

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 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 Albert B. 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 October 16, 2009 4:30 p.m.

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on October 16, 2009 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered and flag salute led by Councilman Thompson.

ROLL CALL

The following answered to roll call:

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

MINUTES

Pres. Kelly presented the minutes from the meeting of October 6, 2009 and Work Session of October 6, 2009, all members having received copies.

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

ORD 2ND
AMEND CHAPTER 149-34

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149-34 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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

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

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

Pres. Kelly closed the public hearing.

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

Clerk called the roll as follows:

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

Clerk announced the Ordinance defeated with vote two in favor and three abstaining.

ORD. 2ND
GRAFFITI

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 RELATING TO GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore that said Ordinance be Tabled.
Clerk announced Motion failed due to lack of second.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo and second by Mr. Spence that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter 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.

Ms. Clair Shockley, Glen Park, expressed her concerns on the Ordinance that it should be Tabled until further input from businesses and the public.

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

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo and second by Mr. Spence that this be considered the third reading of said ordinance and that 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
	Ms. Lugardo		
		Mr. Salvatore	
	Mr. Spence		
	Mr. Thompson		
	Pres. Kelly		

Clerk announced the Ordinance defeated.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

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

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, posed question regarding those members of council that abstained from the Ordinance on amending Chapter 149 with no conversation concerning the ordinance prior to the vote, that council address the matter maybe during their comments.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, posed question regarding a meeting held in the third ward by the Mayor to close some the alleys and if council new of the meeting? Council responded no.

Mr. Robinson stated the purpose of closing the alleys was because of three wheelers using them and he states he has only seen three or four going down alley out of the 56 years he has lived there. The majority are riding on Hampton Street and when they do he calls police and it is taken care of.

Mr. Robinson stated he wanted to make Council aware of it.

Mr. (Mayor) James Begley, Lake Street, stated he would like to know now why the fee ordinance was turned down as there was no discussion prior to it being turned down.

The three Council members that abstained responded to Mr. Begley along with discussion.

Ms. Gladys Wulderk, N. Pearl Street, commented she was angry due to that she had been waiting for Council meeting to begin as she was told they were in Close Session.

Council apologized to Ms. Wulderk on her being inconvenienced and she will be notified from now on.

Ms. Clair Shockley, Glen Park, expressed concern over local transportation, graffiti ordinance and compound vehicles sale.

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

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the meeting.

CONSENT STATEMENT

Pres. Kelly read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items J-1, through items J-10, 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.

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Spence seconded by Ms. Lugardo 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. SR. CITZ EXEMPT RESOLUTION NO. 99-09, authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.
- RES. VET. EXEMPT RESOLUTION NO. 100-09, authorizing veterans tax exemption.
- RES. CANCEL UNSPENT BAL. RESOLUTION NO.101-09, authorizing cancellation of unspent balance in Ordinance 05-10.
- RES. TAX OFFICE CHANGES RESOLUTION NO. 102-09, authorizing changes in tax, water, sewer or trash records.
- RES. HONOR. KIRTSTIEN RESOLUTION NO. 103-09, honoring Carl Kirtstien.
- RES. HONOR GARRISON RESOLUTION NO. 104-09, honoring John Garrison.

RES. HONOR NEWTON RESOLUTION NO. 105-09, honoring James Newton.

RES. AUTH PURCH
BLK 190 LT 49 RESOLUTION NO. 106-09, authorizing adjustment purchase price
regarding Block 190 Lot 49.

RES AUTH. ACCESS
AGWAY BLK 103 LT 70 RESOLUTION NO. 107-09, authorizing access to Block 103 Lot 70
behalf Agway Liquidation Trust.

RES. AMEND RES 80-09 RESOLUTION NO. 108-09, amending Resolution 80-09.

SCHEDULE BILLS Pres. Kelly presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of
\$1,55,831.97 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Lugardo 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.

APPLICATION Pres. Kelly announced no applications to consider.

REPORTS Pres. Kelly presented the following reports:

Police Department

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore to
receive and file said reports which motion was carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS Pres. Kelly called upon Mayor for remarks.

Mayor Begley commented a letter had been sent residence
of the third ward concerning the alleys in the Hampton Street block and he
met with the residents (about 8) to discuss the concerns and he did not feel
it was necessary to notify Council.

COUNCIL REMARKS Pres. Kelly called on Council for remarks.

Councilman Salvatore apologized to Ms. Wulderk and also
informed her that he contacted Department Transportation concerning the
truss ell on Route 77 and they are looking into placing sidewalks along
that area.

He further commented on transportation we can ask the
Improvement Authority for some help in that area.

Councilman Thompson no comments.

Councilman Spence no comments.

Councilwoman Lugardo commented that they appreciated all the concerns presented and apologized to Ms. Wulderk.

Ms. Lugardo submitted a letter and resume from Shonda Green who is interested in the position on the Housing Authority Board.

Pres. Kelly stated that they will continue to look at transportation and commented on McDonald's Restaurant that they are closing and looking for another site. Thanked Mr. Robinson for bringing the meeting to their attention and informed Mr. Zapolski that it was good point in voicing our opinion before the meeting and from this point on he will hear his opinion prior to his voting

Pres. Kelly reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be November 4, 2009.

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

Pres. Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Council President Albert B. Kelly