

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 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 William D. Spence.

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 July 12, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on July 12, 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. Salvatore
Mr. Thompson
Pres. Spence

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meetings of June 5, 2007, June 19, 2007, June 26, 2007 and July 3, 2007, Work Session minutes of June 19, 2007, June 26, 2007 and July 3, 2007 all members having received copies.

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

Clerk announced item number 7 on the agenda a Bond Ordinance second reading was removed.

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

ORDINANCE ADMENDING SECTION 3-21 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore 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. Spence opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

The following person/persons commented on the ordinance:

Mr. Mitchell Sklar	Mr. Michael Pirolli
Mr. Warren Robinson	Mr. Carl Crispen
Mr. Todd Edwards	Ms. Carol Greene
Ms. Thelma Scott	Mr. Terry William
Mr. George McLaughlin	Mr. Richard Janney
Ms. Delores Batten	Mr. Leo Uhland
Mr. George O'Brien	Mr. Sam Wheaton
Ms. Lucille Santos	Mr. Luis Santiago
Mr. Ellis McPherson	Mr. Ronald Bowman
Mr. Al McCoy	Mr. Claude Robinson
Ms. Ann Razner	Mr. William Robinson

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

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

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance rejected.

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 ORDINANCE NO. 06-29 CORRECTING CLERICAL ERROR AND AMENDING CHAPTER 203-02 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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.

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

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-3, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

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

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on August 7, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on August 7, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AUTHORIZING
THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Salvatore that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on August 7, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203-20 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF
BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on August 7, 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 Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard, which motion was carried.

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

Ms. Cynthia Gozier, Cumberland Avenue, expressed concern over indoor cat registration and summons she received.

Mr. George Loose expressed concern over cat registration and printing of notice being in Spanish and English.

Ms. Ann Razner expressed concern over what happens in regards to Police Chief.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, Elm Street, expressed concern over people living in the attics of houses.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, complimented Mayor and Council on the job they are doing.

Ms. Thelma Scott, Baltimore Avenue, registered complaint of the property next to her in need of cleaning up also neighbor receiving ticket for car parked on grass.

Ms. Gladys Lugardo, Bank Street, commented on Spanish printed notices and papers.

Ms. Patty Patrick expressed concern over article in paper regarding slaughtered goat found in park.

Mr. Sam Wheaton, Spring Street, commented he appreciated the decision that was made tonight regarding Public Safety Director.

Ms. Lucille Santos, East Commerce Street, requested that the Animal Control Officer receive a new vehicle.

Mr. Terry Williams, East Avenue, expressed concern and suggested that person/persons receive warnings prior to being ticketed for housing violations.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, expressed the need for more police in the city and more officers coming up through our education system and he respect what the governing body would like to make a change but everybody does not agree with it, but sometime you have to make changes it is all about change.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items 12B, through items 12G, 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. Item 12A has been removed from the agenda and Items 12H to 12O were additions to the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson seconded by Ms. Riley 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.21-07, authorizing sale of certain property owned by City.

RESOLUTION NO.22-07, awarding professional service contract with Richard Grubb.

RESOLUTION NO.23-07, over limit under arrest 2007 impaired driving crackdown grant authorized.

RESOLUTION NO.24-07, authorizing tax office make changes on accounts.

RESOLUTION NO.25-07, accept PARIS GRANT award \$24,900.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07, amending mortgage, note, repayment agreement GMP Manufacturing, Co.

RESOLUTION NO.27-07, rescind Resolution 11-07 Impala Police Package

RESOLUTION NO. 28-07, authorizing tax office changes on water, sewer and trash accounts.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-07, execution of discharge mortgage regarding Marrinetta Kelley.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-07, appointing acting zoning official.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-07, authorizing professional service agreement Triad preparation of project plan RCA with Somers Point and Brigantine

RESOLUTION NO. 32-07, authorizing execution RCA with Somers Point.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-07, authorizing RCA with Brigantine.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-07, approve application for project grant providing monies for an archaeological study of Ferracute property

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$548,307.58 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Salvatore 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 announced she has the following Applications for Council's consideration:

Block Off Street – Bridgeton Fire Department – Bank Street Extension, July 21, 2007, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Block Off Street – Bridgeton Eagles Club – Sharp Street, September 15, 2007, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Riley to approve said applications and issue permits which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Tax Office

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Salvatore that said report 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. Spence called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley appreciated those that were in attendance tonight he is doing what he feels is best for the City. I am available call and make an appointment, if you have an issue, if you have a problem stop by the office and we will get it resolved.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly apologized for raising his voice earlier but he takes offense to the statement that he went to the papers when he gave his word he would not, he is a man of his word and he kept his word. To make mention of what he said in Executive Session is a breach and he takes offense to that.

Councilwoman Riley commented this has been a very interesting meeting and she is impressed with all that has been discussed.

Councilman Thompson no comments.

Councilman Salvatore commented that governing is not easy. We all were elected by the citizens and we all are putting our best foot forward for the betterment of our town. Comments were made tonight that we are not approachable, he is approachable and he don't think anyone here is not, approachable. The public did not reach out to us.

He further commented that they did some business tonight but the majority came for one issue but there was a whole agenda here and people missed it, they came for one single item on the agenda. If anyone wanted to hear what we had to say, he would think, they would have had the respect to sit here and listen to what we all had to say.

There is no disrespect to the local police force on his vote this evening, he has lived in this town for fifty-five years and he is about change for the better not just for change, he believes we have a gentleman who has come forward and brings experience on the state level that could be very beneficial to our police department. Thanked those for remaining and listening.

Pres. Spence commented there is a lot he could say also but everybody has said how they feel about what has occurred but when we ran safety was a big issue and this was nothing but a way we were trying to address it. He felt as though some people were holding them under the gun as you do it my way or you are out of here. Well, just makes him wonder about every decision they make is it just going to be a few people who say my way or the highway. We are trying to do the best for Bridgeton

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 35-07, authorizing an executive close session to discuss public safety was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

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

Pres. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Council President William D. Spence
Date: August 7, 2007