

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 5:45 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  
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

President Edwards announced Resolution No. J-29 added to the agenda during the works session Appointing Edward Bethea as Councilmember.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that Resolution J-29 known as **RESOLUTION NO. 136-18** 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			
Councilman Zapolski			X	
President Edwards	X			

The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards called upon Mr. Howard Melnicove, Attorney for NJ Ethanol to address council.

Mr. Melnicove gave a status update regarding NJ Ethanol; he spoke of a land use application made to the Bridgeton Planning Board and perfecting an emergency response plan with the City Fire Chief's input. Mr. Melnicove stated NJ Ethanol would like to work with the city to negotiate an agreement to allow the use of the city owned railroad spur.

Solicitor Bertram noted the original access agreement with NJ Ethanol was to allow the repairs and upgrades to the rail lines, not for use of them. She then noted any discussion or negotiations for an agreement should be done with the City Administrator, with input from the Police and Fire Departments.

President Edwards presented the Work Session, Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2018.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein 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. Councilman Bethea abstained.

President Edwards announced five ordinances for first reading:

#### **ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 149-15**

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 July 17, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 141 EMERGENCY LANES**

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

#### **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON**

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 July 17, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A STREET SWEEPER FOR THE SOLID WASTE UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$225,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

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

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$929,750 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$884,512 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

President Edwards announced three ordinances for second 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 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 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 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>
Councilman Bethea	X			
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Feinstein	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Edwards	X			

**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 HEREWITH**

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.

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

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio this be considered the second 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>
Councilman Bethea	X			
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Feinstein	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Edwards	X			

President Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 18-12** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 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 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 Councilman Feinstein the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski 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>
Councilman Bethea	X			
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Feinstein	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Edwards	X			

President Edwards declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 18-13** 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 Bethea 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.

Ms. Linda McFadden, Library Director thanked Mayor Kelly for his “awesome” article published in the SJ Times about the Bridgeton Library and the services offered, she noted it had an instant impact. Ms. McFadden thanked Police Chief Gaimari and other officers of the police department for regularly patrolling the library, and Mr. Dellaquila Public Works Director, for always being there for the library. Lastly, she gave an update on the summer programs at the library.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on Resolution J-25 regarding the advertisement for repairs to the Port Authority building. He questioned a payment on the bill list to Borger’s, Saunders, and Taylor, suggesting council hold the payment until further review. Mr. Martin referenced Ordinance 18-3, the current City Code, and vacant and abandoned properties with regard to the issuance of tickets. Lastly he spoke of NJ Ethanol and the use of the city owned rail spur.

Mr. Mike Abbott addressed council on the importance of due diligence when selling city owned properties.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Bethea 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-30 noting J-29 and J-30 were added on during the work session, J-29 was voted on previously and J-25 and J-30 will be voted on separately. 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. 134-18** Honoring Bridgeton High School 2018 Valedictorian

**RESOLUTION NO. 135-18** Honoring Bridgeton High School 2018 Salutatorian

**RESOLUTION NO. 137-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to approve Change Order #1 for the Reconstruction of Bank Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 138-18** amending Resolution 95-18 for the award of Fire Hydrants

**RESOLUTION NO. 139-18** Imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of April 2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 140-18** requesting approval for the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue for the 2018 Municipal Court Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Grant

**RESOLUTION NO. 141-18** for reimbursement to H.H. Hankins & Bro. for payment of a sewer permit fee

**RESOLUTION NO. 142-18** authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton

**RESOLUTION NO. 143-18** authorizing Shared Service Agreement between the County of Cumberland and the City of Bridgeton regarding Cohanzick Zoo

**RESOLUTION NO. 144-18** Requesting Approval for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue Funded through the Interlocal Agreement for the Cohanzick Zoo with the County of Cumberland

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-18** authorizing utility account adjustments and taxes

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Bancorp Bank, for the lease of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe's through the Cranford police cooperative pricing system from Mall Chevrolet

**RESOLUTION NO. 147-18** authorizing the execution of an emergency contract between the City of Bridgeton and Mark Franchi demolition and yard services for the demolition of 60 Bank St. Bridgeton, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 148-18** authorizing the city to advertise for professional service architect for Bridgeton City Hall Annex project

