

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:00 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
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 and Fire Chief Bowen presented Marilyn April with a resolution honoring her retirement from the Bridgeton City EMS Department.

Mr. Tony Stanzione Executive Director of Cumberland Development Corporation and the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to Council of current CDC and Chamber happenings. Mr. Steven Paul Marketing Director also addressed Council regarding the BACC/CDC Marketing Project.

President Edwards called upon the Business Administrator for her report. Dr. Bush-Baskette spoke of a high frequency sound discussed at the last meeting, confirming it was a generator at South Woods prison that has since been turned off.

Police Chief Gaimari spoke of recent shootings within the city, giving an update on the progress of the investigations and imminent arrests. He then referenced the Police Department quarterly reports showing statistically crime in the city is down, and assured everyone the Police Department is utilizing all resources available to them.

Mayor Kelly addressed requests for a moratorium on the yellow stickers used for trash collection. He noted information is being gathered from Waste Management to help make a determination on the effectiveness of the stickers. He then spoke of the city park landfill project, stating the company is doing a fantastic job clearing the area, when the project is complete residents will not only be proud of the area, they will be able to use the area for walking, biking, etc. Mayor Kelly then spoke of repairs being done to the brick sidewalks in the downtown area. Lastly he asked the Administrator to discuss new animals at the zoo. Dr. Bush-Baskette informed all of two new panthers approximately four-months old, one black and one spotted.

President Edwards presented the Work Session, Council Meeting, and Executive Session Minutes of July 17, 2018. It was moved by Councilman Bethea 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. The motion carried with Councilman Zapolski abstaining.

President Edwards announced two ordinances for first reading:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 40-12(A) TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 September 18, 2018 which motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 265-8 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

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 September 18, 2018.

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 announced there were no ordinances for second reading:

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski 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.

Mr. Tom Martin, voiced his concerns with resolution J-11 regarding how the city will make payment to special council. He spoke of resolution J-28 questioning the amount of money collected, and the language in the resolution. Lastly Mr. Martin addressed resolution J-16 urging council to include more details in future resolutions.

Mr. Tony Stanzone extended an invitation to the next Chamber Luncheon Meeting on September 13th at the Wibco Building.

Mr. Steven Paul of Bridgeton Main Street reminded all of the Crabfest on September 15th.

David Gonzalez Pastor of Overcoming Victory Church extended an invitation to this Sundays' community event, an outside fresh prayer drive.

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Zapolski 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-31 noting changes made to J-29 and J-32 being 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. 187-18 recognizing Marilyn April on her retirement

RESOLUTION NO. 188-18 to refund water/sewer overpayment

RESOLUTION NO. 189-18 imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of June 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 190-18 authorizing execution of a discharge of mortgage for Mary Maxwell

RESOLUTION NO. 191-18 authorizing shared service agreement between the City of Bridgeton and the County of Cumberland

RESOLUTION NO. 192-18 approving the renewal of a liquor license for VELCO Corporation

RESOLUTION NO. 193-18 authorizing a Person-to-Person transfer of a liquor license from VELCO Corp to Terrigno, Cosmo P & Geneva

RESOLUTION NO. 194-18 authorizing a shared service agreement between the City of Bridgeton and the Township of Hopewell

RESOLUTION NO. 195-18 extending the grace period to pay third quarter 2018 taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 196-18 authorizing mobile vending operations by Self Love LLC at the city owned parcel known as block124 lots 1 & 2 at the corner of S. Laurel Street and Broad Street (boat launch area)

RESOLUTION NO. 197-18 authorizing the release of escrow with respect to El Paisano, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 198-18 amendment to the resolution authorizing the appointment of special counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 199-18 allocating 1st and 2nd generation Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds to specific projects and purposes on behalf of the City of Bridgeton

RESOLUTION NO. 200-18 authorizing a shared service agreement between the City of Bridgeton and Upper Deerfield

RESOLUTION NO. 201-18 authorizing submission of a grant application in response to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) Innovation Challenge

RESOLUTION NO. 202-18 authorizing the execution of a deed for certain property titled in the City of Bridgeton

RESOLUTION NO. 203-18 authorizing execution of documents necessary with respect to Block 121 Lot 8 on the tax map of the City of Bridgeton

RESOLUTION NO. 204-18 authorizing a contract with Advanced Electronic Design dba Patrol PC for Police and Homeland Security software equipment, video monitoring, warranties and technical services

RESOLUTION NO. 205-18 authorizing a contract with McGrath Municipal Equipment, LLC dba Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment through the approved NJ State contract co-operative with Sourcewell for a 4-ton Falcon RME Asphalt Hot Patcher Dump Trailer

RESOLUTION NO. 206-18 authorizing to award a renewal contract to Municipal Maintenance for maintenance and repairs for water and sewer wells and pump stations for (1) year with an option to renew for (3) additional years

