

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 14, 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 10, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on August 10, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Thompson and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

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

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. 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.

Mr. Douglas Van Sant, Franklin Drive, appealed to Council to reconsider adopting the ordinance.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Salvatore and seconded by 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.

Councilwoman Riley elaborated upon her position and her reason for voting opposing the Ordinance.

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

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	Mr. Kelly		
	Ms. Riley		

Mr. Salvatore			
Mr. Thompson			
Pres. Spence			

Pres. Salvatore declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-9, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Kelly RESOLUTION NO. 59-07, authorizing police services agreement with NIA Associates, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore and second by Ms. Riley RESOLUTION NO. 60-07, authorizing transfers in various appropriations, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

The Clerk announced that is all the business she has to come before Council at this time.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Salvatore to open the meeting to the public for any one desiring to address Council at this time, which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for any one desiring to address Council.

Mr. George Loose, Spring Street, expressed concern over illegal immigrants in our City, State and Country.

Mr. Douglas Van Sant, Franklin Drive, expressed his disappointment on the outcome of the Ordinance adopted this evening.

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, commented on the statement made by the Chief of Police in the newspaper article that he is glad that they are focusing on the downtown issues and the increased patrol of police in the park area that he is appreciative of that.

Mr. Fred Weber, Hopewell, expressed concern and requested clarification on the form he received for rental property regarding income producing property.

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

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Spence called upon the Mayor for comments.

Mayor Begley, thanked everyone for coming, commented concerning the decision of the Public Safety Director, and he understands the money is a big issue but there is quite a difference between last years budget and this years that we will be able to absorb this salary and not see it reflected in our taxes and if any one has any questions come to Administrator or him and we will do our best resolve the issue.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly no comments.

Councilwoman Riley no comments.

Councilman Thompson commented no disrespect to his colleagues who he ran with during the election. His statements were not to discredit or disown or disrespect them. He just wanted to say that he is here as an individual and he respects everyone and when he seen the concern of the City he switched his vote. He tries to hear the pulse of the City and how his vote appears out in the front he has no control of that, but he is here because of concern and he would appreciate that consideration.

Councilman Salvatore commented that he appreciates Mr. Loose comments and we all can agree and recognize the concern of illegal immigrants and that a lot of the areas around do not have affordable housing and the impact is here in Bridgeton. He assured him that Council President Spence and he will contact Legislatures regarding the problems.

He also addressed the issue of Public Director's salary that the money is here to pay Mr. Ferguson's salary.

Mr. Salvatore further stated that he is an independent he has own head on his own shoulders and makes his own decisions and he is thrilled with this decision concerning Mr. Ferguson,

Mr. Salvatore also commented on the income producing property that these forms have been going out every single year these are things that should have been constantly going out and it is knowledge and information which we need to move the City along.

Pres. Spence commented that we were a group of independent people who got together not a party and we still are today independent just as everyone has said with their own head on their own shoulders.

He also addressed the issue of Mr. Loose that he will contact the legislatures on the illegal immigrants.

Mr. Spence further thanked everyone for coming out and stated it was a difficult vote to make in that no one likes to spend money and he has been trusting all along that our administration was able to come up with the necessary funds to pay for this.

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

Pres. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Date: _____

Council President William D. Spence