

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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 Municipal 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 September 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 September 28, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and flag salute was led by Council President Lugardo-Hemple. She commented on the recent hurricanes and events throughout the country and Puerto Rico.

The following answered to roll call:

Councilman Edwards

Councilman Spence

Councilman Surrency

Councilman Zapolski

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Work Session Minutes, Council Meeting Minutes, and Executive Session Minutes of September 19, 2017.

It was moved by Councilman Zapolski and seconded by Councilman Spence 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 one ordinance 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 Surrency and second by Councilman Spence the ordinance be adopted on first reading and second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on October 17, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced three Ordinances for second reading.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 126-10 CONSTRUCTION CODES, MODULAR HOMES

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 17-23**, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

ORDINANCE CLARIFYING CHANGING THE NAME OF BURT STREET TO RICHIE KATES SR. WAY

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 any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

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The Clerk called the roll as follows:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 17-24**, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 370-11 ZONING-GENERAL PROVISIONS-DEFINITIONS

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

President Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming **ORDINANCE NO. 17-25**, 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 Edwards 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.

Mr. Mike Abbott, discussed trucks and “Jake Brakes” on Baltimore Ave and Martin Luther King Dr. He questioned Resolution J-4 and the safety of money in the Municipal Clerks office for the ID Program. The Administrator said she discussed keeping the money in a locked box with an employee in the Clerk’s office. A discussion ensued regarding modifying the resolution and adding wording to include the Municipal Clerks office. Mr. Abbott stated in the past he was told to refer any legal questions to the Solicitor, and would like to know if this is still true. The Solicitor said all questions should be referred to the Business Administrator.

Mrs. Dolores Batten thanked the Council President for consistently trying to have council work as a team. She said it is very discouraging to watch the council as no one looks happy. Ms. Batten encouraged everyone to get along and work together for the city, reminding council they have to work together for another year.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on Resolution J-3, stating he looked at the proposed amendments and feels the opposition to the changes is one sided. He spoke of OPRA request and the use of the new change fund in the clerk’s office for payments of such. Lastly, Mr. Martin commented on the proposed changes for Martin Luther King and Baltimore Avenue regarding trucks, noting a 4-ton limit was recommended however, a standard pick-up truck can be registered for over 10,000 lbs. which is equal to a 5-ton vehicle.

Mayor Kelly said the administration is not being discriminatory against certain employees within the city; he referred to his veto of Ordinance 17-22, then reading a portion of his veto letter. Mayor Kelly said many of the issues can be resolved if everyone talks “with” each other and not “at” each other, noting he is always available.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk said she had a wonderful time at the Crab Festival. She commented on people attending from as far away as Delaware, and there being no where for people to shop when coming to the city. Ms. Wulderk said the city needs to go back to what it used to be, and have sidewalks sales. She stated council made an ordinance against the sales years ago and they can now change it.

With 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 of the meeting.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-8 with J-3 being removed during the work session, J-2 and J-4 being voted on separately and J-5 and J-8 being amended during the work session 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. 187-17 imposing liens on various properties for abatement of property maintenance violations for the month of August 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 190-17 appointing Tax Assessor for the City of Bridgeton

RESOLUTION NO. 191-17 authorizing a shared service agreement between Wildwood Crest and the City of Bridgeton regarding Tax Assessor services

RESOLUTION NO. 192-17 to reject the bid for fire station alerting system for the Fire Dept.

RESOLUTION NO. 193-17 authorizing contract with NAPA through the National Joint Powers Alliance NJPA contract #032515-CNH for construction and agricultural equipment in an amount not to exceed \$48,880.80.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency 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 announced the following resolutions amended during the work session to be voted on separately.

Resolution J-2, authorizing the request for proposals for professional services for calendar year 2018.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that Resolution J-2 known as **RESOLUTION NO. 188-17** be adopted.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Edwards		X		
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency		X		
Councilman Zapolski	X			
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Resolution J-4 for change funds due to the needs of the resident identification program.

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency that Resolution J-4 known as **RESOLUTION NO. 189-17** be adopted.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilman Edwards	X			
Councilman Spence	X			
Councilman Surrency	X			
Councilman Zapolski			X	
President Lugardo-Hemple	X			

The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

President Lugardo-Hemple asked Council for a motion to approve the Schedule of Bills of October 3, 2017 in the amount of \$284,559.81.

It was moved by Councilman Spence and second by Councilman Zapolski 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 three applications.

1. Raffle License – Parish of the Holy Cross January 21, 2018
2. 50/50 Raffle License – Parish of the Holy Cross January 21, 2018
3. Bingo License – Parish of the Holy Cross January 21, 2018

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

President Lugardo-Hemple announced there were no reports.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments. The Mayor said he shared during public.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards – spoke of voting on issues regarding the Port Authority, stating he has no financial gain, and the position is merely an appointment from the city to the board.

Councilman Spence – none at this time.

Councilman Surrency – none at this time.

Councilman Zapolski – addressed Ms. Batten’s concerns regarding the council working together, stating it is a grand idea if there is a willingness from all participants. Councilman Zapolski then spoke of open communication being a two-way street, noting he invited discussion from council during the processing and second reading of Ordinance 17-22 in open forum, with no response from anyone.

President Lugardo-Hemple – addressed Ms. Batten’s concerns regarding council working together also; she thanked Ms. Wulderk for attending the council meeting tonight. Council President spoke of the “United Hands” marathon being held on October 8th from 10am-8pm to collect necessities for Puerto Rico. She acknowledged Mr. Olivera who was in Puerto Rico during the hurricane and will be opening his store for the marathon.

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

President Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Kathleen L. Keen, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Gladys Lugardo-Hemple
Council President

Date: _____