

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2018

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 17, 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 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 Mayor Kelly

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edward Bethea
Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio
Councilman Samuel Feinstein
Council President Edwards

Absent Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr.

Also in attendance:

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

Mayor Kelly read a proclamation and presented a plaque to Ms. Bonnie Facemyer recognizing and honoring her at the close of her tenure as President of the Cohanzick Zoological Society.

Mayor Kelly and Police Chief Gaimari called upon officers of the Police Department for a promotional swearing in. Those promoted were: Sgt. Jahaira Roman - Lieutenant, Sgt. Christopher Wright - Lieutenant, Officer Kenneth Leyman – Sergeant, Officer Michael Pastirko – Sergeant.

Mayor Kelly spoke of the Herb Henry Basketball League, he introduced each member in attendance and thanked them for their volunteerism.

President Edwards presented the Work Session, Council Meeting, and Executive Session Minutes of June 19, 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.

President Edwards announced there were no ordinances for first reading:

President Edwards announced five ordinances for second reading:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 149-15

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 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. 18-14** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 141 EMERGENCY LANES

It was moved by Councilman Bethea 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 Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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	<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. 18-15** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea 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 Councilman Bethea the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea this be considered the 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. 18-16** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 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 Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein this be considered the 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. 18-17** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 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 Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio this be considered the 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. 18-18** 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 Bethea 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 welcomed Councilman Bethea as the Library Liaison. She then discussed the current book and jewelry sale, and announced all upcoming events.

Mrs. Dolores Batten welcomed Councilman Bethea; she spoke of the recent shooting stating prayer is needed for the city and the family of the young child. She encouraged everyone to tell someone if they see or hear anything. Lastly Mrs. Batten addressed legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes, and not enjoyment.

Mr. Yusef complained of a noise coming from the Southwood's area of the city, noting it was a low pitch humming sound that can be heard 24/7.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea 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-22 noting J-21 and J-22 were added during the work session, and J-19 is to 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. 164-18, Imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of May 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 165-18 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton 523 South Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 166-18 authorizing payment of attorney fees

RESOLUTION NO. 167-18 authorizing refund of plumbing permit application fee
RESOLUTION NO. 168-18 authorizing refund of plumbing permit application fee
RESOLUTION NO. 169-18 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton 15 Washington Street
RESOLUTION NO. 170-18 certifying the 2017 annual audit
RESOLUTION NO. 171-18 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the NJDOT for reconstruction of existing sidewalks in the downtown central business district along North Laurel Street (Phase I) from Washington Street to Broad Street
RESOLUTION NO. 172-18 requesting the Cumberland County Clerk print upon official ballots used at the next ensuing general election a non-binding question related to the retail sales, cultivation, or distribution of marijuana with the City of Bridgeton
RESOLUTION NO. 173-18 award a renewal to Garrison Enterprises, Inc. for emergency water and sewer repair services to the City of Bridgeton for water and sewer systems year two
RESOLUTION NO. 174-18 authorizing an agreement with the County of Cumberland for Bridgeton Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
RESOLUTION NO. 175-18 award for Municipal Conflict/Substitute Public Defender to Stephen P. Kernan until December 2018
RESOLUTION NO. 176-18 award a renewal to Complete Control Services, Inc. for maintenance and repair services to the City of Bridgeton Water and Sewer Department SCADA System for year two
RESOLUTION NO. 177-18 authorizing Change Order #1 for the HVAC services and console unit replacement in the Mayor's office
RESOLUTION NO. 178-18 award for Municipal Conflict/Substitute Judge to Demetrica Todd Ruiz until December 2018
RESOLUTION NO. 179-18 authorizing an award to RIO Supply, Inc. for furnishing water meters and handheld data collection devices for year one in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00
RESOLUTION NO. 180-18 authorizing an award to GPM Associates an Advanced Geoservices Company for engineering services for the City of Bridgeton water and sewer system for one year
RESOLUTION NO. 181-18 authorizing Change Order #2 for the reconstruction of Bank Street
RESOLUTION NO. 182-18 approving the renewal of liquor license held by Yilmaz Inc. A New Jersey Corporation
RESOLUTION NO. 183-18 approving the renewal of a Liquor License held by M. Arellano LLC
RESOLUTION NO. 184-18 authorizing the appointment of Special Counsel

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein that said Resolutions be adopted which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

It was then moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 185-18** regarding the River Grove Housing Project

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 resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills dated July 3, 2018 in the amount of \$203,176.48 and July 17, 2018 in the amount of \$382,721.79.

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 there were no applications for approval.

President Edwards announced six reports for approval.

1. Vital Statistics Monthly Report May 2018
2. Cash Receipts Report June 2018
3. Municipal Clerk Monthly Report June 2018
4. Zoning Report June 2018 – July 10, 2018
5. Treasurers Monthly Report April & May 2018
6. Quarterly Budget Report June 30, 2018

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

President Edwards called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments.

Mayor Kelly – referred to his earlier comments regarding the shooting incident

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – stated her heart is heavy for the child's family, she hopes they find the person, and she is praying for the family.

Councilman Feinstein – said this was a totally senseless act of violence that paints a bad picture of the entire town. He spoke of the press conference earlier stating the press should be at council meetings reporting on the good that is happening in the city

Councilman Bethea – stated this was reckless behavior and there are consequences; he asked for prayers for the young child’s family, the City and that law enforcement bring the individual who committed the reckless act to justice. Councilman Bethea noted it is a sad day in the city.

President Edwards – also responded with a heavy heart for the child and her family noting he has a child close to the same age and is praying for the family. He then apologized to his fellow councilmembers for referring to them by their last names only and not as “councilmember”. President Edwards thanked everyone for the great audit, and thanked Mrs. Batten and Ms. McFadden for their comments. Lastly he said the “noise” or sound coming from the Southwood’s area will be looked into, and thanked everyone for coming out the council meeting.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilman Bethea 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: August 21, 2018