

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, September 4, 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 30, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on August 30, 2007 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. Salvatore  
Mr. Thompson  
Pres. Spence

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meeting of August 21, 2007 and Work Sessions of August 7, 2007 and August 14, 2007 all members having received copies

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

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore RESOLUTION NO. 73-07, recognizing Anthony Rafferty was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

Pres. Spence at this time presented the framed resolution to Anthony Rafferty in recognition of his brave act in saving the life of a resident of the Senior Citizen Hi- Rise. The Chief of Police Mark Ott also presented him with a \$10,000 scholarship application from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

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

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VACATING A PORTION OF PINE STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF BRIDGETON AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTY TOGETHER WITH OTHER LAND TO THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

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 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 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:

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

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-12, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

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. Kelly 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. Ellis McPherson, Elm Street, commended the Chief of Police regarding taking care of the vagrancy problem in his area.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 11A, through items 11F, 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.

Upon motion by Mr. Salvatore 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. 74-07, appointing a Risk Management Consultant.

RESOLUTION NO.75-07, authorizing interlocal service agreement with Cumberland County for Cohanzick Zoo.

RESOLUTION NO.76-07, authorizing application to NJUEZA for Façade Improvement Grant Project.

RESOLUTION NO.77-07, authorizing veterans tax exemptions.

RESOLUTION NO.78-07, authorizing tax levy.

RESOLUTION NO.79-07, waiving restrictions of Code for Kansas City Barbeque Festival

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$181,622.46 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Kelly 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 received the following applications for Council's consideration:

Block off Street – Lake Street Block Party  
Catering Permit – September 14 and 15, 2007  
Instant Raffle - St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Raffle – St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Bingo – St. Teresa of Avila Church

all papers and fees are in order.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Mr. Salvatore to approve said applications and issue permits which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Tax Collector's Annual Report  
Vital Statistics  
Municipal Clerk

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Salvatore 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 recognized Michael Zapolski on his work that he does on the City Website, he is doing an outstanding job.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly, no comments.

Councilwoman Riley commented that over the past couple of weeks the City has been going through and issue and the citizens have been given a chance to exercise their right to participate in their government. Today petitions were submitted and well over 450 signatures and if our administration has learned any thing from this process, she hopes that it would be that they need to listen to the people who live and work in the City and we can now put this behind and move forward with the knowledge that we the people have the power to hold our elected officials in check and demand that they be more sensitive to the concerns of the citizens of Bridgeton.

Councilman Salvatore concurred with the Mayor regarding Mr. Zapolski and that he does this free.

Councilman Thompson, no comments

Pres. Spence concurred with the Mayor and Councilman Salvatore regarding Mr. Zapolski and also commented on the Kansas City Barbeque to be held on September 14 and 15, 2007.

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:

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Council President William D. Spence  
Date: