

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 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 Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

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 December 16, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on December 16, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.
3. By advertising said notice in the News of Cumberland County on December 16, 2011.

The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Councilman Surrency.

The following answered to roll call:

Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple

Mr. Spence

Mr. Surrency

Mr. Thompson

Pres. Zapolski

Pres. Zapolski turned the meeting over to Mayor Kelly who along with Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple presented proclamations to Private Roger O. Williams, Jr. who has just returned from Iraq.

Mayor Kelly and Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple presented proclamations to PAL Students Sarah Weaver, Corel Jackson, Juanita Morales, Sabrina Moore, Alena Thompson, Yovanna Thompson, Alma Sanchez, Edwardo Lopez.

Pres. Zapolski informed those present of that certain additions, changes and modifications have been made to the agenda including Council's motion that the January 3rd meeting will not be held, and the next scheduled meeting will be on January 17, 2012. Under applications added the application renewal for El Chapulin Taxi Company to the agenda. Under resolutions, J5 animal sheltering resolution has been awarded to Cumberland County SPCA, and the costs will be in accordance with Exhibit A fee schedule. Resolution J9 Green Acres - modified to reflect acquisition of 129 +/- acres of land. Resolutions that have been added on include – J7, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13; copies of which are on the table.

Pres. Zapolski presented the minutes from the Meeting of December 6, 2011 and Work Session of December 6, 2011.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Thompson to dispense with the reading of said minutes as all members received copies and said minutes be approved as received which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinance for first reading

Pres. Zapolski announced no Ordinance for second reading.

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

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

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

Mike Abbott, Bridgeton, Sunday sales of liquor, wanted to know if hearings have been held. Councilman Spence responded that it is only for Christmas Day.

Mr. Abbott questioned Green Acres resolution, and asked if a public hearing was held. Pres. Zapolski responded to Mr. Abbotts concerns, and informed him about the resolution and that there will be a public hearing sometime in January, 2012.

Mr. Abbott asked if 1993 BOCA Code is still in effect. Solicitor Baker responded to him.

Mr. Abbott spoke regarding violations of different properties, zoning, and satellite dishes. Pres. Zapolski responded to Mr. Abbott.

Ms. Barri Goldsborough, Bridgeton, had questions about taxi driver denial, and renewal application. Also questioned rates of new taxi ordinance. County Weights and Measures stated that it can't be done. Pres. Zapolski responded to Ms. Goldsborough.

Theodore Martinez, Bridgeton stated there is a problem with the ordinance with the flag drop fee. Pres. Zapolski responded that he will review the issue.

Gloria Cortez, Bridgeton asked council if she could go to the stores downtown and ask them to put signs in Spanish/English. Mr. Spence asked that she all Main Street to deal the signage problems.

Mr. Cortez questioned out of state licensed cars in city. Pres. Zapolski responded to those concerns.

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

Pres. Zapolski closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Zapolski announced all matters listed under items J-1, 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.

It was requested by Mr. Thompson to remove agenda item J-13 from the consent agenda. Pres. Zapolski stated that it would be removed and acted upon separately.

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

RESOLUTION NO 144-11 amending Resolution 04-11, adding Daily Journal as official newspaper.

RESOLUTION NO 145-11 authorizing agreement for Federal aid for sidewalk construction – Indian Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO 146-11 authorizing application to NJ DOT sidewalk construction along East Commerce Street Downtown

RESOLUTION NO 147-11 awarding bid for fire hydrants to Water Works Supply Company

RESOLUTION NO 148-11 authorizing agreement for animal sheltering service to Cumberland County SPCA

RESOLUTION NO 149-11 authorizing extension of time for completion of 245 Cohansey Street

RESOLUTION NO 150-11 authorizing application to NJ DOT for sidewalk construction along South East Avenue

RESOLUTION NO 151-11 authorizing co-op purchasing agreement with Cumberland County for office supplies from WB Mason

RESOLUTION NO 152-11 authorizing NJ DEP Green Acres enabling resolution – Hopewell Township

RESOLUTION NO 153-11 re-appointing Redonna Bowles to Zoning Board of Adjustment

RESOLUTION NO 154-11 approving contract with FMBA Local 352

RESOLUTION NO 155-11 authorizing and approving contracts with Police Chief and Police Captain, Fire and Battalion Chiefs

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Surrency that

RESOLUTION NO 156-11 extending hours of sale of liquor for December 25, 2011 be adopted, which motion was carried by roll call vote, with Mr. Thompson opposing. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book

Pres. Zapolski presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$2,109,746.91 members having received copies.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple 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.

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following applications:

VFW Instant Raffle Application from January 2012 to January 2013
Taxi License renewals for 2012 from Go US Cab, Jaylene Cab & Transport and El Chapulin, all fees being paid and applications recieved.

It was moved by Mrs. Lugardo-Hemple and second by Mr. Spence that said applications be approved which motion was carried.

Pres. Zapolski announced receipt of the following reports.

November 2011 Reports
City Clerk's Office
Tax Office
Police Department

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

Pres. Zapolski called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pres. Zapolski called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Thompson commended Ms. Cortez on the things she is trying to accomplish. Someone fired shots close to his home, for the third time in the area in one month. He wants to encourage citizens to get behind the Mayors plan for ending violence. We need to support our Police Department and encourage the city to hire more officers.

Councilman Surrency wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple wanted to thank Iris Santiago for working on housing for a student and their family. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Spence thanked the Council President for his work as president for the past six months. Thanked Councilman Thompson and Carol Kirshenbaum for their help in the selection of an animal shelter for the city. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pres. Zapolski read a statement from the Public Works Director concerning trash pickup. Stickers not needed for holidays, all other aspects of ordinance remaining in effect. Trash pickup during the holidays will be on the normal collection schedule. Pres. Zapolski read a message that he wanted to share with city regarding all of the events of the past year, he is optimistic that the city will move forward and persevere, looking forward to the future, wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

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

Pres. Zapolski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Kimble
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

President Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.

Date: _____