

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., City of Bridgeton Police and Municipal Court Complex, 330 Fayette Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey in Council Chambers.

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

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 October 15, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on October 15, 2010, at 4:30 p.m." The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Surrency

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Zapolski

Pres. Spence

Pres. Spence announced next month's meeting schedule: Wednesday, November 3 and Monday, November 15, due to other events (General Election/League Municipalities Convention) being held on our regular meeting dates.

Pres. Spence called on Mayor Kelly for a presentation, after which Mayor and he will be leaving for a presentation at the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner and the meeting will be conducted by Acting Council President Lugardo-Hemple.

Presentation by Mayor to Warren Robinson a proclamation naming him as the Mayor's Special Advisor as he works tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Bridgeton.

Acting Council President Lugardo-Hemple presented the minutes from Meeting October 5, 2010 and Work Session of October 5, 2010 all members having received copies.

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

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced Ordinance for first reading added this evening will be read by Clerk.

Clerk read ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON
GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE FIVE-YEAR ABATEMENT
PROGRAM UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:22-1 ET SEQ.

It was moved by Mr. Zaposlski and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on November 3, 2010, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced four Ordinances for second reading.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCE 08-15 AND 8-23

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard.

Mr. Nick Salvatore, University Avenue, inquired about the purchase and purpose of the lease of the property which was explained by Councilman Zapolski and Solicitor Baker.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public hearing on the ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency and second by Mr. Thompson 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 Clerk called the roll as follows:

YEAS NAY ABSENT ABSTAIN
Ms. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Surrency
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Zapolski

Pres. Spence

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-10 the original ordinance may 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:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 321 ET SEQ.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard.

Mr. Nick Salvatore, 82 University Avenue, inquired about the amendments made, which Councilman Zapolski responded.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Thompson that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

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Pres. Spence

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Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced this is the time set for the public portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Surrency second by Mr. Thompson that the meeting be opened to the public for any one desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard at this time.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented that we all should band together opposing the closing of the Motor Vehicle Agency in the City of Bridgeton and also the IGA Market and he thinks it's great they are getting involved and this is the last Market in the City and he appreciated that the City is getting involved.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, agreed with Mr. Robinson because by saying nothing may mean to the state we are in agreement with the closing of Motor Vehicle Office in Bridgeton and he feels the townships also should get involved with the City.

Mr. Nick Salvatore, University Avenue, brought to Council's attention the property up for sale at Laurel and Washington, formerly the Century Bank, and roomer is that a church is buying it and he pointed out that would cause the City to loose ratable. He hopes this Council will proceed with trying to prevent the closing of the Motor Vehicle and as well as the IGA situation that they will also take this under advisement, sale of the property to the church and follow up on that also.

Mr. Salvatore inquired about feasible study for County services for the library services as well as the County College Library and wanted to know the status?

Acting Administrator Delp responded she would contact him on it.

Mrs. Clara Shockley, Glen Park Apartments, inquired about Code Enforcement inspections particularly identifying themselves and the conduct of the inspection which Solicitor, Acting Administrator, Councilman Zapolski and Chief Schock responded to her concerns.

Also inquired about the water quality which she was informed could be obtained from the Water Department Office.

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

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple closed the public portion of the meeting.

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items I-1, through items I-16 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 I-15 and I-16 was added to agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Zapolski 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. 96-10, congratulating South Jersey Healthcare recipient BACC service award.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-10, congratulating Bob Novick Auto Mall recipient BACC retail award.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-10, congratulating Rabbit Hill Farms, Abe Baker recipient BACC agriculture award.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-10, congratulating Bridgeton Plumbing Heating Supply Co. BACC recipient commercial award.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-10, congratulating Whibco, Inc. recipient BACC industrial award.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-10, congratulating Watson and Henry Association recipient BACC professional award.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-10, congratulating Carmine Catalano III, recipient BACC Francis "Bink" Sharp award.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-10, congratulating Anthony Stanzione recipient BACC Gary Simmerman Outstanding Leader award.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-10 authorizing Tax Assessor to grant veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 105-10, authorizing Tax Office makes changes on account.

RESOLUTION NO. 106-10, authorizing submission of proposal to NJUEZA for funding BMSA 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-10, authorizing bid for Fire House roof repair.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-10, authorizing bid for Utility Building Wells 18 and 19.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-10, amending EMS collective bargaining agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-10, authorizing amendment to collective bargaining agreement with Local 252.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-10, authorizing amendment to collective bargaining agreement FMBA Local 252

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,787,136.13 all members having received copies.

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

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple announced no applications and no reports

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple called Council for remarks.

Councilman Zapolski commended Mr. Robinson on his appointment it is well deserved he has a long standing history in recognition for representation of the city residents and congratulated Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Zapolski further commented on the motor vehicle office it is distressing to see that it is scheduled to close in January with Bridgeton being a County seat we need to have that agency here and he is glad to see that the Mayor is championing the effort to work toward trying to get that changed and it remains in the City of Bridgeton.

Councilman Surrency commented on Saturday night's Battle of the Bridge that took place commended the recreation department and thanked those involved.

Mr. Surrency further commented on the name change of the Babe Ruth field that these gentlemen all well deserve.

Councilman Thompson congratulated Mr. Robinson.

Acting Council Pres. Lugardo-Hemple congratulated Mr. Robinson and stated it is nice to see Mr. Salvatore here. Thanked Melissa and Carl Hemple for recognizing the gentlemen for their activity with recreation in volunteering their time.

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple commented on the closing of the motor vehicle agency encouraging letters to be sent to legislatures and governor that the office remains in Bridgeton.

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

Acting Pres. Lugardo-Hemple adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Acting Council President
Gladys Lugardo-Hemple