

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 17, 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 April 12, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on April 12, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Thompson and flag salute was led by Councilman Spence.

The following answered to roll call:

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

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meetings of April 3, 2007, Work Session April 3, 2007, Work Session April 10, 2007 and Work Session of March 27, 2007 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and second 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 ADOPTING STORM MANAEMENT REGULATIONS

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. 06-27, 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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$660,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WELLS 18 AND 19 AND THE RADIONUCLIDE REMOVABLE TREATMENT PLANT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$660,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

It was moved by Mr. Kelly 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. 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 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. 06-28, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Spence that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on May 1, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203-27 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Spence that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on May 1, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk announced this being the time place set for public portion on the consent agenda or any other concerns.

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

Ms. Sandy Cole, Myrtle Street, expressed concern over EMT being replaced with Fire Fighters for over time

Ms. Dolores Batten, Albertson Avenue, made suggestions regarding the cleaning up of the city.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, North Elm Street, expressed concern over article in newspaper stating Sanctuary sought in Bridgeton and also suggested sending officers to school for the education to become ICE officials. Trash containers should be placed at all stores.

Further commented on over crowding, conditions of sidewalks and the response of the housing and police department has improved and they are doing a fine job.

Mr. Carl Hemple, Penn Street, Chairman Recreation Commission, informed those present of the clean up and fix up of fields and buildings this weekend project of working and repairing the Senior Citizen Park, Dr. Berkowitz Park, and all are welcome to participate, 9 a.m.

Mr. Robert Thompson, N. Pearl Street, expressed concern over citations given in January suggested seeking for matching funds grants be for repairs especially for sidewalks repairs.

Administrator stated that we do have programs available to help in repairs.

Mr. Thompson stated that information should be made available to the homeowner by placing notice in their citations when given.

Mr. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, commented he agrees with Mr. Thompson if there are monies available citizens should be made aware of it. He suggested that a person should be assigned to each Ward in the City as a contact person for any questions citizens may have.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, reported that the planter baskets have arrived and will be put up soon in the down area. Lori and Marvin Blethen need to be recognized for the work they did in this area and they are now trying to get a grant for baskets along the riverfront. Mr. Stewart inform Council the problem with watering them and they are trying to secure a tank for that purpose.

Pres. Salvatore directed the Administrator also look into the matter possibly with the of summer help for watering the planters.

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

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items 11A, through items 11E, 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 11F to 11J were additions to the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence 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. 235-06, requesting insertion of \$33,356.61 in budget available from New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Fund.

RESOLUTION NO.236-06, authorizing changes tax, water, sewer and trash records.

RESOLUTION NO.237-06, authoring tax office make changes on water, sewer, and trash accounts.

RESOLUTION NO.238-06, authorizing senior citizen tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO.239-06, accepting corrective action plan for FY 2005 submitted by Chief Finance Officer.

RESOLUTION NO.240-06, recognizing Pastor John Rogers for his dedication to the community.

RESOLUTION NO.241-06, approving agreement with DCA and City for Funding Domestic Violence Training for Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 242-06, authorizing tonnage grant application.

RESOLUTION NO. 243-06, authorizing accelerated tax sale for arrears in municipal charges for 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 244-06, authorizing tax office changes in tax, water, sewer and trash records.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 633,746.33 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 the following reports:

It was moved by Ms. Riley 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 announced that they will continue the clean up this Saturday and to meet at City Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Pres. Salvatore called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly commented on the Summit being held by Freeholder Rainear on May 15, 2007 at 2 p.m. to talk about the kids count trends that are happening in the County. He encouraged Council to be a part of it. Because of the attitudes of some of our young people that was in the news article concerning pregnancy he suggests that we here in Bridgeton could have a

follow-up in our community since Cumberland County has triple the teenage pregnancy rate in the State.

Councilwoman Riley announced clean-up activities that are going on in the City pointing out the City Beautification Day May 5, 2007 and the next Building a Better Bridgeton meeting scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2007 at St. Teresa Church.

Councilwoman Riley also agreed with Mr. Robinson regarding having a contact person in each Ward of the City and also to get the information out to our citizens regarding services that are offered by the City.

Councilman Thompson reminded everyone of the School Board Election today and we should be concerned about what happened in Virginia and we should work close with the schools to help maintain a lot of issues the country is facing with pregnancy and violence to make sure we have a sound city and safe school system.

Councilman Spence no comments.

Pres. Salvatore commented we have had discussion regarding ward captains and the police and ICE maybe we can look into that and educate one of our officers to help and the Dollar Store parking lot condition and waiting for indemnification in regards to the city properties and the planters arriving and store front conditions being changed with paintings rather than the brown paper there now and reminded everyone that on May 7, 2007, 7 p.m. at the Marino Center this administration will present where your dollars go in regards to our Budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Spence
RESOLUTION NO. 245-06, authorizing an executive close session to discuss Personnel, Public Safety and Contracts was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

It was moved by Mr. Spence and second by Mr. Thompson to reconvene the regular meeting which motion was carried.

Pres. Salvatore called the meeting back into order.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Spence
RESOLUTION NO. 246-06, authorizing appointment of a Commission by the Mayor of the City of Bridgeton. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

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:

Council President Nicholas Salvatore

Date: