, thanked Public Works Supervisor Dellaquila for the work his crew did regarding ice/snow removal around the library. He also thanked Mayor Kelly for his visits and the police department for frequently checking in on the library, though he is still concerned for the safety of the workers. Mr. Abbott said he sees numerous code violations around the city with cars parked in yards, and feels this does not look good for the city.

Mrs. Dolores Batten said there have been problems in her neighborhood lately which have required the police department, state troopers, and sheriff's officers. She witnessed officers surrounding a neighboring house with guns drawn and is afraid for everyone's safety. Mrs. Batten said this happens routinely, and hopes something can be done.

Mr. Tom Martin, commented on the Taxi Ordinance being pulled from the agenda, stating the wording regarding purchasing and ownership of taxi licenses needs to be clarified. Mr. Martin also commented on Resolution J-1, and the narrative of the wording.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

President Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Edwards announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-19 with J-18 pulled and J-19 being added during the work session will be enacted upon by one motion unless a council member desires to discuss an item, in that case the items will be removed from the consent agenda and acted upon separately.

**RESOLUTION NO 17-18** appointing Samuel W. Feinstein as Council Member

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-18** authorizing Interlocal Services between the City of Bridgeton and the County of Cumberland with regard to the Meals on Wheels Program

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-18** making temporary appropriations for the Calendar Year 2018 pending final adoption of the Calendar Year 2018 Budget

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-18** authorizing execution of a discharge of mortgage for Evalena & Joseph Troiano

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract with P.L. Custom Body & Equipment Co., Inc. under Contract # Am 10-16 through Houston Galvaston Area Council in the amount of \$140,000.000

**RESOLUTON NO. 22-18** authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for Department of Environmental Protection water samples

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-18** authorizing a non-fair and open contract with Bulb World Electrical Supply

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-18** authorizing the award of non-fair and open contract for repair and provide stock parts for water department equipment to Kennedy Culvert & Supply Co

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-18** authorizing the award of non-fair and open contract for repair and provide stock parts for water department equipment to Water Works Supply Co

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-18** authorizing the award of non-fair and open contract for repair and provide stock parts for water department equipment to Bridgeton Plumbing & Heating Supply Co

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-18** authorizing a non-fair and open contract with DMC Supplies Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-18** authorizing a non-fair and open contract with Caterina Supply Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-18** authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for maintenance, parts and other service for water department equipment to Groff Tractor New Jersey LLC

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-18** authorizing the award of a contract to Ambulance Billing Co., LLC for emergency medical billing services

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-18** authorizing the award of contract to Ricky Slade Construction Inc. for reconstruction of Mayor Aitken Drive Project No. 27559.04 in an amount not to exceed \$187,440.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-18** authorizing Utility Account Adjustments and Taxes

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-18** authorizing Budget Appropriations Transfers for CY 2017

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-18** authorizing application to Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that said Resolutions be adopted which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of January 16, 2018 in the amount of \$324,040.71.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that 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 schedules may be found in the Clerk's Files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

President Edwards announced there were no applications.

President Edwards announced six reports.

1. Vital Statistics November 2017
2. Treasurers Report November 2017
3. Cash Receipts Report December 2017
4. Water Surcharge Collections Report 2017
5. Municipal Clerk December 2017
6. Zoning Report November 30, 2017 – January 8, 2018

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that said applications be received and filed which motion was carried unanimously.

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments. The Mayor spoke previously in the meeting.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – thanked Mr. Abbott for being so diligent with the library, and stated she hopes the problems get resolved in Mrs. Batten’s neighborhood.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple – said it is nice to see new people attending the meeting tonight, and thanked them.

President Edwards – commented on MLK Day and thanked Mayor Kelly for putting on the events as well as his leadership and vision for the city. He wished Mr. Abbott a Happy New Year, stating the security at the library will be looked into. Lastly President Edwards said he understands Mrs. Batten’s concerns, as he had to call the police to his neighborhood recently.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio 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 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_