

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 5, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 6:30 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 Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Clerk, Kathleen Keen, “Adequate notice of this meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 giving the time, date, location and agenda to the extent known has been given in the following manner:

1. By posting notice of said meeting on the bulletin board at City Hall Annex, 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on June 28, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times and The Press of Atlantic City on June 28, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Councilman Spence – Absent

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Meeting Minutes and the Work Session Minutes of June 20, 2017.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and seconded by Councilman Edwards that said minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced three ordinances for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2016

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency 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 Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that 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 Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence				X
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-14, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

AN 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 Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards 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 Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that 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 Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence				X
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-15, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF CHURCH LANE AND ASSOCIATED ALLEYWAYS

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards 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.

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Councilman Zapolski recommended council exercise caution regarding the legitimacy of the Bridgeton Development Corporation noting it is clear no records have been found to date to establish the legitimacy or bylaws of the BDC. He feels the property is essential to the project, and recommends council hold off on the ordinance until the issues are resolved.

Mr. Al Marmero, Solicitor for the CCIA agreed the property owned by the BDC is essential to the project. Councilman Zapolski stated there is an ordinance from 1997 that authorized the creation of the BDC, though there are no records of the BDC since then. He also spoke of cost the city could incur regarding the project. Mr. Marmero urged council to proceed with the street vacation ordinance to keep the project moving forward. Mr. Gerald Velasquez, Executive Director of the CCIA said it is critical to move the process forward, stating CCIA will bear the cost associated with the project.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that the public portion be closed which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards that 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 Deputy Clerk called the roll as follows:

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence				X
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski		X		
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 17-16, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

President Lugardo-Hemple 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 Surrency 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 Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mrs. Dolores Batten stated the fireworks this year were beautiful she really enjoyed them. She thanked Mr. Dellaquila and praised the Department of Public Works for the great job they do keeping the park and the city clean. Lastly Mrs. Batten suggested someone representing Code Enforcement/Housing attend the council meetings to answer public questions regarding housing codes.

Mr. Tom Martin thanked Mayor Kelly for inviting him to the Brownfields workshop at Thomas Edison University. He spoke of grants and economic development programs discussed during the presentation and thinks there are many opportunities the city could benefit from.

Mr. Mike Abbott stated he has people call him asking questions regarding the city and property maintenance, and he refers them to the BA. He spoke of resolution J-12 imposing liens on various properties for maintenance, noting he feels some properties are ticketed unfairly while others are overlooked. Lastly Mr. Abbott inquired as to when the bench honoring Mr. Warren Robinson will be dedicated. Mayor Kelly asked about the family being able to attend and said it would be done within 30 days.

Mr. Gerald Velasquez thanked the council for approving a fleet maintenance agreement with CCIA. He spoke of a shared service being implemented for fuel and tracking systems to be placed in vehicles for maintenance notifications.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski and second by Councilman Surrency that the public portion be closed, which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-13 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. 124-17 requesting insertion revenue in budget from County of Cumberland for Cohanzick Zoo, \$20,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 125-17 award professional service contract Environmental Resolutions for creation Redevelopment Plans, downtown and Florida Avenue Industrial Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-17 authorizing transfer of Venture Boat Trailer to Downe Township, Board of Fire Commissioners.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-17 authorizing automatic chest compression devices for the Fire Department, vendor Houston-Galveston Area Council.

RESOLUTION, NO. 128-17 authorizing submission of grant application to PETSAFE for creation of a Dog Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 129-17 authorizing advertisement for Maintenance and Repairs for Water and Sewer SCADA System.

RESOLUTION NO. 130-17 authorizing advertisement for Emergency Repair Service for Water and Sewer Systems.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-17 authorizing utility accounts cancelled uncollected in the Tax Collector's Office as of June 30, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 132-17 authorizing granting veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 133-17 authorizing granting senior citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-17 awarding contract to Greer Lime Company and Miracle Company for Water Chemicals.

RESOLUTION NO. 135-17 imposing lien on various properties for violation of maintenance for May.

RESOLUTION NO. 136-17 authorizing sale of certain property to CCIA.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards 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 Lugardo-Hemple asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of July 5, 2017 in the amount of \$1,311,711.40.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency 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 Lugardo-Hemple announced there were no applications.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced the following reports.

1. Vital Statistics Office May 2017

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

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for comments.

Mayor Kelly said he and Police Chief Gaimari recently met with residents of Hope 6 Bridgeton Commons, as part of an ongoing city wide meeting tour of neighborhoods and housing complexes within the city. Mayor Kelly said it is important to hear the residents' complaints and concerns regarding safety and to work with management, the city and the police department to help secure the complexes and neighborhoods.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards commended everyone on the “team” for the great fireworks this year. He then said he was approached by the head of security of the school district with regard to having a stop sign erected by Quarter Mile Lane school.

Councilman Surrency said the fireworks were excellent this year, the food was great, and it was nice to see everyone out. He then thanked Mr. Velasquez and Mr. Marmero for their due diligence for the city and for choosing the city of Bridgeton for their project.

Councilman Zapolski – No comments at this time.

President Lugardo-Hemple said the fireworks were great, hearing the kids laughing and enjoying the fireworks made her night. She spoke of the positive comments regarding Mr. Dellaquila and the public works department stating it is always good to hear. Lastly President Lugardo-Hemple thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards to adjourn the meeting which motion was carried.

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: July 18, 2017