

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 20, 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 a public advertisement to the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal on February 7<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  
Councilman Samuel Feinstein  
Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr. - Absent

Council President Edwards

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

Council President Edwards requested the Administrator have the Department Heads continue with their individual presentations regarding the 2018 Budget. After council heard the police department presentation, President Edwards called for a five minute recess. It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio to take a five minute recess, which motion carried.

At this time President Edwards called the meeting back to order. Department Heads continued their presentations, ending with Comptroller Lake explaining the entire budget process, giving an overview of what is included in the budget and exactly how it is funded. Mayor Kelly said he is proud of the Department Heads for all of their hard work, and thanked the Comptroller and Administrator for their hard work also.

Council President thanked the Department Heads for attending tonight and their presentations. He called upon council for their comments or questions:

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple said the presentations were great and thanked all of the Department Heads for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio also said the presentations were great and it was nice to see all of the Department Heads.

Councilman Feinstein also thanked the Department Heads, and questioned the hours of the snack stand at the zoo.

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his presentation. The Mayor introduced Ms. Carol Cohen of the American Red Cross. He spoke of numerous weather related emergencies recently in the world the Red Cross has help with, and March being American Red Cross Month. Mayor Kelly finished by reading a proclamation and presenting it to Ms. Cohen.

President Edwards presented the Work Session Minutes, Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of March 6, 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 Councilman Feinstein and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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.

Mr. Anthony Parker, addressed council regarding the offer he presented for property on South Avenue, noting the condition of the dwelling.

Mr. Will Bonner, spoke of gun control and violence. He explained specific bills on gun control that have been adopted, and recent concerns also. He urged council to join him in standing up for the community to keep everyone safe.

Mr. Tom Martin, voiced his concerns regarding resolution J-1. He then spoke of council having someone other than the Mayor sign specific agreements, and lastly stated he feels the city could possibly get stuck with paying the LSRP fees for the River Grove project.

Mr. Steven Paul, of Bridgeton Main Street informed council of Main Streets' next board meeting urging them to attend; and of the upcoming Cinco de Mayo festival.

Mr. Tony Stanzione praised everyone for a great budget presentation. He noted he always feels safe doing business in the city, due to the excellent work of the police, fire, and ems.

Ms. Jean Garrison, said she was disappointed with last year's food truck program in the park; though she noted the Vegan truck was great and enjoyed having use of the canoes.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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-10 with J-7 and J-9 being voted upon separately and J-10 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. 78-18** authorizing submission to the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for funding to conduct the necessary analysis related to suspected contamination at block 142 lot 11 and supporting redevelopment of block 142 lot 11

**RESOLUTION NO. 79-18** authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the city known as 240 Vine Street, block 249 lot 18

**RESOLUTION NO. 80-18** authorizing extension of time for development

**RESOLUTION NO. 81-18** authorizing submission of the recycling tonnage grant application

**RESOLUTION NO. 82-18** designating redeveloper and authorizing execution of redevelopment Agreement with respect to a portion of block 170, lot 8 of the tax map of the City of Bridgeton

**RESOLUTION NO. 83-18** authorizing the introduction of the calendar year 2018 municipal budget for the City of Bridgeton

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-18** authorizing the award of contract to Ricky Slade Construction Inc. for reconstruction of Bank Street in an amount not to exceed \$214,916.70

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-18** appointing J. Curtis Edwards to the City of Bridgeton Planning Board as a Class III member

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.

It was then moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that Resolution J-7 authorizing the renewal of an agreement for membership in the Cumberland Development Corporation known as **RESOLUTION NO. 84-18** be adopted.

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

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Feinstein	X			
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple	X			
Councilman Zapolski				X
President Edwards	X			

The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple that Resolution J-9 regarding the River Grove Housing Project known as **RESOLUTION NO. 86-18** be adopted.

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

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Feinstein			X	
Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple	X			
Councilman Zapolski				X
President Edwards	X			

The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of March 20, 2018 in the amount of \$384,310.94.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein 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 two applications added-on during the work session for approval

1. Block Off Street – for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Autism Walk on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
2. Temporary Sign – for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Autism Walk on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Feinstein that said applications be received and filed which motion was carried unanimously.

President Edwards announced four reports for approval.

1. Zoning Report February 1, 2018 - March 8, 2018
2. Treasurer Report February 2018

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

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments.

Mayor Kelly addressed Ms. Garrison's concerns regarding the food trucks in the park. He said he has spoken with Mr. Bonner previously about gun control and asked him to come address council to make them aware of how they can help.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – thanked the Department Heads for doing a fantastic job with the budget presentation. She said she fully agrees with Mr. Bonner's concerns regarding gun control, and hopes to work with the CDC throughout the year.

Councilman Feinstein – said he echo's Councilwoman DeQuinzio's words, and wished everyone safe travels on their way home.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple – thanked the Department Heads, Administrator and Mayor for their budget presentation. She agrees with Councilmembers DeQuinzio and Feinstein regarding gun control and violence. Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple said a business owner whom did not speak english approached her regarding concerns for her business due to the vacation of Church Lane. Lastly Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked President Edwards and Melissa Hemple, Recreation Director for their help with the upcoming Autism Walk.

Solicitor Bertram asked to address Mr. Martin's concerns regarding resolution J-1. She noted the lease with Tri County does say they are responsible for remediation of the property for development purposes, though the contamination did not come from Tri-County it is from historic contamination throughout the years. Solicitor Bertram also addressed resolution J-9 stating the resolution is to release the city from the original LSRP as the developers have obtained their own.

President Edwards – thanked the Department Heads for their budget presentation, along with all the residents who came to the meeting tonight. He addressed Mr. Martin's concerns about the Mayor signing agreements, noting the Mayor's designee is the Business Administrator whom signs when appropriate. Lastly he noted the executive session items will be addressed at the next council meeting.

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: April 3, 2018