

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 18, 2018  
4:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Councilman Edward Bethea  
Councilwoman Rosemary DeQuinzio  
Councilman Samuel Feinstein

Absent - Councilman Michael Zapolski, Sr

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.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**H-Ordinances for Second Reading,** President Edwards explained the six (6) ordinances scheduled for second reading have been moved to the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting due to publication timing. Mayor Kelly questioned what happened, Municipal Clerk Keen explained the statutory publication for ordinances.

**J-4** Resolution accepting resignation of the Tax Assessor for the City of Bridgeton, terminating the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Wildwood Crest for the services of a Tax Assessor. President Edwards asked for an explanation, the Administrator noted the position would need to be discussed in executive session.

**J-7** Resolution authorizing the execution of shared service agreements for mutual aid with the Township of Franklin. Councilman Bethea noted there were a several more agreements on the agenda and asked the Administrator to explain further. Administrator Bush-Baskette noted the agreements are with towns outside of the county in case of a catastrophic event.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilwoman DeQuinzio spoke of the recent Holiday House Tour stating although it rained it was well attended and there were new houses added this year.

Councilman Feinstein said the recent Holiday Parade was the largest in years, stating there were over 100 units and a very good crowd.

Councilman Bethea encouraged everyone to attend Holiday Fun on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Library.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYORAL REPORTS**

The Administrator spoke of 'Jungle Bells' at the Zoo commending all who were involved. Mayor Kelly stated approximately 1300 people attended in two days, and would like to see it every weekend for the month next year. The Mayor then spoke of Cumberland Dairy presenting to the planning board last evening.

At this time President Edwards stated due to the time, he will entertain a motion to open to the public. With a motion by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio, the meeting was open to the public for comment at 4:20pm.

Dolores Batten, spoke of an article in the paper regarding an accident where a driver was allegedly smoking marijuana. She then commented on medicinal vs recreational usage and suggested council hold a meeting allowing residents to voice their opinions.

Linda McFadden, Library Director informed everyone of upcoming activities at the Library for the holidays. She also stated the Library will be closing at 5:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday after Christmas.

Mike Abbott, addressed Police Chief Gaimari stating Officer Hemple at the library is doing an excellent job, is very polite, and very respectful. He then praised Kamille Rabago, as the new Supervisor in Code Enforcement for also doing an excellent job. Lastly, Mr. Abbott spoke of the hiring of a new Tax Assessor.

Tom Martin, questioned when the repairs of the boat dock would be finished.

Mayor Kelly then requested DPW Supervisor Dellaquila update council on the capping of the landfill. Mr. Dellaquila said the project is about 80% complete with more hydro seeding to be done. He spoke of meeting with the NJDEP recently at the landfill, they were very happy with the project. Mr. Dellaquila stated portions of Mayor Aitken Drive and parking lots will eventually be paved. Mayor Kelly said Bridgeton and Burlington City are the only ones in the state with this type of project and it is unique.

Mayor Kelly spoke of conversations he has had with the state concerning the recent marijuana bills and proposals being made and revenue vs cost to the city. He said the vote of the residents was very close and inconclusive and would like to get more information. Mayor Kelly then spoke of the lack of newspaper coverage in the city, with regard to the amount of money the city spends on advertising. Mayor Kelly commended Development & Planning Director Kevin Rabago on the Innovation Grant he wrote in which the city received funding.

At this time, it was moved by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilwoman DeQuinzio the public portion be closed, which motion was carried. President Edwards closed the public portion of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Councilman Bethea and second by Councilman Feinstein:

**RESOLUTION NO. 303-18** 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. Personnel – Tax Assessor Position

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Council President Edwards adjourned the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Kathleen L. Keen, RMC Municipal Clerk

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J. Curtis Edwards, Council President

Date Approved: December 18, 2018