**RESOLUTION NO. 149-18** authorizing the negotiation of contract for rail inspection and evaluations services

**RESOLUTION NO. 150-18** authorizing the city to advertise for surveillance system maintenance, repairs, and monitoring service, fire burglar alarm and monitoring system

**RESOLUTION NO. 151-18** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to Ricky Slade Construction, Inc. for tree removal and sidewalk repair services in the amount not to exceed \$38,000.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-18** authorizing the city of Bridgeton to award a renewal contract to Miracle Chemical Company for water chemicals to the City of Bridgeton Water Department not to exceed \$22,460.50 for one (1) year

**RESOLUTION NO. 153-18** adopting pre-qualification regulations for the Cumberland Nail & Iron Works Building Project funded by the New Jersey Historic Trust Capital Grant

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-18** requesting approval for the insertion of a special item of revenue funded through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the 2018 Clean Communities Program

**RESOLUTION NO. 155-18** authorizing the renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses

**RESOLUTION NO. 156-18** authorizing a cooperative pricing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

**RESOLUTION NO. 157-18** resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton to renew the City's membership in the Statewide Insurance Fund

**RESOLUTION NO. 158-18** to refund overpayment of taxes

**RESOLUTION NO. 159-18** authorizing the Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License

**RESOLUTION NO. 160-18** authorizing agreement with Environmental Resolutions Inc., for redevelopment planning services related to Block 187 Lots 69 & 70, 69.01, 76, and 83 through 118

It was moved by Councilman Bethea 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.

President Edwards announced consent agenda items J-25 and J-30 will be enacted upon by one motion.

It was then moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that **RESOLUTION NO. 161-18** authorizing the city to advertise for repairs on the Bridgeton Municipal Port Authority Warehouse Building; and

**RESOLUTION NO. 162-18** re-appointing J. Curtis Edwards to the Bridgeton Municipal Port Authority be adopted.

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

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

The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills dated June 5, 2018 in the amount of \$211,667.04 and June 19, 2018 in the amount of \$2,079,007.64.

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 three applications for approval.

1. Block Off Street – Sharp St. from Cohansey St to Cohansey River for FOE #2127 Annual Picnic September 15<sup>th</sup> noon – 6pm
2. Block Off Street – Tri County/Gateway CAP Waterfront Park E. Commerce St. entrance and parking lot at 1<sup>st</sup> pavilion for the Unity Day Festival RAINDATE: June 30<sup>th</sup> 8am-7:30pm
3. Block Off Street – Sharp St. from Cohansey St to Cohansey River for FOE #2127 Continuation of Chicken BBQ-Fuzzy Festival due to rain and flooding. July 21<sup>st</sup> noon-6pm

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein that applications L-1 and L-3 be received and filed which motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio that application L-2 be received and filed which motion was carried with Councilman Bethea Abstaining.

President Edwards announced seven reports for approval.

1. Vital Statistics Monthly Reports March & April 2018
2. Treasurers Monthly Report April & May 2018
3. Water & Sewer Monthly Report April & May 2018
4. Cash Receipts Report May 2018
5. Zoning Report May – June 7, 2018
6. Resident ID Program Quarterly Report March & June 2018
7. Municipal Clerk Monthly Report May 2018

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

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments.

Mayor Kelly – stated that Mr. Velasquez shared with him the improvements CCIA is planning to enhance the neighborhood regarding recreation in the area near of Burlington Manor.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – none at this time.

Councilman Feinstein – welcomed new Councilman Edward Bethea, and looks forward to working with him.

Councilman Zapolski – none at this time.

Councilman Bethea – thanked Council for their faith and consideration of him, stating he is here to represent the citizens of Bridgeton and plans on doing it. Councilman Bethea spoke of working with stakeholders for 12-13 years on a project in an area of the second ward known as Southeast Gateway, noting an updated plan for the area is ready to be presented to the Business Administrator, City Planner, and the City Council.



President Edwards – reminded everyone to join the Bridgeton Community Thrive Conversation at the Marino Center on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. He welcomed Councilman Bethea to Council and thanked Mr. Velasquez for CCIA’s projects and wanting to give back to Bridgeton.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and second by Councilman Bethea 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: July 17, 2018