

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**JUNE 19, 2018**  
**4:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Councilwoman DeQuinzio  
Councilman Feinstein  
Councilman Zapolski  
Council President J. Curtis Edwards

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Council President Edwards called the meeting to order.

**STATEMENT OF MEETING NOTICE:** Read by the Municipal Clerk

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Council President Edwards announced the County Prosecutor would not be presenting tonight due to illness. He then announced the resignation of Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple from Council. President Edwards spoke of the past interview process to select a new councilmember, Councilwoman DeQuinzio recommended nominating Mr. Edward Bethea as he was interviewed previously. Councilman Zapolski suggested reiterating the interview process and advertising the position to be fair to the residents. President Edwards accepted the motion to recommend Mr. Edward Bethea for the vacant seat, stating he is ready to move forward. Councilman Feinstein questioned the time element to appoint someone a discussion then ensued; it was stated council has 30 days and can hold a special meeting if needed to vote and appoint someone. President Edwards announced Councilwoman DeQuinzio’s nomination of Mr. Bethea, Councilman Feinstein second the motion.

President Edwards then called the roll to appoint Mr. Edward Bethea to the vacant seat on City Council:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilwoman DeQuinzio	X			
Councilman Feinstein	X			
Councilman Zapolski		X		
President Edwards	X			

Mayor Kelly administered the Oath of Office and afterward Mr. Bethea he took his seat at the dais. President Edwards welcomed Mr. Bethea and announced his term would be through December 31, 2018.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Gerald Velasquez of CCIA spoke of the proposed new Cumberland County jail facility to be constructed at a location at Buckshutem and Burlington Roads. He introduced Mr. Paul Swartz of USA Architects and Mr. Matt Baldino, of Fralinger Engineering to explain the project. The Historic Commission has reviewed the plans for the building that will hold 72 inmates per unit, have an outdoor recreation area per unit that is walled, and an estimated maximum amount of inmates of 390. Councilwoman DeQuinzio stated the Historic Commission was pleased with the aesthetics of the building. Mr. Velasquez stated the total budget for the project is 60 million. Councilman Bethea thanked CCIA for doing economic development for the county, President Edwards thanked CCIA for their presentation.

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

**G-2** Ordinance amending city code chapter 141 emergency lanes. Solicitor Bertram stated the delay of the ordinance was due to the State Fire Marshall having to approve specific wording.

**J-3** Resolution authorizing change order #1 for the reconstruction of Bank Street. Councilman Zapolski questioned the reason for the change order, as there is no description in the resolution. The Administrator stated the NJDOT grant received allowed for up to a 20% increase, it will be used to pave an additional 400 ft of roadway. The wording will be included in the resolution. Councilman Zapolski then noted J-19 is a duplicate of J-3.

**J-9** Resolution authorizing shared service agreement between the County of Cumberland and the City of Bridgeton regarding Cohanzyck Zoo. President Edwards noted the \$30,000 amount, the Administrator said it is \$10,000 more than previous years.

**J-16** Resolution authorizing the city to advertise for surveillance system maintenance, repairs, and monitoring service, fire burglar alarm and monitoring system. The Administrator noted this will include the installation of a panic button at the library.

**J-20** Resolution adopting pre-qualification regulations for the Cumberland Nail & Iron Works Building Project funded by the New Jersey Historic Trust Capital Grant. Councilman Feinstein asked if the funding was entirely from the trust. Mr. Kevin Rabago, Director of Development & Planning explained the match required for funding and the city's responsibility.

**J-25** Resolution authorizing the city to advertise for repairs on the Bridgeton Municipal Port Authority Warehouse building. Councilman Feinstein asked who owns the building, Solicitor Bertram stated the Port Authority. President Edwards requested the resolution be voted upon separately.

**ADD-ON:**

**J-29** Resolution appointing Edward Bethea as Councilmember. To be voted upon separately.

**J-30** Resolution re-appointing J. Curtis Edwards to the Bridgeton Municipal Port Authority. To be voted upon separately.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilwoman DeQuinzio – Main Street is working on the Crabfest, Library has many upcoming events, the Library Director will report during public portion.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS:**

The Administrator stated the issue has been resolved regarding the resident at the last council meeting upset with mail delivery.

Mayor Kelly referred to the Resident ID Program Report, asking the Administrator if the 394 resident ID's issued have covered the cost of the program/equipment. The Administrator said she did know the actual cost, and commended the Clerk's office for now administering the ID's daily. Mayor Kelly said the charge for the ID's was to cover all cost, and to not have the city incur any debt. He then also thanked the Clerk's office for the smooth transition of managing the ID program on a daily basis. Mayor Kelly reminded all this is the only resident ID program in New Jersey, south of Trenton. Lastly, he spoke of the National Thrive Grant received by the prosecutor's office to combat gang and gun violence, Mayor Kelly encouraged everyone to attend a community meeting with the Prosecutor and Police Department on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Marino Center regarding Thrive, he invited all Councilmembers to attend also.

**OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:**

**G-2** Property Offer 523 South Avenue. Solicitor Bertram explained the \$1500 offer received and the condition of the property. Councilman Zapolski asked if there are conditions in the agreement of sale regarding deadlines for work to be done on the property and who monitors the conditions of the contract. A discussion ensued, it was agreed the Administration and Construction offices will receive copies of all resolutions for the sale of city owned property.

**G-1** NJ Ethanol – Land Use application. Due to time restraints, this will be heard during the Council Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Councilman Feinstein and second by Councilman Bethea, **RESOLUTION NO. 133-18** the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into an executive session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

1. Possible Litigation – McCann
2. Litigation – LFB/Port/Henry Grove Case

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was then moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the Work Session be adjourned which motion was carried.

Council President Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Keen, RMC Municipal Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Date Approved: July 17, 2018