

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 3, 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 7th, 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 Mayor Kelly

The following answered to roll call:
Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio
Councilman Samuel Feinstein
Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr.
Council President Edwards

Also in attendance:
Mayor Albert Kelly
Solicitor Rebecca J. Bertram
Municipal Clerk Kathleen L. Keen

President Edwards presented the Work Session Minutes, Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018.

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

President Edwards announced two ordinances for first reading.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 370, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON ZONING ORDINANCE, PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW
N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64, AS IT RLATES TO BLOCK 110.01, LOT 58.**

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Feinstein the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 17, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AMENDING
A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 121, LOT 8 WITHIN THE HOPE VI
REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 17, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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 Zapolski 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. Mike Abbott said he is concerned with the Wawa redevelopment area, asking if the police and fire department have been involved due to possible traffic concerns. Councilman Zapolski answered the Planning Board considers those factors during application process. He then spoke of streets being blocked off and the public being made aware. Next Mr. Abbott said that a right-of-way owned by the city in the area of Commerce and Laurel Streets is being blocked off and the city should do something about it. Lastly he spoke of a recent incident at the library and the safety of the employees.

Ms. Linda McFadden, Library Director explained the recent incident at the library involving a patron, and the safety concerns of employees and herself. She then spoke of new programs at the library starting in April; Spanish Story Times and Father Time for single Dads. Lastly Ms. McFadden announced April is National Library Month.

Mrs. Dolores Batten said it has been one year since the passing of Mr. Warren Robinson. She spoke of towns removing silent prayer from their meetings and urged council to make sure it continues at Council Meetings. Lastly, Mrs. Batten voiced her concerns regarding the possible legalization of marijuana in the state.

Mr. Tom Martin, commented on ordinances G-1 and G-2 regarding zoning changes and the redevelopment plan, he feels the city redevelopment plan is old and should be updated to be consistent.

Mr. Carl Seabrook Sr. said there are still trucks in the area of Baltimore Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. way using their “jake brake”. He spoke of a new commercial tenant coming to

the area and the possible damage large trucks can do to the roads and trees in the area that could possible fall soon. Lastly he spoke of recently attending a meeting at the Rutgers Extension.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilman Feinstein 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-9 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. 89-18 resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton authorizing utility account adjustments and taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 90-18 resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton granting senior citizen tax exemptions

RESOLUTION NO. 91-18 resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton granting veteran or widow of veteran tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 92-18 resolution authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Action Uniform Company, LLC for the City of Bridgeton Fire Department

RESOLUTION NO. 93-18 resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for EMS Medical Director Services

RESOLUTION NO. 94-18 resolution of the City of Bridgeton authorizing the contract with A.C. Shultes, Inc for the redevelopment and tv inspection of well #20 for the water and sewer department.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-18 resolution authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a renewal contract to Water Works supply Co., Inc. for furnishing fire hydrants to the City of Bridgeton Water Department

RESOLUTION NO. 96-18 resolution to rebid for rail inspection and evaluation services

RESOLUTION NO. 97-18 authorizing an amendment to the shared services agreement with Cumberland County Improvement Authority for solid waste disposal, recycling program, and facilities for recyclables

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilman Feinstein 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 April 3, 2018 in the amount of \$1,569,646.35.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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 for approval.

President Edwards announced two reports for approval.

1. Water & Sewer Department Report February 2018
2. Municipal Clerks Report February 2018

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

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments.

Mayor Kelly said he met recently with Ms. McFadden, Library Director regarding security at the library, he has also been working with the county to utilize grant money for security.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – reminded everyone to attend the MLK service tomorrow night and to wear purple on Friday April 13th.

Councilman Feinstein – said he is very impressed with the passion the public brings to the council meetings.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple – said she appreciates everyone’s comments and reminded everyone to wear purple on April 13th for Alcohol Awareness and Blue for Autism on April 27th and to attend the Autism Walk at the BHS Stadium on April 28th. Lastly she thanked Council President Edwards for his help in securing the stadium for the Autism Walk this year.

Councilman Zapolski – none at this time.

Councilman Feinstein noted the BHS stadium was dedicated six years ago today.

President Edwards – spoke of tree and limb debris being placed curbside for removal due to the recent storm. He reminded everyone to wear purple on April 13th for Alcohol Awareness. He addressed Mr. Paul of BMSA regarding his block off street application.

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

President Edwards adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date Approved: _____