

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 15, 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 Deputy Clerk, Miriam Garcia;
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 Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple

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
Deputy Clerk Miriam Garcia

President Edwards announced presentation Proclamation Honoring Community Leaders presented by the Mayor Albert Kelly

Mayor Kelly commented it is a pleasure and honor to come before City Council at this time to present some gentleman's that are doing great things in our community. Mayor Kelly stated we can never get enough volunteers. When we get a volunteer who are willing making a difference in our community they need to be recognized. Mayor Kelly stated that Bridgeton has an active athletic league program and it keeps our young people busy and very positive.

Mayor Kelly read proclamation and recognize Chis Brown, Hakeem Pruitt, Lynwood Mosley, Benjamin Pierce, Deon Green, Tavaris Wright, and Jordan William for their volunteerism and service in the City of Bridgeton.

Hakeem Pruitt stated he received his associate degree in criminal justice at Cumberland County College and that he likes working with kids and putting a smile on their face.

Benjamin pierce stated he does a lot of volunteer work with the kids and that anyone that is for the kids is for him. Benjamin also commented he is the Vice President of the Bridgeton midget football league and the head coach. Lynwood Mosley commented that he has been working with kids for the past 15 years. Chris Brown stated he played basketball with Hakeem in high school and he went to school with his son they were both their coach and he has learned from the best. Detective Thompson thanked everyone for taking the time to recognize the Bridgeton youth. Anytime that he needed them they were their given up there time away from their family and they were appreciative. Sergeant Roman commented this is her first year working with PAL recently got appointed as executive director she is very proud of the coaches they have. They have been doing it for 3 years and that she was proud of the team. Sergeant Roman also thanked the Chief of police Michael Gaimari.

President Edwards presented the Work Session, Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes of May 1, 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 17-7 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman Lugardo Hemple the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 19, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER ___ OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON MUNICIPAL CODE "TAXATION" ADDING _____ "100%" DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WEREWITH

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman Lugardo Hemple the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 19, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilwoman Lugardo Hemple the ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on June 19, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE CITY HALL ANNEZ 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 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

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple 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. 18-10** 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 Feinstein 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.

Mr. Carl Seabrook, commented about a literature that he seen in the paper about stuff in New Jersey of people moving out because of high taxes and different things and as New Jersey resident we don't have that kind money to keep them here. Mr. Carl Seabrook stated that Council and himself as a resident we should do something about it. Mr. Carl Seabrook has been here for 80 years and would like the council to keep on working together and do what they can do to pull us all together.

Mr. David Morrissey, stated that he has been having trouble with his mailing that the post man keeps sending his mail to Rosenhayn instead of Bridgeton and wanted City Council to help him. Mayor commented to Mr. Morrissey to call the Administrator and that they will follow up

on his concern. Councilman Zapolski commented that he has also been having problems with mailing ever since they have change routes.

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-9 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. 123-18, Authorizing July 4th firework display

RESOLUTION NO 124-18, Authorizing the release of performance bond with respect to Cumberland Improvement Authority & Highmark School Management

RESOLUTION NO 125-18, to authorize fireworks display

RESOLUTION NO 126-18, Authorizing a contract with SHI International Corporation an approved state contract vendor for municipal management software

RESOLUTION NO 127-18, Authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Self Love, LLC mobile food concessions within the Bridgeton City Park

RESOLUTION NO 128-18, Authorizing the city to advertise for water system engineering services.

RESOLUTION NO 129-18, Authorizing the city to advertise for solid waste and recyclables material hauling services.

RESOLUTIONNO. 130-18, resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton for change funds for the operation of the zoo concession stand.

RESOLUTION NO 131-18, authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Ricky Slade Construction Inc. for Bridgeton Landfill Closure Project (project no. 16818.02) in the amount not to exceed \$1,700.243.00.

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.

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 asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of May 15, 2018 in the amount of \$654,912.16

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.

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 announced four applications for approval.

1. Block off street- Rev, Leonilda Feliciano Walnut St. Between Myrtle street and E. Myrtle reach out street services June 9, July 14, Aug 4 rain dates June 16, July 28 and August 18 4:00pm-8:30pm
2. Block off street-Tri County/Gateway Cap Waterfront Park E. Commerce St., entrance and parking lot at 1st pavilion for Unity Day Festival June 2nd, 10am-7:30pm
3. Block off street-FOE #2127 Sharp St. from Cohansey St. to Cohansey River for Fuzzy Festival Chicken BBQ June 9th noon-6pm
4. Raffle Application- FOE #2127 yearly instant raffle July 6, 2018-July 9, 2019

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

President Edwards announced five reports for approval.

1. Police Department-1st Quarter 2018 Reports
2. Zoning Applications Report-March 31- May 7, 2018
3. Municipal Clerk Monthly Report- April 2018
4. Cash Receipts-April 2018
5. Registrar Monthly Report-February 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 commented giving an update on the Guinness book words record terms of nutritional awareness on May 23 as of today 31 public school have been including in that list. There will be a viewing of video about nutritional awareness in the Alms Center. Mayor Kelly stated to each council person to go on the website to register and take the pledge to help awareness pledge. Mayor Kelly commented that he started kayaking at the sunset lake and also at the Cohansey River, Mayor Kelly stated it was very relaxing.

Mayor Kelly stated he had a meeting with the Governor senior staff concerning issues that we have been dealing with in our City and that they are meeting with many of Mayor throughout the State.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio –wanted to encourage everyone to register and meet at the Alms Center at 6:00 pm. Would be great if everyone can go

Councilman Feinstein – none at this time

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple thanked Mr. Seabrook for always encouraging council in working together.

Councilman Zapolski- none at this time

President Edwards – reminded everyone that the Bridgeton invitational tournament starts tommorow at 6:00pm. President Edwards thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. President Edwards also reminded everyone that next month in June City Council will meet once a month until September.

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

Miriam Garcia
Deputy Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date Approved: June 19, 2018