

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 168 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Nicholas K. Salvatore.

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, 168 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey on February 1, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on February 1, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Thompson and flag salute was led by Councilman Kelly.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Salvatore

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meeting of January 16, 2007, all members having received copies.

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

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

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 116, LOTS 27, 36 AND 36.01, BLOCK 265, LOT 15 AND BLOCK 124, LOTS 1, 1.01 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley that this be considered the second reading of said ordinance and that the meeting be opened to the public for a hearing on the matter, which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

No one desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley that this be considered the third and final reading of said ordinance and that the ordinance be taken up for adoption or rejection by roll call vote, which motion was carried.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley
Mr. Spence

Mr. Thompson
Pres. Salvatore

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 06-19, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77-4 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REGARDING HOURS OF SALE FOR CLUB LICENSES

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on February 20, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Riley that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

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

Mr. Damon Dunn, 41 Greentree Drive, Burlington, expressed concerns over inspection violations on his property (99 Bank Street) by housing inspectors and their inconsistency.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, N. Pearl Street, expressed concern over the following matters: third floor restroom, handicap door being opened, overcrowded court room, downtown living and inspection of historic homes.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, thanked Council for their prompt attention to the problem regarding the windows that were out on the property on Irving Avenue.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, N. Elm, thanked Council for the prompt response to the lights being replaced on Elm Street and commended them for the good job they are doing.

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

Pres. Salvatore closed the public portion of the meeting.

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under item 10A through item 10L 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. Items 10E to 10L were additions to the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Thompson 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. 167-06 – authorizing professional service agreement with Triad Associates

RESOLUTION NO. 169-06- insertion of revenue in budget available from NJDOT Municipal Aid Program

RESOLUTION NO. 170-06 – awarding bid for one new 2007 Ford F-250 Ambulance

RESOLUTION NO. 171-06- authorizing discharge of mortgage to Terry Low

RESOLUTION NO. 172-06- authorizing discharge of mortgage to Kenneth Gauntt and Albert Pettit

RESOLUTION NO. 173-06 – appointing Kathryn MacFarland to Housing Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 174-06 – confirm reappointment of John Waldo to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

RESOLUTION NO. 175-06 – authorizing grace period for 2007 first quarter 2007 taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 176-06 – authorizing tax office changes on tax, water, sewer, and trash records

RESOLUTION NO. 177-06 – authorizing veteran tax exemption

RESOLUTION NO. 178-06 – congratulating George Harris Sr. on his retirement from the City's Public Works Department

RESOLUTION NO. 179-06 – congratulating Jean Reinert on her retirement from the Bridgeton Municipal Court as Deputy Court Administrator

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 1,687,671.62 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded 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.

The Clerk presented an application for temporary sign from Eugnie Vanie Hogan for Hogan Beauty Shop at 78 East Commerce Street, all papers in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the application with the stipulation that the temporary sign will be in place for only 60 days after which a permanent sign will be installed, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Tax Office cash receipts
Public Works Department
Vital Statistics
Municipal Clerk
Zoning Office

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence that said reports be received and filed, which motion was carried.

The Clerk announced that is all the business she has to come before Council at this time. Pres. Salvatore called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley, no comments.

Pres. Salvatore called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly, no comments.

Councilwoman Riley commented to Mr. Dunn that she is sorry that he felt he was mistreated yesterday and glad he came to council to discuss the issues.

Councilman Thompson thanked those for the two compliments they received.

Councilman Spence, no comments.

Pres. Salvatore addressed the various concerns brought before Council this evening.

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

Pres. Salvatore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President Nicholas Salvatore
Date: February 20, 2007