

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 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 15, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on February 15, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilwoman Riley and flag salute was led by Councilman Kelly.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Salvatore at this time called for police officers being promoted to Lieutenants in the Bridgeton Police Department.

Pres. Salvatore swore in officers: James Battavio, Jere Branch and James Filippello as Bridgeton Police Department Lieutenants and their wives came forth and pinned on their badges.

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meetings of February 6, 2007, and February 13, 2007, all members having received copies.

Clerk pointed out correction on Minutes of February 13, 2007 that: Councilwomen Riley voted in the negative on the Ordinance First Reading regarding neutering and licensing cats and dogs.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley that the minutes be approved with the necessary correction 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 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 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.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, N. Elm Street, suggested that an hour of sale be increased during Super Bowl Sundays.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Spence 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. Spence 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. 06-20, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

It was moved by Mr. Kelly 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 March 6, 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. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented on Lawrence Street becoming one way, Cinderella Drive sale of property, Bertini building and suggested meeting with businesses down town on what to do to help turn the city around.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, N. Pearl Street, expressed concern over sidewalks to be placed along Pearl Street from Buznardo out to city limits.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, N. Elm Street, questioned the amount of trash in containers, particularly the amount piled over the top and concern over the certificate of occupancy the large amount of trash should indicate a over crowding situation and inspection should take place.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, suggested a crosswalk from the City Hall Annex to City Hall be installed, for public safety.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly 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 10E 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 10C to 10E were additions to the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson seconded by Mr. Kelly 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. 188-06, authorizing participation in State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program

RESOLUTION NO. 189-06, authorizing tax office to make changes on their records.

RESOLUTION NO.190-06, authorizing submission of PARIS Grant Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 191-06, authorizing professional service agreement with Christopher Vaz, Esquire.

RESOLUTION NO.192-06, authorizing interlocal service agreement with Hopewell Township.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$176,096.50 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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 the following reports:
Vital Statistics
Police Department

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Riley 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 Council for comments

Councilman Kelly commented regarding clean-up flyer distributed by the Mayor that he would see if a crew from Kentock could assist in that area.

Councilwoman Riley, none.
Councilman Thompson, none.

Councilman Spence commented on the incident that took place in Administrator's office last week concerning the citizen's complaint of how he was handled.

Pres. Salvatore addressed the issues brought before Council regarding Mr. Robinson's concerns about Cinderella Drive, Lawrence Street, Bertini Building, and meeting with businesses that their would be follow up, Ms. Wulderk's sidewalks concern, Mr. McPherson's trash concern and Mr. Stewart's concern about the crosswalk.

Pres. Salvatore thanked everyone for coming out.

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