

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 1, 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 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  
Administrator Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette  
Solicitor Rebecca J. Bertram  
Municipal Clerk Kathleen L. Keen

Mayor Kelly addressed Council regarding May being Health Awareness Month, and on May 23<sup>rd</sup> Cumberland County will be attempting to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. Mayor Kelly said schools, senior centers, veteran's center, churches etc., in the City of Bridgeton will be participating that day. Councilman Feinstein said he saw a Facebook page for "Take the Pledge Cumberland" where those interested can sign up.

President Edwards presented the Work Session, Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes of April 17, 2018.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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.

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE CITY HALL ANNEX  
BUILDING IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND,  
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,007,460 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ISSUANCE OF \$957,460 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE  
COST THEREOF.**

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on May 15, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE 18-2 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 20,  
2018 FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF  
CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on May 15, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

President Edwards announced one ordinance for second reading.

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

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio 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. 18-9** 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 Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Councilman Zapolski 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.

Ms. Linda McFadden, Library Director said the Annual Library Report will be done by the end of the week, and distributed for the next council meeting. She thanked the police department for their presence at the library and helping with security. Ms. McFadden spoke of upcoming events at the library and also offered the library as a place to use for the health awareness month.

Mrs. Dolores Batten, thanked Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple for inviting her to the Autism Walk, she really enjoyed it. She then addressed council regarding marijuana and read a letter she recently received. Mrs. Batten asked for a public meeting on the legalization of marijuana and possibly having a doctor present for public questions and answers.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on an offer received by the city for property on South Avenue, he urged council to consider it. He then spoke of receiving summons from the Code Enforcement Office; he questioned the vacant and abandoned property program, the efficiency of it and who the Code Enforcement Officers answer to.

Mr. Carl Seabrook Sr. said he was speaking on behalf of the second ward; he spoke of a brick building in bas repair, trash throughout the neighborhood, trucks still using the streets, and dead trees in the area that need attention. Lastly, Mr. Seabrook questioned when Baltimore Avenue will be finished.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilman Zapolski 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-15 with J-7 being substituted 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. 108-18** authorizing execution of easement

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-18** authorizing the release of escrow with respect to Lakeside Assets (Brandt Construction)

**RESOLUTION NO. 110-18** authorizing the payment of bills by the Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 111-18** authorizing the expenditure from the capital improvement fund for preliminary expenses for the reconstruction of North Lawrence Street, Lake Street and Franklin Drive

**RESOLUTION 112-18** authorizing Lease Agreement with the County of Cumberland for a Van and Trailer as Part of Community Work Experience Program for general labor in the City of Bridgeton

**RESOLUTION NO. 113-18** authorizing deduction add backs

**RESOLUTION NO. 114-18** authorizing execution of documents necessary with respect to block 121 lot 8 on the tax map of the City of Bridgeton

**RESOLUTION NO. 115-18** authorizing the execution of an emergency contract between the City of Bridgeton and Yannuzzi Group, Inc. for the demolition of 24 Bank St. Bridgeton in an amount not to exceed \$31,900.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-6

**RESOLUTION NO. 116-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Caravella Demolition, Inc. for demolition of 141 Giles Street Bridgeton, in the amount not to exceed \$19,492.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract Duncan Solutions for collection of municipal court debt services

**RESOLUTION NO. 118-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Western Pest Services for monthly pest control services in the amount not to exceed \$5,820 for one (1) year

**RESOLUTION NO. 119-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Woodruff Energy for propane gas and heat services in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for one (1) year

**RESOLUTION NO. 120-18** authorizing contracts with certain approved State Contract Vendors for contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-12, County Co-op Vendors approved by the County of Cumberland for use by municipalities pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34- 7.29, and National Co-op vendors approved by the state for use by municipalities pursuant to P.L. 2011, c.139

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-18** authorizing the city to advertise for water meters and handheld data collection devices

**RESOLUTION NO. 122-18** approving the FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for the City of Bridgeton

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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 May 1, 2018 in the amount of \$1,526,195.44.

It was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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 three applications for approval.

1. Bingo Application – Parish of the Holy Cross October 5, 2018
2. Raffle Application 50/50 – Parish of the Holy Cross October 5, 2018
3. Raffle Application Gift Cards – Parish of the Holy Cross October 5, 2018

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

President Edwards announced four reports for approval.

1. Clerks Monthly Budget Report 2018
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Report 2018
3. Treasurers Report March 2018
4. Water & Sewer Report March 2018

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 called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments.

Mayor Kelly – none at this time.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – reminded everyone of the Cinco de Mayo Festival this weekend, and thanked Ms. Batten for helping at the Autism Walk.

Councilman Feinstein – none at this time

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked all who volunteered, helped, sponsored, and supported the Autism Walk.

Councilman Zapolski- none at this time

President Edwards – acknowledged Mrs. Batten’s request for an open session meeting regarding legalizing marijuana, he thanked Mr. Seabrook for all of his input, and acknowledged Mr. Martins concerns with code enforcement tickets. Lastly he reminded everyone of the Cinco de Mayo Festival this weekend.

President Edwards announced Council will go into Executive Session at this point, and adjourn the regular Council Meeting after the Executive Session meeting is closed.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilman Zapolski;

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-18** the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into an executive session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

1. Litigation – BMPA
2. Litigation – Atlantic Street Property

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple and second by Councilman Zapolski 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: May 15, 2018