

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 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 August 11, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on August 11, 2006 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Thompson and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Riley.

The following answered to roll call:

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

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 90-9 OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Thompson that said ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing, and final consideration be held on September 5, 2006 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 277 OF THE CITY CODE

It was moved by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Kelly that said ordinance is adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be held on September 5, 2006 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Kelly RESOLUTION NO. 43-06, authorizing preliminary tax levy, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Thompson RESOLUTION NO. 44-06, authorizing professional service agreement with T&M Associates for Sunset Lake Raceway Dam study, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Riley RESOLUTION NO. 45-06, confirming appointment Michael Suppa to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley RESOLUTION NO. 46-06, confirming appointment of Michael Zapolski to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 47-06, confirming appointment of Chasity Williams to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence
RESOLUTION NO. 48-06, extending interlocal service agreement with County for Project Vision, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 49-06, authorizing emergency appropriation in Temporary Budget, Capital Water/Sewer Account, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Spence
RESOLUTION NO. 50-06, appointing Director of Economic Development and Planning, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Mr. Kelly
RESOLUTION NO. 51-06, authorizing memorandum of understanding with Department of Community Affairs, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 52-06, authorizing Veteran tax exemption, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and seconded by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 53-06, authorizing Senior Citizen tax exemption, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Thompson
RESOLUTION NO. 54-06, authorizing tax office record changes, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Riley
RESOLUTION NO. 55-06, renewal of Samuel J. Roberts Lodge Alcoholic Beverage License, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$595,314.41 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly 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 an application for Taxicab Owner from Quick Service Cab and Transport, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Block off Street from Bridgeton Commons, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence to approve the application and issue the Permit, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for hanging a temporary banner from Assembly of God Church Drama Ministry, all papers in order, for Council's consideration.

Pres. Salvatore pointed out that the Church is aware of the fact that the banner must be hung on Commerce Street.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Spence to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Mexican Independence Celebration use of city property from LaPaz, Inc., all papers and fees in order with exception of Insurance Certificate, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence to approve the application and issue the Permit subject to receipt of insurance certificate, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Raffle for Carnival Games from Gospel Cathedral Baptist Church/LaPaz Inc., all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Spence to approve the application and issue the Permit subject to insurance certificate insurance received as part of the Mexican Independence Celebration, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Raffle from St. Teresa of Avila Church, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented an application for Bingo from St. Teresa of Avila Church, all papers and fees in order, for Council's consideration.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the application and issue the license, which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Public Works
City Clerk's Office
Police Department

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Spence 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.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Spence 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.

Mr. Jerome Lane, 301 W. Commerce Street, registered a problem regarding property he has purchased from the City with an abandoned building on it.

Ms. Sue Jenkins, Penn Street, expressed concern over off street parking and use of alleyway. (submitted pictures)

Ms. Delores Batten, 56 Albertson Avenue, thanked the City for coming and cutting the grass on the lot across from her and expressed concern over keeping the City clean and to encourage residents to keep their own properties.

Mr. Bob Thompson, N. Pearl Street, expressed concern over the alleyways and back yard trash and sticker fees and suggested a moratorium before it begins.

Mr. Hector Lopez, Harrison Avenue, thanked council for approving his taxicab owner license this evening and the Clerk's office for their assistance.

Ms. Goldie Wulderk, N. Pearl Street, suggested that an amount of fines be placed on the no littering signs and also expressed concern over trash in the alleyways and would like to see the alleys opened once again.

Mr. David Miller, River Road, spoke in opposition of the trash ordinance stickers as a landlord in the city.

Mr. Paul Amoranto, expressed concern over receiving two tax bills a year instead of just one and suggested that the City sell the water/sewer division and on the trash stickers.

Ms. JoAnn D'Arrigo, 158 West Commerce Street, commented on the ordinance regarding trash stickers, hoping that Council will rethink it and consider the complaints.

Mr. Matt Cyerson, 3 Smith Avenue, commented on Waste Management contract, at which time Pres. Salvatore explained it was a bid submitted according to the specifications, Mr. Cyerson further expressed concern over the trash matter.

Ms. Ruth Harbert, N. West Drive, expressed concern for the disabled person taking containers to the curb and also on the obstruction of view at intersections.

Mr. Anthony Debuno, N. Burlington Road, commented on the trash problem.

Ms. Carrie Johnson, South Avenue, expressed concern over property condition on South Avenue and also the purchase of property next to their church.

Mr. Rulon Brooks, wished administration luck, and commented on the vision problem at corners and trash problem with overcrowding.

Mr. Claude Robinson, Spring Street, commented on street sweeping and bid advertisement for new vehicles in paper and also use of the city vehicles and the moratorium on the trash and 70 percent compensation.

Mr. Wayne Stewart, East Avenue, expressed concern over trash generated in City and the problem of over crowding.

Ms. Sue Nesky, commented in opposition of the three dollar fee for trash stickers.

Ms. Florence Veale, Indian Run Apartments, expressed concern over the recycling because of the glass broken on the street and the fine job the enforcement officer does in issuing tickets for the street sweeper.

Mr. John Haddock, N. Pearl Street, commented on overcrowding and trash issue.

Ms. Crystal Denby/Dionne Edwards, Park Avenue and Dare Avenue from Hart family, commented that on August first her father addressed council about the trash and died outside in the back of City Hall he did not agree with three dollar sticker and she does not and her mother being elder will not be able to handle the container.

Mr. Paul Ritter, Smith Avenue, commented on the senior citizen discount for trash and could they be made aware of it in the future on how to apply for them.

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

Pres. Salvatore closed the public portion of the meeting.

Pres. Salvatore called upon Council for comments.

Councilman Kelly commented that we are blessed to have a good Council President who is responsive and the entire Council will be responsive to the community we have spoken regarding the moratorium on the trash for the three dollars and we do have hard decisions to make.

Councilwoman Riley thanked everyone for coming out and giving their thoughts and points of view and helping council to understand which will help us make better decisions.

Councilman Thompson stated he wants the community to know that this council cares about the community and the people and they have discussed and shared the same exact sentiments that have been petitioned here concerning the three dollar issue, trash issue, and trash abuse issue.

We are for the betterment of this community and it is time for us to love our neighbor and be concerned about who is disabled and can not bring it down, who is elderly and needs help, let's work together in this city.

Councilman Spence thanked everyone for coming and addressed the issue regarding Waste Management position and the bidding process.

Mr. Spence further expressed concern over the three dollar sticker issue and we have to do something about it due to the amount of trash generated and a committee is being established to address the overcrowding problem which will address a lot of other different things going on in the city, thanked those again for coming out.

Pres. Salvatore thanked everyone for coming out and Mr. Allen and Mr. Pender from Waste Management for coming out and addressing some of trash issues.

He assured everyone that nothing is etched in stone and can be changed and asked for patience and thanked them for coming out and encouraged them to continue to come out.

Pres. Salvatore informed them that we may reconvene after an executive session to address some other issues and they are welcome to stay we will be back after they consider the executive matters.

Pres. Salvatore reconvened the meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Spence and second by Ms. Riley RESOLUTIO NO. 57-06, authorizing professional services with Sarah Birdsall for the Sheppard House, was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Spence RESOLUTION NO. 56-06, amend interlocal service agreement with the Port Authority, 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 Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. 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: _____