

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Albert Kelly.

STATEMENT
MEETING NOTICE

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by City Clerk, Darlene J. Richmond, "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 January 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on January 29, 2010, at 4:30 p.m." The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Lugardo.

ROLL CALL

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo
Mr. Salvatore
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Kelly

MINTUES

Pres. Kelly presented the minutes from the meeting of January 19, 2010 and Work Session of January 19, 2010.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Salvatore that the minutes be approved and to dispense with the reading as all members have received copies, which motion was carried.

ORD 1ST NONE

Pres. Kelly announced no Ordinances on first reading.

Pres. Kelly announced three Ordinances for second reading.

ORD 2ND
SALE PROPERTY

The Clerk announced this being the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that this ordinance be considered second reading and that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mr. Chris Kline, Atlantic Street, asked where they could obtain a list of the properties for sale.

Administrator Liston informed him a list could be obtained from his office.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Spence to close the public hearing on the ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly closed the public hearing on the ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that this be considered the third 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:

YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Lugardo	None	None	None
Mr. Salvatore			
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Thompson			
Pres. Kelly			

Pres. Kelly declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 09-09, the original ordinance can be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk announced this being the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an ordinance entitled:

ORD 2ND
SEWER RATES

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 360-50 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON WITH RESPECT TO SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on the ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, stated that he asks Council take those things into consideration that were addressed during the Work Session.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo to close the public hearing on the ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly closed the public hearing on the ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that 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.

Councilman Spence stated regardless to the vote we will keep our eye on this in the event that there other ways to handle this situation. We will certainly look into it and he appreciates Mr. Zapolski's input.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Lugardo	None	None	None
Mr. Salvatore			
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Thompson			
Pres. Kelly			

Pres. Kelly declared the Ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 09-10, the original ordinance can be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk announced this being the time and place set forth for second reading, public hearing and final consideration of an ordinance entitled:

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2010 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second Ms. Lugardo that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that this be considered the third reading of said ordinance and it be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Lugardo	None	None	None
Mr. Salvatore			
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Thompson			
Pres. Kelly			

Pres. Kelly declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 09-11, the original ordinance can be found in the Ordinance Book.

PUBLIC
PORTION

Pres. Kelly announced this is the time and place set for public portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

Mr. Bill Waterman, Upper Deerfield, President of Landlord Association, thanked Mayor and Council opening up forum and dialogue with us and one of the things brought up is business development in the City. They would like to extend their services if there are any committees out there like that are welcome to our participation and be glad to volunteer.

Councilman Spence stated he has just the place for them and he would contact them later.

Councilman Thompson asked for a list of those in the Landlord Association which Mr. Waterman stated he would provide.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Spence to close the public portion of the meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Kelly read the Consent Agenda Statement:

CONSENT STATEMENT

All matters listed under items J-1, through items J-7, are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion, if discussion is desired that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be acted upon separately, an additional Resolution was added Item No. J-8 regarding endorsement proposed Senate Bill 001 copies on the table.

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Salvatore that the following Resolutions listed under the consent agenda be adopted, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

RES. PARIS
GRANT/COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 156-09, authorizing shared services with County of Cumberland for PARIS Grant Program.

RES. REAPPOINT
WILLIAMS BD ADJ

RESOLUTION NO. 157-09, reappointment of Chasity Williams to Board of Adjustment.

RES VACATE SALE
PROPERTY

RESOLUTION NO. 158-09, vacating the sale of certain property owned by the City.

RES. TAX OFFICE
CHANGES

RESOLUTION NO. 159-09, authorizing tax office changes.

RES. APPOINT
ENGINEER INDIAN AVE
PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 160-09, appointing project engineer for Indian Avenue sidewalk project.

RES AUTH AGRT
MUN. ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 161-09, authorizing agreement with County of Cumberland for Municipal Alliance Grant.

