

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 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 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 February 11, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 11, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

ROLL CALL

The following answered to roll call:

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

MINUTES

President announced that approval of the minutes has been removed from the agenda.

ORD. 1ST
GRACE PERIOD
SOLID WASTE
PAYMENTS

Pres. Spence announced Ordinance for first reading

Deputy Clerk read ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING GRACE PERIOD FOR SOLID WASTE PAYMENTS

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Zapolski that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on March 1, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Spence announced Ordinances for second reading

ORD 2ND
AMEND SEC 370
OF CODE

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 370 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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.

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

Mr. Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, asked Council if they knew about the temporary sign selling gold near Tracy's Corner at Laurel and Washington. Pres. Spence responded to Mr. Abbott.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency 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.

The Deputy 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. 10-22, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 Mr. Surrency 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.

Goldie Wulderk, Bridgeton, speaker system not working well for people in the audience. Spoke regarding the windows in the homes located on Pearl Street, people are using towels, sheets to cover them, and she asked if in the rental agreements something can be placed to make windows more attractive as motorists drive down one

of our main highways. It is good to see Bridgeton having something celebrating it's birthday. When we had the centennial in 1965, it brought people together.

Pres. Spence responded to Ms. Wulderk's concerns as well as Mayor Kelly.

Carl Hemple, Bridgeton, Little League season opens April 9 at 10:00 am on Burt drive. They will be tying into the celebrations that the city is putting on. They are expanding and adding teams this year. Volunteers are needed for coaching, umpiring, and other positions.

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, thanked Council for working on sign ordinance. Brought up problems with trash and trash containers being left in the front yards of houses.

Unlicensed vendors selling from the trunk of their cars, and he has approached them to ask if they have a vendor license. Illegal vendors are hurting businesses in the city. Pres. Spence thanked him for getting involved, but suggested he contact the police department. It is an on-going problem within the city.

Speeders driving on Commerce Street his concern is for older people and children crossing the street. Asked if signs are available for pedestrian crossing at the church.

Council stated that Commerce Street is a county road, but will have Public Works look into what can be done

People are afraid to come to Bridgeton because of the bad press. City should work with Matt Gray to get good things in the paper about what is going on in the city.

Pres. Spence responded to Mr. Abbott, anything said negatively about the city affects the city negatively.

Carl Hemple, Bridgeton, April 16 will be the dedication of Ridgeway/Hunter Field at 10:00 am. Good publicity can change the image of the city.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency 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.

President Spence announced this is the time and place set forth for public hearing on the FY 2011 Municipal Budget as amended.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened on the FY 2011 Municipal Budget, which motion was carried.

Mike Abbott and Carl Hemple spoke regarding the Municipal Budget. Mayor Kelly passed out budget information packets and asked Councilman Zapolski to explain the budget figures and what they represent.

Councilman Zapolski presented the budget to the audience and explained specific points regarding same, and how the tax increase works.

There being no one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Mr. Thompson to close the public hearing on the FY 2011 Municipal Budget.

President Spence stated that Item J-1 was removed from the consent agenda and will be adopted separately.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple that RESOLUTION NO 186-10 authorizing the adoption of the FY2011 Municipal Budget as amended, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

All matters listed under items J-2, through items J-13 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 6 and 7 being taken off the agenda item 13 being added.

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

RESOLUTION NO 187-10 Requesting insertion in Budget from FY 2011 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program

RESOLUTION NO 188-10 requesting insertion in Budget from NJ Urban Enterprise Zone Authority

RESOLUTION NO 189-10 authorizing submission of application for funding for UEZ Police Year VI

RESOLUTION NO 190-10 authorizing reprogramming of CDBG Funds

RESOLUTION NO 191-10 authorizing bid advertisement for Bulkhead Repairs.

RESOLUTION NO 192-10 authorizing bid advertisement for Solid Waste Collection and disposal Contracts.

RESOLUTION NO 193-10 renewal Taxicab Licenses

RESOLUTION NO 194-10 authorizing Tax Office to make changes on records

RESOLUTION NO 195-10 authorizing Veteran tax exemption

RES SALE
PROP 147
SOUTH AVE

SCHEDULE
OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 196-10 authorizing the sale of 147 South Ave.,

Pres. Spence presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$582,078.66 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Thompson 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.

Pres. Spence announced no applications received.

Pres. Spence announced following reports were received:

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Office
Tax Office

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

Pres. Spence called upon the Mayor for comments.

MAYOR'S
COMMENTS

Mayor Kelly stated he appreciates all the work Mr. Zapolski did on the budget, and President Spence's explanation. Hope next year's budget is better on the city.

The next meeting of the Bridgeton 325 Committee will take place Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex located at 330 Fayette Street to continue planning for the remainder of this year celebrations.

City endorsed the "We Tip" program, a national tip hotline for crime. City received 32 tips in 2010, but more advertisement is needed for this program because it is working. The phone number to call is 1-800-78 CRIME.

State representatives came to Bridgeton to announce a new program for the city called "Live where you work", which is for first time homebuyers, city would like to promote it. This program has up to 100% financing available for eligible participants. We are one of only 36 communities in the state to have this program. We want to turn Bridgeton into a homeowner's community.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for remarks.

COUNCIL
REMARKS

Mr. Zapolski stated that the city is working on the Zoning Code and committees are working on it, trying to update it to reflect the Master Plan. It is a slow going process but it will bring it back to where we would like it to be. Brenner's Brew will be closing at the end of this month.

Reminded people not to feed the geese, ducks, and wild animals. One of the reasons our citizens can not use the park facilities, (lakes) is because of the pollution in the water from the geese and fowl population.

Mr. Thompson stated he is excited about the new housing program. It will turn a rental into a ratable. Congratulate Ms. Lugardo-Hemple for her nomination in the Women's Hall of Fame, and commend Mr. Zapolski on the job he did on the budget. He knows that Mr. Zapolski took a lot of effort and time on this project

Mr. Surrency, thanked administration and Council President on their diligent work on the budget. Wanted to thank the volunteers in the city. Old stadium is coming down, the new one will be a fine establishment when it gets done. We will be proud of it. Thanked people for supporting them.

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple – thanked Councilman Zapolski for his presentation. Recognized Mr. Abbott and Ms. Wulderk in the audience. Thanked Mr. Mourning for Facebook information. Thanked Council President and Mayor Kelly for taking care of issues brought to her attention from the community. She is part of the 325 year committee, and she is excited and we will have a wonderful celebration during the year. Mr. Hemple's activities will be adding it also. Thanked council for congratulating her for her nomination into the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame.

Pres. Spence thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

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,

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Council President William D. Spence