

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 15, 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 December 11, 2009 4:30 p.m.

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on December 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered and flag salute led by Councilman Salvatore.

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 December 1, 2009 and Work Session of December 1, 2009, all members having received copies.

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

ORD. 1ST READ
TAX ABATEMENT

The Clerk read an ordinance on first reading entitled:

ORDINANCE APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
REGARDING BLOCK 118, LOT 2

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Spence that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on January 5, 2010 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORD. 1ST READ
ACQUISITION LAND

The Clerk read an ordinance on first reading entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND
LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AND EXECUTION
OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Lugardo that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on January 5, 2010 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORD. 1ST READ
AMEND 277-12/277-35

The Clerk read an ordinance on first reading entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 277-12 AND 277-35 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON SETTING
FORTH CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF HOUSING PERMITS
INCLUDING INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE REGISTRATION
OF RENTAL UNITS

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on January 5, 2010 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORD. 1ST READ
AMEND CHPATER 300

The Clerk read an ordinance on first reading entitle:

ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 300 OF THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Salvatore that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on January 5, 2010 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORD. 2ND READ
NONE

Pres. Kelly announced there are no 2nd reading Ordinances.

PUBLIC PORTION

Pres. Kelly announced this is the time and place set forth for public portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Lugardo and second by Mr. Spence that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on the consent agenda or any other concerns, which motion was carried.

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

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, inquired

about temporary signs along curb lines, if a permit is required?

Clerk informed him they do and you can contact the Clerk's office for information.

Mr. Robinson further informed Council in regards to a citizen without gas to heat her home and who has two small children which she wrote a letter concerning and he read in full to Council this has gone on for two days, Mr. Kelly stated he would look into the matter thru his utility person.

Mr. Robert Cowan, Fayette Street, commented on parking during inclement weather for the seniors in the area concerned for them receiving tickets at that time also especially his neighbor who also is handicapped.

He was informed when she receives her handicap placard and handicap parking sign erected she would not be ticketed for her marked spot.

Mr. Rick Dawson, Franklin Drive, posed questions regarding the rental registration ordinance which was responded to by City Solicitor.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, expressed concern over the condition of her neighborhood and they will have to leave the City.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, gave an update on recreation in regards to Midget Basketball League which met last night and was happy to report that they have 23 volunteers so the league can continue.

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

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Kelly read the Consent Agenda Statement:

CONSENT
STATEMENT

All matters listed under items J-1, through items J-11, 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 Ms. Lugardo seconded by Mr. Salvatore 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. CONGRAT
WUZZARDO RESOLUTION NO. 130-09, congratulating John Wuzzardo on his retirement.
- RES. COMMEND
HOLIDAY PARADE RESOLUTION NO. 131-09, commending area holiday parade committee.
- RES. UEZ FUND
PROJECT POLICE RESOLUTION NO. 132-09, approving UEZ funding for Project UEZ-Police Year V.
- RES. CHANGE TAX
OFFICE RESOLUTION NO. 133-09, authorizing changes made on water/sewer and trash accounts.
- RES. BID IT
COMPUTER SERV RESOLUTION NO. 134-09, authorizing implement competitive contracting for IT and Computer Hardware Services.
- RES. CHANGE ORDER
AC SCHULTES CONTR. RESOLUTION NO. 135-09, authorizing modification of contract with A.C. Schultes, Inc.
- RES. AGRT SPCA RESOLUTION NO. 136-09, authorizing agreement with Cumberland SPCA.
- RES. AMEND DM
MEDICAL RES. RESOLUTION NO. 137-09, Amending Resolution 257-08 DM Medical Billings, LLC
- RES. 2010 CENSUS RESOLUTION NO. 138-09, Support and partnership with 2010 Census
- RES. TAX SALE
CERT REFUND RESOLUTION NO. 139-09, Authorizing refund to tax sale certificate sole in error.
- RES. INTERLOC
AGRT UPPER
DEERFIELD RESOLUTION NO. 140-09, Authorizing interlocal service agreement with Upper Deerfield for animal control services.
- PRESENTATION
WUZZARDO Pres. Kelly made presentation to Mr. John Wuzzardo of Resolution 130-09 congratulating him on his retirement after 38 years of services to the City in the Water Department.
- SCHEDULE
BILLS Pres. Kelly presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$1,150,124.00, all members having received copies.
- It was moved by Mr. Salvatore 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.
- APPLICATIONS Pres. Kelly presented the following applications:

Tow application renewal 2010 Quick Towing
Taxicab owner application renewal 2010 Go US Cab

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Lugardo that said applications be approved and licenses issued, which motion was carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Pres. Kelly presented the following reports:
Tax Office
Police Department
Municipal Clerk

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Pres. Kelly called upon Mayor comments.

Mayor Begley reported that the police captured another juvenile in regards spray painting and suggested that Council take another look at the graffiti ordinance.

Mayor Begley also commented on the police report regarding housing complexes and he feels if we are going to meet with the complex owners that the public should be invited to present their concerns as the neighbors are affected by the complexes also.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Pres. Kelly called upon Council for remarks.

Councilman Salvatore congratulated and wished John Wuzzardo well in his retirement.

Mr. Salvatore suggested to Mr. Robinson to contact the Board of Public Utilities in regards to any utility problems and thanked Mr. Cowan in regards to his neighbor and Ms. Batten regarding her neighborhood concerns and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Councilman Thompson commented on the graffiti to keep it before the public to stir up concern not to do this so he is glad to see success in apprehending the violators.

Mr. Thompson congratulated John Wuzzardo and also spoke encouraging comments to Ms. Batten and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed Holiday.

Councilman Spence wished John Wuzzardo the best in his retirement and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Lugardo wished John Wuzzardo the best.

Ms. Lugardo also commented on the graffiti that her school was involved but the City had it all cleaned up and we are proud of our police department.

Ms. Lugardo commented we need to get more involved with our neighbors and wished everyone a happy holiday and stated remember all gifts do not come wrapped in paper and bows but helping others and doing your best.

Pres. Kelly commented he appreciates the comments his fellow Council members have said, we have seen the best in our community tonight three people stepped up to help their fellow community members not because there is anything in for them but because this is what they are about.

Pres. Kelly asked Ms. Batten not to leave things are going to turn around, we all are working hard we may not agree but we all have a love for our City just like you.

Pres. Kelly wished everyone a great holiday and look forward to a challenging 2010 and a prosperous 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Salvatore 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