

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 17, 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 October 12, 2017, at 4:30 pm
2. By mailing such notice to The Daily Journal, South Jersey Times, and The Press of Atlantic City on October 12, 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

Council President Gladys Lugardo-Hemple

Absent:

Councilman Spence

Councilman Zapolski

President Lugardo-Hemple presented the City Council Work Session Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 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 two ordinances for first reading.

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON ADOPTING  
A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 84, LOTS 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 AND 13.01 AS  
WELL AS BLOCK 85, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 17 AND 19 IN DOWNTOWN ALONG N. PEARL  
STREET AND N. LAUREL STREET**

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards the ordinance be adopted on first reading and second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 6, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON ADOPTING  
A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 170, LOT 8 IN THE FLORIDA AVENUE  
INDUSTRIAL PARK**

It was moved by Councilman Edwards and second by Councilman Surrency the ordinance be adopted on first reading and second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 6, 2017 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced one Ordinance for second 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 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.

It was moved by Councilman Surrency and second by Councilman Edwards 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. 17-26**, 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, said two councilmembers being absent from the council meeting is disgraceful and they should resign. He voiced his concerns regarding standing water from recent rain in the area behind the old city hall in the field. Mr. Abbott said merchants downtown are given violations for banners, yet there is a banner hanging at the City Hall Annex. Lastly Mr. Abbott stated he doesn't feel the city should give Main Street any money, due to the cost incurred by the city when Main Street has events.

Ms. Palmer Fowler said she attended the city owned property auction and feels the minimum bid amounts were extremely high for a majority of the properties. Ms. Fowler stated most of the properties need a lot of work, if the city would reconsider the bid amounts she would like to bid on them.

Mr. Nate Fowler said the minimum bid amounts for city owned properties are too high, and would bid on some of the properties also if the city would lower the bid amounts.

Mr. Phillip Gault said he would also bid on some of the city owned properties if the city reconsiders the bid amounts due to the conditions of some of the properties.

Ms. Meghan Hurley of CATA said she came to show support for the resolution to promote the rally "Hate Has No Home Here," stating the small local efforts the city does shows the city is a welcoming place to come.

Mrs. Dolores Batten stated she is disappointed that two councilmembers are not in attendance, and feels they should resign. She spoke of extremely loud music in her neighborhood for over six hours recently, and feels there is no respect in the neighborhoods anymore. Lastly Mrs. Batten said everyone needs to communicate and work together.

Ms. Rosemary DeQuinzio expressed her disappointment of two councilmembers not being present, stating if they aren't doing their job they should leave. Ms. DeQuinzio said she and other citizens voted and councilmembers are supposed to be working for the people. Lastly she commented on Main Street being funded for another year, and is hopeful progress can be made in the downtown area.

Mr. Steven Paul of Bridgeton Main Street Association, stated the city is approaching almost a million dollars of new development in the downtown area with over \$60,000 being attributed to the Bridgeton Main Street Paint the Town Grant. He said there are 23 additional jobs in the downtown district, and BMSA is partnering with the NJCC working hard to bring new entrepreneurs to the downtown area.

Mr. Tom Martin commented on truck traffic on Baltimore Avenue and Martin Luther King, asking council to consider repaving Martin Luther King. He spoke of the NJ Ethanol facility being close to his property, what he feels is a change in the original scope of the project, and voiced his concerns for safety issues regarding the plant. Lastly Mr. Martin commented on Councilman Zapolski's concerns regarding the BDC, and urged council not to move forward.

Mayor Kelly thanked council for passing the resolution for "Hate Has No Home Here." He commented on Mr. Abbotts' remarks about hanging banners at city hall. Mayor Kelly then addressed Councilman Zapolski's earlier comments about the BDC; he said sharing information

helps everyone make informed decisions. Next, the Mayor acknowledged a group of Bridgeton students in the audience who are members of “Leaders in Training” selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Mayor Kelly noted the city was a prototype for the entire state and the students are considered the top in the state for leadership training. Lastly, Mayor Kelly apologized to everyone for the absence of two councilmembers, noting they may all disagree at times, but they work together for the good of the city.

With no one else 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 of the meeting.

President Lugardo-Hemple announced all matters listed under the consent agenda J-1 through J-6 with J-7 thru J-10 being added on during the work session and J-8 being tabled 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. 195-17** addendum #4 to the agreement for police services for NIA Associates (Amity Heights Complex)

**RESOLUTION NO. 196-17** authorizing the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use to the Borough of Buena in the amount of \$800.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 197-17** authorizing the City of Bridgeton to award a contract with Jet Vac Equipment under the Sewer Equipment of America (contract #SC01-15) through Houston Galveston area council in the amount no to exceed \$72,252.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 198-17** authorizing an access agreement for New Jersey Ethanol LLC to perform railroad upgrades and repairs

**RESOLUTION NO. 199-17** authorizing and approving a contract between the City of Bridgeton and the Bridgeton Teamsters Local #676

**RESOLUTION NO. 200-17** closing portions of East Commerce Street to vehicle traffic on October 28<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the “Hate Has No Home Here” rally to promote a more peaceful and harmonious community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 201-17** honoring cancer survivors and observing National Cancer Survivor Day Sunday October 22, 2017

**RESOLUTION NO. 202-17** authorizing the use of UEZ Funds for Bridgeton Main Street Association Programming

**RESOLUTION NO. 203-17** accepting the bids on certain property owned by the City

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 October 17, 2017 in the amount of \$824,292.64.

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 six reports.

1. Central Cashier Receipts September 2017
2. Water/Sewer Monthly Report September 2017
3. Police Department Reports July/August/September 2017
4. Treasures Report September 2017
5. Zoning Report September 1, 2017-October 11, 2017
6. Municipal Clerks Monthly Report September 2017

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

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Mayor Kelly for his comments. The Mayor spoke during public comment.

President Lugardo-Hemple called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Edwards – apologized to everyone for the missing councilmembers stating council is a puzzle and now pieces are missing and he hopes it does not happen again. Councilman Edwards said to remember this when it is time to vote.

Councilman Surrency – wished BMSA good luck, he said the City of Bridgeton is a good place to live and visit and is home. Councilman Surrency said he feels the missing councilmembers should come back and explain why they left to the residents.

President Lugardo-Hemple – said being Council President is not an easy task, and she works hard to do the job well. She feels personal feelings should be left at the door as council was elected to do a job. Council President Lugardo-Hemple apologized to everyone and said she agrees with everyone tonight, councilmembers have a job to do and they should be there.

Mayor Kelly thanked Council President Lugardo-Hemple and Mimi Garcia for organizing the fundraiser on Sunday to benefit residents of Puerto Rico. He spoke of children attending, bringing their piggy banks to help those in need. Council President Lugardo-Hemple said there will be another fundraiser next month.

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

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Kathleen L. Keen, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Gladys Lugardo-Hemple  
Council President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_