

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 4, 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 William D. Spence.

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 30, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the News of Cumberland County and the Press on December 30, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. and by publishing said notice in the News of Cumberland County on December 30, 2010." The invocation delivered and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple.

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple
Mr. Surrency
Mr. Thompson
Mr. Zapolski
Pres. Spence

Mayor Kelly presented Resolution to Albert Drain who is retiring after 37 years employed by the City in the Public Works Department.

President Spence presented the minutes from the Meeting of December 21, 2010, Work Session Meeting of December 21, 2010 all members having received copies.

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

Pres. Spence announced Ordinance for first reading

Clerk read ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE DETERMINING POSITION ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that this ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on January 18, 2011, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Pres. Spence announced three Ordinances for second reading

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency 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	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-16, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 321 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON (TAXICABS)

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mr. Gerald Neski addressed Council regarding the English speaking requirement of the Ordinance that they consider adopting a standard or the requirement be eliminated as a large percentage of the population in Bridgeton does not speak English.

Pres. Spence responded explaining the need for the requirement in case of and emergency the ability to communicate to the driver.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing.

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The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-17, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

ORDINANCE APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT FOR B 123 L 10, DOLLAR & UP LLC

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency 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	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
LUGARDO-HEMPLE			
SURRENCY	NONE	NONE	NONE
THOMPSON			
ZAPOLSKI			
SPENCE			

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 10-18, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

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

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

Ms. Shawna Green addressed Council regarding her reappointment to the Bridgeton Housing Authority as her appointment expired on December 17, 2010.

After discussion by Council they agreed to have Councilwoman Lugardo-Hemple, being a member of the Authority, to have the Director send them a copy of the expiration and thanked her bringing it to their attention.

Mr. Jose Osorio, taxicab driver addressed Council regarding the renewal of license to drive taxicab being denied and ordinance requirement concerning suspension of license.

Pres. Spence informed the taxicab drivers that within the next three days licenses will be re-evaluated as there was a little confusion, but you need to renew your license at the time you receive notification and not wait to renew so if there is a problem it can be addressed.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

All matters listed under items I-1, through items I-4 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 moved by Mr. Surrency seconded by Ms. Lugardo-Hemple 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 161-10, award bid reconstruction Magnolia Avenue to Slade Construction.

RESOLUTION NO 162-10, authorizing sale of certain city owned properties.

RESOLUTION NO. 163-10, reappointing Rick Dawson to Zoning Board of Adjustment term to expire December 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-10, authorizing tax office changes.

Pres. Spence presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$291,337.63 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Thompson that the Schedule of Bills is approved with adjustment discussed 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. Spence announced the following application received:

Temporary Banner Rite Ad for Grand Opening, eight signs displayed for sixty days.

Mr. Zapolski and second by Mr. Surrency that the application be conditionally approved such that acceptance by the State Department of Transportation which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence announced following report received:

Municipal Clerk Office

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

Pres. Spence called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Kelly reported that the FEMA 2010 reimbursement for emergencies checks for the 2010 storms have been received one for \$11,879 and the second check of \$9,439 should be received tomorrow which certainly can use as we are expecting snow this week.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for remarks.

Mr. Zapolski commented on the taxi ordinance principal basis for during this was to enhance the safety and well fare of our residence that are things in there that we will do better as we grow and learn to work with this such as the drivers I hope you can appreciate that and work with us.

Mr. Thompson no comments.

Mr. Surrency wished everyone a happy new year and commented on the passing of Samuel Hunter.

Ms. Lugardo-Hemple commented on passing Samuel Hunter, the passing of Warren Robinson's wife and also sister of Carl Hemple offered condolences.

Also thanked the communities of Vineland Bridgeton for helping families by placing them in houses and giving food and clothing.

Pres. Spence thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated Albert Drain of this retirement.

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

Pres. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____
Council President William D. Spence