

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 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 March 15, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on March 15, 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 announced no minutes for approval.

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

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence 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. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence 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. 06-23, 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:

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

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.

No one 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 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. 06-24, 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 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. 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:

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

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 06-25, 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 AMENDING SECTION 300-36 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence 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 Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by and seconded by 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
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Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley
Mr. Spence
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Salvatore

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 06-26, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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.

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

Pres. Salvatore closed the public portion of the meeting.

Jody Dellaquilla, 258 East Avenue, expressed concern over her pool and shed are being requested to be removed from her property.

Sandy Riley, 101 East Commerce Street, S. R., Riley's Restaurant, expressing concern over the 15 minute parking signs on Commerce Street in the vicinity of her business are confusing to her customers.

Cathy, 315 Fayette Street, expressed concern over trash left by Waste Management when dumping the trash, broken lid on her trash container, and also receiving violation for chipped paint on her house.

Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, inquired about Cinderella Drive, Bertini Building, boarding up damaged property especially at Vine/Lawrence Streets and commended Chief Wentz for the speedy response to a wire that was down in his neighborhood.

Robert Thompson, N. Pearl Street, expressed concern over 15 minute parking signs in his vicinity also and further informed Council of what small communities do concerning smoke/carbon monoxide inspections can be designated to someone else by the Fire Department and also condition that damaged houses are left in.

Mr. Thompson further commented on trash violations being issued to landlord and not the tenant.

Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, commented on trash concerns and enforcement of codes.

Ellis McPherson, Elm Street, thanked sewer department for their response to the problem they were having in his neighborhood.

Rick Dawson, Franklin Drive, spoke regarding landlords and enforcement.

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items 12B, 12A has been removed, through 12G, items, 12D to 12G have been added, 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. 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.210-06, awarding bid for trash containers to Cascade Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO.211-06, supporting click it or ticket mobilization of May 20 to June 3, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 212-06, authorizing senior citizen tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-06, authorizing veteran tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO. 214-06, authorizing advertisement of bids for roll off trash containers.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-06, confirming second year solid waste contract with Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 2,022,216.74 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 request for temporary sign from Sherwood Forest Homes at Twin Oaks, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the request which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Police Department
Comptroller Bond Notes
Tax Office cash receipts

It was moved by Mr. Kelly 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 the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley commented on the trash issue stating these are laws which have been on the books and that are now being enforced, he just wants the City to be clean.

Pres. Salvatore called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly addressed issues brought before Council.

Councilwoman Riley reminded everyone of the spring clean up meeting.

Councilman Thompson commented on concerns brought before Council.

Councilman Spence had no comments

Pres. Salvatore addressed issues brought before Council

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