

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 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 Albert B. Kelly.

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 September 11, 2009 4:30 p.m.

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

The following answered to roll call:

Ms. Lugardo
Mr. Salvatore
Mr. Spence

Absent: Mr. Thompson

Pres. Kelly

Pres. Kelly called the family of the late James S. Hursey forward to present them with a Resolution honoring him for his service with the City as Councilman, Director of Public Safety and member of the Bridgeton Housing Authority.

Pres. Kelly presented the minutes from the meeting of September 1, 2009 and Work Session of September 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.

Pres. Kelly announced there are no Ordinance on First or Second Reading.

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

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Lugardo 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, questioned item J-7 on the agenda regarding cancelling portion of water bill on 63 Sharp Avenue, possibly set a precedent.

Mr. Liston, Administrator, responded explaining the situation which would not cause a precedent that there was no meter installed.

Mr. Zapolski stated that this is an important element of this resolution and should be placed in the resolution and that would give rise to a person that there is not a president to this in the future.

Mr. Zapolski commented on the zoo issue that referendum is a good idea but should have a Plan B and suggested a fee for non residents.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented on Zoo and encouraged Council to come together.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, Pearl Street, informed Council of not being able to hear what they were saying and submitted complaint regarding the over growth out on Highway 77.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, registered complaint concerning water problem in her area that drainage is needed.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, spoke on the Zoo issue and the need to educate the public regarding the public question concerning the Zoo.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore 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.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-09, authorizing closing of West Park Drive for Bike race October 31, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-09, authorizing transfers in appropriations.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-09, authorizing agreement with Cumberland SPCA.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-09, authorizing Assessor to grant veteran total tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-09, authorizing application for cultural heritage grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-09, awarding bid to Mid Atlantic Salt, LLC for rock salt.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-09, awarding bid to WHIBCO of New Jersey Inc. for ice control sand.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-09, canceling portion of water bill regarding 63 Sharp Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-09, authorizing contract with Level-1 Construction of Williamstown, NJ for construction of Well 13 Radium Removal Treatment Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-09, authorizing In Rem Tax Foreclosure.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-09, authorizing sale of property Block 122 Lot 35, East Commerce Street, to Robert C. Thompson.

Pres. Kelly presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$480,532.28 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore 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. Kelly called upon Mayor for comments

Mayor Begley informed those present that the Web Site is being renovated by John Barry and should be up and running soon.

He further stated that the City has agreement with the County and can not collect fee for non residents of the City.

Mayor thanked Mr. Robinson for his remark and agreed with him regarding the one cent tax and informed Ms. Batten her drainage problem would be looked into.

Pres. Kelly called upon Council for remarks.

Mr. Salvatore commented he appreciated Mr. Zapolski and Mr. Robinson's comments and informed Ms. Wulderk that he has contacted the State regarding the over growth on Highway 77.

Mr. Spence no comments.

Ms. Lugardo commented that the administration is doing a good job especially with the award for the water towers.

Mr. Kelly commented that we work hard to make the Zoo work.

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.

Pres. Kelly adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President Albert B. Kelly

Date: _____