RES. ENDORS BILL 001

RESOLUTION NO. 162-09, endorsing the proposed Senate Bill 001.

RES. NAMING REDEVELP
BLK 193 LT 54

RESOLUTION NO. 163-09, naming redeveloper for Block 183 Lot 54 a portion of the Phoenix Redevelopment Area.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Pres. Kelly presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$2,037,440.51 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Spence that the Schedule of Bills be approved and warrants be drawn on their various

accounts and appropriations, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original schedule may be found in the files under "S" Schedule of Bills.

APPLICATIONS
NONE

Pres. Kelly announced no applications.

Pres. Kelly presented the following reports:

REPORTS

Vital Statistics Office
Tax Office

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo and second by Mr. Spence to receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

MAYOR'S
COMMENTS

Pres. Kelly upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley had no comments.

Pres. Kelly called upon Council for remarks.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Salvatore asked President Kelly share the minutes from the meeting with the apartment owners which President Kelly stated he would during his comments.

Councilman Salvatore had no other comments.

Councilman Thompson thanked Mr. Zapolski for his input concerning the sewer and we will look further into that.

Thanked Mr. Liston for having the staff present for answering questions and also Mr. Salvatore for his research into the sewer matter. Hopefully sooner or later we will have it to some resolve.

Councilman Spence commented on Saturday meeting with the new active president of Little League ages 5 to 12 sign up Saturday, February 6, 2010, at Hall Fame Building.

Councilwoman Lugardo thanked Woodruff Oil and business owners who helped the Library by donating some money to Help The Library.

Thanked Chief Ott and Police Department for some citizens deliver newspapers early in the morning and now the area is clear and they feel safe.

Thanked Dean and other city employees for job they did on clearing the streets.

Pres. Kelly commented he echoes the same sentiments of Council on the work that has been done on the ordinances and also in the City.

He appreciates the spirited debate we had concerning our sewer and water. That is what Council is all about and bring to the for front what is best for the City.

Pres. Kelly pointed out in their packet they had received a letter from Shirlain Hullex Brown naming a street in honor of her late husband. He would like to get more information concerning this resolution.

Also a letter from the Bridgeton High School Foundation updating them about the high school stadium and a change from a renovation to new construction as we have seen the newspaper and also the press release that was attached, things have changed.

Pres. Kelly reported last Wednesday a meeting with the complex apartment owners and also leadership from the landlords, Bill Waterman and Chris Kline, and they reviewed the statistic information submitted by the Police Department which was eighteen months worth of information which gave us history of crimes, types of crime and number of crimes as per each complex. Also Police Chief was present and everyone thanked him and his department for their cooperation.

Pres. Kelly further stated they went over apartment protection over the different crimes and different complexes to adhere to our request to make their complexes anti crime friendly. Also continuing to share information between the complexes so that they can keep each other updated about problem tenants and problem situations, so we can be proactive. He also pointed out that we do share information between the police department, the tenants and the City officials. They discussed the need for public meetings and we will leave that to the landlords. They suggested the meeting be called sometime after the May election so that it will not become a issue for a political football. But also it gives more time to gather more statistical information to deal with the problems and trends that are happening in the complexes. He promised to send them any new ordinances that deal with the landlord/tenants I would forward to them for comments. They also suggested that any new ordinances that perhaps they could help draft and give suggestion in help solving some of the problems in being proactive. Their next meeting will be April 7th at 3 p.m.

Pres. called on Councilman Spence for any additional comments, he had none; and Mr. Waterman commented this will give them four more months of data to add to what they have already received.

Councilman Spence pointed out that domestic violence issues are difficult to address and were on the list of calls; was brought up by complex owners.

Pres. Kelly also pointed out that the only apartment complex that was not present was Burlington Manor.

At the conclusion of Pres. Kelly's report on apartment complex meeting discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Lugardo to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried with Councilman Salvatore opposing.

Pres. Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Council President Albert Kelly