

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 2, 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 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

President Edwards presented the Work Session and Council Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2018. It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio and seconded by Councilman Zapolski that said minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members have received copies. The motion carried unanimously.

President Edwards announced two ordinances for first reading:

**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 introduced for first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on October 16, 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			

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON
AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HALSFORD AVENUE**

It was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Zapolski the ordinance be introduced for first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on October 16, 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 two ordinances for second reading:

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 9-12 OF THE
CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY,
FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 6, 2010, IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION
OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RENOVATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AT FLORIDA AVENUE**

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

It was moved by Councilwoman DeQuinzio 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.

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. 18-21** the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 300-8(B) and 300-37 OF THE CODE OF 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.

Councilman Zapolski voiced his concerns with the ordinance noting the increased burden of the public works crew due to animals and weather conditions; he also feels it would be difficult to enforce.

Mr. Tom Martin said he echoes Councilman Zapolski' s comments, and suggested changing or increasing the size of trash containers when rebidding the trash contract if the city wants this.

Mrs. Dolores Batten stated she also agrees with Councilman Zapolski and feels open lids will cause excess trash to be on the ground.

No one else 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.

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 Defeated.

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 Councilwoman DeQuinzio 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 spoke of resolution J-9 questioning the ownership of Block 85 Lot 19.

Mrs. Dolores Batten, stated she recently rode around the city and noticed a lot of cars and boats parked on the grass of properties, some that are not tagged.

Ms. Carol Kirshenbaum addressed council stating “the Bridgeton Police Department is a crowning jewel in the city” she was born and raised here and came back to live in her childhood home. She said she is now afraid to live here, and feels she is being forced out. The police presence is there, however when they leave the problems start again; she has been robbed, has found ladders propped up to her windows, and is sad about leaving her home. Lastly Ms. Kirshenbaum stated Bridgeton has lost another homeowner, will acquire another rental, and she is now another “statistic”

With no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea 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-10 with J-1 being removed for more information, J-7 and J-9 being voted on separately and J-10 added on 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. 232-18 to addback senior citizen deductions

RESOLUTION NO. 233-18 authorizing shared service agreement between the City of Bridgeton and the County of Cumberland

RESOLUTION NO. 234-18 authorizing execution of arson dog agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 235-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to R.O.K. Industries d.b.a. Real Auction for online tax sale services in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for one (1) day

RESOLUTION NO. 236-18 authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract to DEJANA Truck and Utility Equipment under state contract A40821-T0126 for a one time upgrade to the crew work truck in the amount not to exceed \$21,070.00

RESOLUTION NO. 237-18 imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance and violation for the month of August 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 238-18 limiting trick or treat hours

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 Resolution J-7 authorizing use of UEZ funds for Main Street-Initiated Downtown Mural.

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio to adopt J-7 known as **RESOLUTION NO. 239-18** authorizing use of UEZ funds for Main Street-Initiated Downtown Mural.

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 announced Resolution J-9 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton

It was then moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio to adopt J-9 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton.

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 resolution rejected.

Councilman Feinstein questioned selling property not owned by the city, a discussion followed regarding ownership of the property in question. Councilman Feinstein then stated he would like to change his vote.

President Edwards asked for a motion for reconsideration of J-9 authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton

It was then moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio to reconsider the adoption of J-7 known as **RESOLUTION NO. 240-18** authorizing the sale of certain property owned by the City of Bridgeton.

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 may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Edwards asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills dated October 2, 2018 in the amount of \$291,000.91.

It was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein 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 two (2) reports for approval.

1. Water & Sewer Report August 2018
2. Vital Statistics Report August 2018

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

President Edwards called upon Council for comments.

Councilwoman DeQuinzio –announced a candlelight vigil being held tomorrow night in front of the City Hall Annex for domestic violence.

Councilman Feinstein – apologized for being misinformed on the previous resolution.

Councilman Bethea – announced upcoming events at the library. He stated he was late today due to attending the Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development in Atlantic City and apologized for being tardy. Councilman Bethea spoke of various topics at the conference noting approved funding for Main Street NJ and discussion on additional funding for Brownfields. Councilman Bethea said he is disappointed and saddened to hear a resident is moving out of the city; he agrees with her statement the city has a spectacular Police Department and feels the Fire Department and Public Works Departments are spectacular also. Lastly Councilman Bethea spoke of his concerns for the crimes effecting the city, stating we need to be aggressive and innovative and find ways to combat this.

Councilman Zapolski – thanked the public and his colleagues on council for their support and for listening to his concerns regarding Ordinance H-2. He also spoke of alternatives to having excess trash, i.e.: share with a neighbor, use the convenience center, or obtain a 2nd container.

President Edwards – stated there is an issue of panhandlers in town and please be aware. He spoke of gun policies and speaking with other towns that have the same problems, noting the city cannot enact gun policies of its own. Lastly President Edwards said it would be nice to focus on the good things happening within the city, and to have more press releases focusing on the good.

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: October 16, 2018