

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 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 March 1, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on March 1, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Thompson and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Riley.

The following answered to roll call:

Absent: Mr. Kelly

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

The Clerk presented the minutes from the Council Meeting of February 20, 2007, and Work Session Meetings of February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 83 AND 149 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON REGARDING NEUTERING AND LICENSING OF CATS AND DOGS

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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 Mr. Thompson 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:

YEAS                      NAYS    ABSTAIN    ABSENT

Mr. Kelly

Ms. Riley  
Mr. Spence

Mr. Thompson  
Pres. Salvatore

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 06-21, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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

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

It was moved by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Thompson 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. Robert Thompson, N. Pearl Street, expressed concern over inspections by Fire Department.

Mr. Rick Dawson, Franklin Drive, expressed concern over fire trucks being on the street and when inspection is required and the cost.

Mr. Ed Rivera, Albertson Avenue, expressed concern regarding fire trucks being utilized.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson second by Ms. Riley to close the public hearing on the ordinance which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Thompson 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:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Riley			Mr. Kelly
Mr. Spence			
Mr. Thompson			
Pres. Salvatore			

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 06-22, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

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

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Ms. Riley 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 20, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 317 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON TO ADD ARTICLE II WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT IN URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE QUALIFIED COMMUNITY

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

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300-36 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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

It was moved by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Spence 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. Robert Thompson, N. Pearl Street, commented on public auction of Block 189.01, Lot 6 held prior to the meeting, fence locked on steps leading from the Park (canoe house area) to Lake Street, tickets issued tenants/landlord trash violation reason not stated, City owned properties with trash violations, BOCA Cod requirements are to be abided by the City also, properties at 26 Parker Street and 340 and 342 Bank Street, also on the sale of property.

Mr. Rick Dawson, Franklin Drive, presented concerns the landlords have concerning what exactly is required for the inspections and proper enforcement for ticketing and also over the CI and CO.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, commented that the citizens get involved with the elements of the City for example by reporting violations.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, commented that the citizens need to go to the people that can help by coming to the City and also that names should not be released when a concerned neighbor reports an incident. We should all work together as a team and do a good job.

Mr. Ed Rivera, Albertson Avenue, commented that he talked to the police and some training would be done in regards to the release of name.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, expressed concern over housing conditions in Bridgeton, and posed question regarding engineering fees.

Ms. Dorothea Hall, Glory Tabernacle Church How to be Girls Group Director, explained that for them March is community conscious month, so they are attending Council this week and will be attending Board of Education next week.

Mr. Ed Rivera, Albertson Avenue, commented to the girls that we are blessed to be in a system where citizens if they have complaints, disagreements in a civil manner have the ability to talk and we can hear each other out.

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 14A through item 14H 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 14F to 14H were additions to the agenda.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley 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. 196-06, authorizing execution of release of preservation covenant.

RESOLUTION NO. 197-06, authorizing professional service agreement with Theodore Baker for In Rem Tax Foreclosures proceedings

RESOLUTION NO. 198-06, approving use of UEZ Funds for Economic Development and Administration of UEZ Program for 2007/2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 199-06, authorizing adoption of the National Incident Management System.

RESOLUTION NO. 200-06, authorizing tax office to make changes their records.

RESOLUTION NO. 201-06, requesting insertion in budget available from DEP amount of \$17,632.

RESOLUTION NO. 202-06, authorizing submission of proposal to NJUEZA for façade improvements on building along riverfront Block 116.

RESOLUTION NO. 203-06, authorizing advertisement of bids for trash roll off containers.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson RESOLUTION NO. 204-02, authorizing submission to UEZA for approval of funding remediation services at redevelopment site 155 Irving Avenue former gas station, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.  
Councilwoman  
Riley elaborated on the Resolution.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$225,610.98 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley 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:

Public Works  
Municipal Clerk's Office

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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

Councilwoman Riley commented she hopes the meeting with the landlords will be successful and informed those present that there will be a Building a Better Bridgeton Spring Clean up kick off their next meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007 at St. Teresa's Rectory in the basement.

Councilman Thompson commented on the importance of considering the whole picture not just one issue but all issues regarding the City by working together and not having your own personal agenda.

Thanked various individuals which addressed Council.

Councilman Spence commented on conditions of homes and concurred with Mr. Thompson's comments and hopes that some of these issues will get worked out at next weeks meeting.

Pres. Salvatore addressed the issues brought before Council that they all will be considered and we all need to get involved and thanked them for their input and attendance.

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

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Council President Nicholas Salvatore  
Date: March 20, 2007