

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 7, 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 August 2, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on August 2, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Kelly and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Riley.

The following answered to roll call:

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

Pres. Spence announced this being the time and place for swearing in officers promoted within the Bridgeton Police Department and turned the meeting over to the Mayor and Chief of Police Ott.

Chief Ott called for Sgt. David Mander, Patrolmen Michael Speranza and Jahira Roman to come forth.

Mayor Begley swore in the officers as follows: Patrolmen Michael Speranza and Jahira Roman being promoted to Sergeants and Sgt. David Mander being promoted to Lieutenant.

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meetings of July 17, 2007 Work Session and July 17, 2007 Council Meeting, all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson 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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND MODIFICATION OF A BUILDING FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PURPOSES LOCATED AT 330 FAYETTE STREET IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE

ISSUANCE OF \$2,850,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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. Spence opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard on this ordinance and this ordinance only.

Mr. Robinson, Spring Street, expressed his concerns opposing the adoption of the Ordinance as the building not being large enough and the high speed traffic along Fayette Street.

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

Pres. Spence 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. Salvatore			
Mr. Thompson			
Pres. Spence			

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-4, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk announced item number eight has been removed from the agenda and will heard on August 14, 2007 at a Special Meeting of City Council at 6:30 p.m., Item entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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 Mr. Salvatore 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. 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 Mr. Thompson that the public hearing be closed which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

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

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-5, 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 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. Thompson 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. 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. Thompson 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.

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 adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-6, 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 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 Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Salvatore 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 Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Salvatore 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 adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-7, 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 203-20 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

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

Pres. Spence closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

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

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-8, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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 Ms. Riley 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 21, 2007 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-18(D) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson that said ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on August 21, 2007 which motion was carried by roll call vote with Ms. Riley voting in the negative.

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 Mr. Thompson 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.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, expressed concern over the following matters: Police Chief and Public Safety Director, condition of the streets seem to be returning to be unsightly, where are the cars that have been towed, and conflict Councilman Kelly may have with Tri-County and City.

Councilman Kelly responded that he abstains from voting when comes to items which have to do with the City and Tri-County.

Mr. Douglas Van Sant, Franklin Drive, asked why Item eight was removed from the agenda which Council responded further consideration is being taken and will be on at Special Meeting of August 14, 2007 as previously stated.

Mr. Robinson, Spring Street, expressed concern over Safety Director's vehicle taxes and Acting Chief of Police M. Ott's comments in a newspaper article.

Mr. Douglas Van Sant, Franklin Drive, expressed concern for the businesses in the downtown area when the Broad Street Bridge is being repaired by Department of Transportation and also the Farmers Market vendors suggested that Farmers Market be able to move across the street.

Ms. Joyce Hopson, Smith Avenue, expressed concern and complaint regarding yard sale permit signs requirements.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson 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 15 B , through items 15 R, 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 15A will be acted upon separately and item 16 is a Resolution added to the agenda and will be acted upon separately.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley 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.37-07, authorizing signing of the NJDOT Trust Fund 2008.

RESOLUTION NO 38-07, authorizing submission application HDSRF for North Laurel Street Brownfields investigation project.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-07, authorizing submission of application HDSRF for East Commerce Street Brownfields investigation project.

RESOLUTION NO.40-07, authorizing submission of application HDSRF for North Pearl Street Brownfields investigation project.

RESOLUTION NO.41-07, authorizing submission of application HDSRF for Water Street Brownfields investigation project.

RESOLUTION NO.42-07, authorizing submission of application HDSRF for Water Street Brownfields investigation project.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-07, authorizing submission of application HDSRF for Rosenhayn Avenue Brownfields investigation project.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-07, authorizing agreement with Theodore Ritter regarding Victory Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-07, authorizing consent for remedial activities at former Bridgeton Manufacturing Gas Plant.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-07, granting tenure to Kevin Maloney, Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-07, authorizing agreement with Bridgeton Housing Authority for police services.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-07, authorizing veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-07, authorizing senior citizen tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-07, authorizing professional service agreement with GPM Associates.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-07, modification of contract for Lawrence Street concrete sidewalks.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-07, accepting recommendation from Planning Board designating rehabilitation area.

RESOLUTION NO.53-07, authorizing veteran tax exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-07, authorizing senior citizen exemption.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-07, authorizing discharge UEZ Loan with Sandra R. Riley.

The Clerk presented the following Resolutions outside the consent agenda:

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 56-00, authorizing agreement with Tri-County Community Action Agency, Inc. to implement and provide a Work Program pursuant to Community Development Block Grant Funding was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Kelly abstaining. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 57-07, authorizing agreement with County Improvement Authority for purchase/lease of certain vehicles was adopted by roll call vote with Mr. Kelly abstaining. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 2,149,167.13 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 Department
Comptroller's Office
Municipal Clerk's Office

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore 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. Spence called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley, no comments,

Pres. Spence called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly commented on the need of more communication so that can be informed of things.(the appointment of Chief of Police)

Councilwoman Riley expressed concern over the yard sale issue and reported on the Health Insurance for children which was held at the Marino Center with U.S. Senator Mendez.

Councilman Salvatore addressed the issues brought before Council informing those present their concerns would be addressed and taken into consideration.

Councilman Thompson, no comments.

Pres. Spence also gave input on the Health Insurance issues that were addressed at the Marino Center by U.S. Senator Mendez

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