

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 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 Albert 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 February 12, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on February 12, 2010, 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
Mr. Salvatore
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Kelly

MINUTES

Pres. Kelly presented the minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2010 and Work Session of February 2, 2010.

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

ORDINANCE FIRST

Pres. Kelly announced no Ordinances on first reading.

ORDINANCE SECOND

Pres. Kelly announced no Ordinance on second reading.

PUBLIC HEARING 2010 BUDGET

Pres. Kelly presented Resolution that Budget be read by title during the time of public hearing.

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo that

RES. READ BUDGET
BY TITLE

RESOLUTION NO. 165-09, to read the SFY 2010 Municipal Budget by title only at the time of public hearing was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Kelly announced this is the time and place set forth for public hearing on the SFY 2010 Municipal Budget and called upon Business Administrator Arch Liston for presentation of Resolution to Amend the Budget.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Spence to open the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on the SFY 2010 Municipal Budget as Amended.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Spence that the public hearing on the budget be closed which motion was carried.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Ms. Gail Robinson, Director of Bridgeton Public Library, thanked the City for including a bond for the library in the budget.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, thanked Director of Public Works on the job done during the snow storm and also for putting out a phone alert to the residents

He further inquired about the litigation settlement on the agenda which the Solicitor explained concerning trash pick up services for the HOPE VI Project.

Mr. Zapolski questioned how sewer ordinance rate apply to the senior citizens, which Administrator explained that they would apply for the senior rate.

Mr. Zapolski brought to Council's attention the process regarding the designation of redevelopment in the down town central business district which he stated was not done properly or according to state statute. Solicitor, Administrator, Council members and Mayor entered into discussion regarding the matter.

Pres. Kelly thanked Mr. Zapolski for bringing it to Council's attention so they can rectify the matter.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, inquired about the Bertini Building.

He was informed that the court had given the owner certain requirements to be met regarding the building, Mayor stated that it is brought up to court several times for review.

Mr. Robinson also questioned the Port Authority property.

Solicitor Baker informed Mr. Robinson regarding the status of the property.

Mr. Robinson suggested that the City consider making Bank Street one way north instead of one way south, feels it would be more convenient for the Fire Department.

Pres. Kelly stated it would be looked into see if it is feasible.

Mr. Al Tugman, Lake Street, commented concerning complex crime stating detailed statistics brought before Council to prove his point of view that we have the evidence that it is time to consider a security ordinance.

Mr. James Begley, Lake Street, inquired about the Graffiti Ordinance and meetings also the security Ordinance for the apartment complexes.

Mr. Begley asked that these two ordinances be adopted.

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

Pres. Kelly closed the public portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
STATEMENT

Pres. Kelly read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items L-1, through items L-9, 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, additional Resolutions were added Items No. L-7, 8 & 9 copies placed on the table for the public.

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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. AUDIT REVIEWED

RESOLUTION NO. 166-09, the governing body has reviewed minimum section of the audit.

RES ACCELERATED
TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 167-09, the governing body has determined to authorize an accelerated tax sale.

Councilman Thompson thanked Mr. Tugman for his statistics that it was very well done and put together.

Mr. Thompson commented that we need to work together and consider some of the options presented. We may come up with something, we must work together.

Councilman Spence commented he does not disagree with the problems in the City but he disagrees with the way they are handled; also some of the methods. We need the time to discuss these things further, it take times to consider all things.

Councilwoman Lugardo thanked Mr. Tugman for his presentation. Ms. Lugardo commented we need to work together to make a difference. People have the wrong perception of Bridgeton and she became Council person to help make a difference.

Pres. Kelly thanked everybody for their comments during the regular meeting and also on the two ordinances brought up by the Mayor and to Mr. Zapolski for shedding some light on the planning process that was not done properly. We will rectify those things.

Pres. Kelly pointed out that there are efforts being made through meetings to try and rectify the issues it is on-going efforts by members of the community. It has not stopped all juvenile crime, but it has improved. We will continue. There are many things we have to do. There is not one way to stop the graffiti and stop the crime in the City, but we must continue to work together.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Lugardo to adjourn the meeting, which motion was carried with Councilman Salvatore opposing.

Pres. Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Council President Albert Kelly