RESOLUTION NO. 207-18 to award a contract with P.L. Custom Body & Equipment Co., Inc. under contract #AM10-16 through Houston Galvaston Area Council in the amount of \$142,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 208-18 authorizing emergency HVAC replacement work on the console unit at the City of Bridgeton Police/Court Complex

RESOLUTION NO. 209-18 authorizing a contract with Cherry Hill Winner Ford for the purchase of (3) 2018 Police Interceptor Utility Base Vehicles, All Wheel Drive for \$76,575.00

RESOLUTION NO. 210-18 authorizing the city to advertise for renovations for the City of Bridgeton Public Works Building

RESOLUTION NO. 211-18 authorizing the award of contract to Waste Management, Inc. for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Hauling Services for (1) year with an option to renew for (2) additional years

RESOLUTION 212-18 authorizing a contract with GranTurk Equipment Co., Inc. through the approved NJ State Contract Co-Operative with Sourcewell for the purchase of Elgin Broom Badger Mounted on 2019 Isuzu NRR Chassis Street Sweeper

RESOLUTION NO. 213-18 imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of July 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 214-18 requesting approval for the insertion of a special item of revenue for the increase in vacant and abandoned property fees collectable per ordinance 18-3 amending city code chapter 265-23 et seq Vacant Properties

RESOLUTION NO. 215-18 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton (Block 188 Lots 9, 10, & 11 –Andrews Ave)

RESOLUTION NO. 216-18 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton (Block 175 Lots 6 & 7 – 7 Gary St & Richardson Ave)

RESOLUTION NO. 217-18 authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Vineland for the Fy2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

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 J-32 known as **RESOLUTION NO. 218-18** supporting Governor Murphy’s Executive Order #6 (2018)

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 August 7, 2018 in the amount of \$3,242,830.61 and August 21, 2018 in the amount of \$872,003.95.

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea 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 ten (10) applications for approval with application L-5 being voted upon separately.

1. Block Off Street - Bridgeton Main Street Crab Fest/Beer Garden/5K Run September 15th 9am-7pm
2. Catering Permit – Las Palmas Beer Garden for the Crab Fest September 15th 1pm-6pm
3. Block Off Street – Kris Durham Bicycle Race September 23rd 7am-5pm
4. Block Off Street – Rev David Gonzalez to Connect, Serve, and Bless the Community August 26th 8am-4pm
6. Raffle Application - Parish of the Holy Cross Merchandise Raffle Nov 4th 12-10pm
7. Raffle Application - Parish of the Holy Cross 50/50 Raffle Nov 4th 12pm-1pm
8. Raffle Application - Parish of the Holy Cross Gift Card Basket Raffle Nov 4th 12-10pm
9. Bingo Application - Parish of the Holy Cross Pocketbook Bingo Nov 4th 12-10pm
10. Social Affair Permit - Parish of the Holy Cross Parish Festival at Saint Teresa Church Sept 16th 12-6pm

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

It was then moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Zapolski that application L-5 Raffle Application for Inspira Health Network Foundation Cumberland/Salem Inc. Merchandise Raffle Oct 19th 2:30pm be received and filed.

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 announced eight (8) reports for approval.

1. Vital Statistics Monthly Reports June & July 2018
2. Water & Sewer Monthly Report June 2018
3. Department of Public Works Quarterly Report July 2018
4. Cash Receipts Report July 2018
5. Treasurers Monthly Report July 2018
6. Police Department 2nd Qtr. Reports 2018
7. Zoning Applications Report July 1 - August 14, 2018
8. Municipal Clerks Office Monthly Report - July 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 – no comments at this time.

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – no comments at this time.

Councilman Feinstein – said he appreciates those who stayed through the end of the meeting to see what is going on in the city.

Councilman Bethea – said he appreciates the Mayor and Police Chief giving an update on recent incidents in the city. He voiced his concerns for the senseless shootings; noting the impressive work of the police department, given the reluctant cooperation within the community. Councilman Bethea noted statistically crime is down in the city, however high profile incidents cause concern as they seem to only be what is reported. He asked for reports to show specifically where crimes are taking place, stating enough is enough and it is time to take back our city.

Councilman Zapolski said he would like to underscore what Councilman Bethea said; noting the lack of effective reporting on what is going on in the city both good and bad. He then spoke of a recent Bridgeton School System Steam Academy Camp for fifth and sixth grade students that did not receive any publicity or reporting on, noting there is no effective communication or publicity about the positive happenings in the city.

President Edwards – echoed Councilmen Bethea and Zapolski’s concerns regarding violence in the city. However he focused on the positive; announcing Police Chief Gaimari recently attended a rotary meeting to discuss what is being done to deter crime, bringing along the police substation for all to view. He spoke of the Bridgeton Play Streets Program, which took place for four weeks in the city. Lastly President Edwards said he would like to see more positive reporting on activities in the city.

Councilman Feinstein then stated he runs a public Facebook page called Bridgeton Community Bulletin Board where events in the city are announced. He welcomed post for upcoming events as well as successful follow-ups to events.

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

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Municipal Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

Date Approved: September 18, 2018