

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 17, 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 Councilman Feinstein

The following answered to roll call:
Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio
Councilman Samuel Feinstein

Absent-Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr.
Council President Edwards

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

Mayor Kelly addressed Council regarding the CY2018 Budget. He stated the goal of the Administration is to meet the needs of the residents and businesses by introducing a realistic budget that provides services they require as well as take into account the financial challenges faced by the city. The proposed budget has a .067 tax rate increase that equates to \$45.22 per year on the average home. Mayor Kelly said there were adjustments made to operating cost, delays in purchasing vehicles and hiring staff, and shared services entered into with surrounding municipalities. He stated the city has more shared services agreements than any other communities in Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester Counties.

The Administrator then addressed Council while using a power point presentation explaining the workings of the various department within the city. She spoke of Vital Statistics, Code Enforcement, Construction, Municipal Court, Water & Sewer, etc.

Next Public Works Superintendent Dellaquila spoke of major needs for Public Works; mainly a new street sweeper, due to the age of the current sweeper and being compliant with Storm Water regulations. He then discussed a road program utilized for much needed improvements to city streets, and the recent funding received from a DOT grant.

Fire Chief Bowen discussed training, maintenance of the fire station, and turn out gear. He spoke of the cost savings of remounting ambulances, and the need for security and fencing for the employees.

Police Captain Battavio spoke of the PAL Program, juvenile policing, and lunch with a cop, body cameras, the vehicle fleet and the police mobile sub-station.

Development & Planning Director Rabago stated the Wawa project is moving forward, and the mobile food truck program will run again this year. He spoke of the food specialization center, the Nail House, CDBG, demolitions, and housing.

CFO Lake explained the budget process, showing comparison charts for 2017-2018, what the tax rate is for 2018, and how the percentages are broken down between the city, school, and county. She discussed water/sewer revenues, and the consistency of the surplus used each year.

Lastly, the Administrator thanked the entire staff for their continued daily hard work, stating all departments of the city are “doing a lot with very little.”

President Edwards announced **RESOLUTION NO. 99-18** authorizing the CY2018 Budget be read by title only.

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Zapolski the Resolution 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 announced this is the time for the Public Hearing on the CY2018 Budget.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the CY2018 Municipal Budget which motion was carried.

President Edwards opened the meeting to any one desiring to be heard on the CY2018 Municipal Budget only.

With no one desiring to be heard it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the public hearing on the CY2018 Municipal Budget be closed which motion was carried.

President Edwards announced **RESOLUTION NO. 100-18** to adopt the Calendar Year 2018 Municipal Budget.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Feinstein the Resolution 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 presented the Work Session Minutes, Council Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2018.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski 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 unanimously.

President Edwards announced two ordinances for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149-34 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Zapolski the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on May 1, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 321, TAXICABS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Zapolski the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on May 1, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

President Edwards announced two ordinances for second 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 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.

President Edwards 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 Feinstein the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Feinstein this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that it be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

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			

President Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 18-7** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 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.

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

Mr. Mike Abbott stated he is not happy with the ordinance, and asked council if they knew what was happening with the property and if they have seen the test borings. He asked if they knew exactly what they were voting on. Councilman Zapolski responded stating the Council relies on the experts, mainly the engineers and planners to inform them of any issues.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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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			

President Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 18-8** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 Councilman Feinstein 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 thanked the Department Heads for all of their hard work, noting they all do a good job with what they have to work with. He urged Council to give them what they needed. Lastly he thanked Councilman Zapolski for his due diligence with the budget.

Ms. Linda McFadden, Library Director said she has looked into the library reports, though has not found any. She will be working on one and will forward it when completed. She also thanked her staff for always doing a great job.

Mr. Tony Stanzione of the CDC (Cumberland Development Corporation) spoke of the Walter Rand and Rutgers findings, noting the “shortcoming” of funding for the southern part of the state. He distributed a meeting schedule for the CDC and mentioned voting for “the Best of Cumberland County.”

Ms. Alberta Frazier questioned the surcharge on her water bill. Councilman Zapolski explained this is the second year for the surcharge, what it is for and how it works.

Mr. Steven Paul of Main Street gave an update on Main Street and the Cinco De Mayo festival.

Mr. Carl Seabrook Sr. spoke of water bills also and the City no longer having a local newspaper.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski 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-6 with J-5 and J-6 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. 101-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to CMI Limited Company and Country Metals, LLC to repair, replace and install the city's Cohansey River floating dock in the amount not to exceed \$26,830.00

RESOLUTION NO. 102-18 imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of February 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 103-18 amending resolution 73-18 authorizing the city to advertise for demolition of properties on Giles and Bank Streets

RESOLUTION NO. 104-18 governing body certification of compliance with the United States equal employment opportunity commission's "enforcement guidance on the consideration of arrest and conviction records in employment decisions under title vii of the civil rights act of 1964"

RESOLUTION NO. 105-18 proclaiming April 2018 national autism awareness month

RESOLUTION NO. 106-18 authorizing shared service agreement between the City of Bridgeton and the City of Salem regarding emergency water department services

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 17, 2018 in the amount of \$1,805,561.18.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 for approval.

1. Block off Street- Main Street Cinco De Mayo Cultural Event May 6, 2018 1-8pm
2. Catering Permit – M. Arellano (Las Palmas) May 6th Cinco De Mayo Festival

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

President Edwards announced three reports for approval.

1. Zoning Report March –April 6, 2018
2. Cash Receipts Report March 2018
3. Department of Public Works Quarterly Report April 2018

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Feinstein that said reports be received and filed which motion was carried unanimously.

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments.

Mayor Kelly – none at this time.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – thanked the Department Heads for doing a great job. Thanked Mr. Seabrook for bringing more residents to the Council meetings.

Councilman Feinstein – said he appreciates the work done by all of the departments.

Councilman Zapolski – thanked the Administrator and all staff for their efforts made towards the budget.

President Edwards – said the budget presentation was great, he spoke of the need for a van for the PAL program, and gun buyback programs. Lastly he spoke of panhandlers in the city.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio 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:_____