

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey in Council Chambers.

CALLED TO
ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President William D. Spence.

STATEMENT
MEETING
NOTICE

The Statement of Meeting Notice was read by Deputy Clerk, Mary L. Kimble "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 March 11, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on March 11, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Mayor Albert B. Kelly.

ROLL CALL

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Surrency
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Zapolski
Pres. Spence

MINUTES

Pres. Spence announced no minutes for approval at this time.

Pres. Spence announced five Ordinances for first reading.

ORD 1ST
AMEND SECT
370-90

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 370-90

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORD. 1ST
AMEND SECT
334-9(H)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 334-9(H)

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORD. 1ST AMEND
SECT 149-2 CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE SECTION
149-2

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORD. 1ST AMEND
SECT 149-27 ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 149-27(A)
(A)

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 15, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORD 1ST AMEND
SEC 149-30 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 149-30 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORD 1ST
BOND ORD
AMBULANCES BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AMBULANCES
IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$375,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$356,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR
FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Thompson that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on April 5, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Spence announced four Ordinances for second reading

ORD. 2ND
LEASE AGRT
TRI-COUNTY
BLK 77 LT 10

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 THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR BLOCK 77 LOT 10 TO TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence 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 Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski to close the public hearing on this ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Zapolski that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and the ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-24, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

ORD 2ND
AMEND SECT
3-11

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

**CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CITY CODE
SECTION 3-11**

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-25, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 149-27(A)

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-26, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

ORD. 2ND
AMEND SECT
149-32

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

CITY OF BRIDGETON ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 149-32

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

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SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-27, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

PUBLIC
PORTION

Pres. Spence announced this is the time for comments on the consent agenda or any other matter the public desires to address Council concerning.

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

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard at this time.

Mr. Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, that he and Councilman Surrency toured the City. Mr. Abbott pointed out the number of illegally parked cars and the number of Disc at an apartment. He also questioned what official to contact to report incidents. He further expressed concern regarding over crowding, department reports and who is directs the Zoning Officer.

Ms. Audrey Weldon, Bridgeton, registered complaint regarding removal of large trees unprofessionally from privately owned property (neighbors) causing damage to neighboring property. Also gardening and farming taking place in the front yard of residential properties.

Solicitor responded to the tree problem and will look into it and Councilman Zapolski commented that the gardening/farming could possibly be addressed by Zoning.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and seconded by Mr. Zapolski to close the public portion of the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

CONSENT
STATEMENT

All matters listed under items I-1, through items I-15 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. Items 14 to 15 were added to the agenda and Items 10 and 11 were removed.

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Surrency 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 AGRT
COUNTY MEALS
ON WHEELS

RESOLUTION NO 214-10 shared service agreement with County of Meals on Wheels Program.

RES AWRD BJD
FIRE HOUSE ROOF

RESOLUTION NO 215-10 awarding bid for roof work for Bridgeton Fire House.

RES TONNAGE
GRANT APPL SUB.

RESOLUTION NO 216-10 authorizing Tonnage Grant Application

RES TAX ID TONNAGE RESOLUTION NO 217-10 tax identification statement for tonnage grant

RES AUTH CHANGES TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION NO 218-10 authorizing tax office changes

RES AUTH SR. CITZ EXP RESOLUTION NO 219-10 authorizing senior citizens tax exemptions

RES. VET RESOLUTION NO 220-10 authorizing veterans tax exemptions

TAX EXEMPT RES RECOG FUENTES RESOLUTION NO 221-10 recognizing Mary and David Fuentes community service

RES APPT PROSECTUOR RESOLUTION NO 222-10 appointing Municipal Prosecutor

RES VET MEM PARADE RESOLUTION NO. 223-10 authorizing insurance coverage endorsement for the Veteran's Council and local Veteran's of Foreign War regarding the Memorial Day Parade.

RES NJDOT APP HAMPT RESOLUTION NO. 224-10 authorizing NJDOT Discretionary Aid Application for Hampton Street

RES PORT AUTH. REDEVL RESOLUTION NO. 2225-10 designating redeveloper for Port Authority.

RES PURCH TAHOE RESOLUTION NO. 226-10 authorizing purchase under state contract for 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe

SCHEDULE OF BILLS Pres. Spence presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,501,644.73 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that the Schedule of Bills is 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 Pres. Spence announced no applications received.

REPORTS Pres. Spence announced following reports was received:

Municipal Clerk's Office
Vital Statistics Office

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that said reports be received and filed, which motion was carried.

MAYOR COMMENTS Pres. Spence called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly commented he has been notified of the Cumberland County

Welfare Office in Bridgeton will be closing and the decision is unacceptable and inconvenient for the citizens of Bridgeton and he will try and work with them to solve this dilemma the next Welfare Board meeting is the first Tuesday in April and he plans to be there to talk to them about ideas to solve the situation.

Mayor further stated he will be presenting to the Rotary Club a State of the City Address next Thursday and it will be advertised in the newspaper and ask people to attend. He plans to do this yearly so public is aware of where we stand as a community and what we can do as a community to meet these challenges.

Mayor also informed Council that Councilman Thompson and he met with Pascal/commented Sites Foundation is a Northern Jersey Foundation looking to fund certain projects in full County area Bridgeton being one of main focal points.

Mayor distributed 325 Committee Meeting and presented branding for the flags and fliers for the 325 Celebration and has several events scheduled.

Director Public Works, Dean Dellaquila, informed Mayor and Council that the Bridgeton Invitational Committee met and they will also incorporate the branding on their fliers and programs to support the 325 Celebration, Bridgeton Invitational is the last week July to the end of August.

Councilman Zapolski suggested commemorative coins.

Mayor responded they are being looked into also.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for remarks.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple commented everybody is excited about working on 325 Celebration and have a lot of volunteers for the celebration.

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple also commended the graffiti team those that participated on Saturday did a great job and commented on the County Welfare Office closing that this being the County Seat we will fight to keep it here.

Councilman Surrency commented he enjoyed the tour with Mr. Abbott it was a learning experience and also reminded those present that Little League will be commencing soon and stated that we do have problems with large trees and he is going to try to do what he can concerning them.

Councilman Thompson commented that it is pleasure to see Mr. Warren Robinson.

Mr. Thompson stated that the graffiti team accomplished a lot but still have more to go and will be out again this Saturday.

Also stated it behooves us to do all we can to keep the Welfare office in Bridgeton.

Councilman Zapolski echoed the welcome back of Mr. Warren Robinson and commended the graffiti clean up team on the job they did and recognized Mr. Hemple's effort for Little League registrations.

Mr. Zapolski commented on the front yard gardens and probably in maintenance code would prohibit that being done and he will look into that and expressed his sympathy to the people of Japan.

Pres. Spence echoed everyone else comments and pointed out the Little League does need volunteer coaches.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Council President William D. Spence