

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 20, 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 November 15, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on November 15, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Kelly and flag salute was led by Councilman Thompson.

The following answered to roll call:

Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley

Absent: Mr. Salvatore

Mr. Thompson
Pres. Spence

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meeting of November 7, 2007, all members having received copies.

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Riley 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 adoption of an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR AND REBUILDING OF THE SUNSET LAKE RACEWAY DAM IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,200,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Public hearing on this Ordinance was held on October 16, 2007.

It was moved by Mr. 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:

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Mr. Kelly
Ms. Riley

Mr. Salvatore

Mr. Thompson
Pres. Spence

Pres. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-17, 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. Warren Robinson, Hampton Street, questioned if anything was done in regards to his request to have the yellow stickers removed from the Ordinance.

Mayor and Pres. Spence responded, no. Pres. Spence explained that a moratorium to allow people to put things out without using the stickers for a two week period during the holiday season.

Mr. Robinson stated that the comment made last meeting regarding a petition was not a threat but a comment and since nothing has been done regarding the stickers there will be a petition drive to have the removal of trash stickers from the ordinance.

Mr. Michael Abbott, East Commerce Street, commented that the Mayor, Administrator and Solicitor are doing a fine job.

Mr. Abbott also expressed concern over the money received from towing of cars and paper work for towing and suggested that someone readdress the chief law enforcement officer of this County to see if he could pursue it a little bit.

Mr. Abbott made comments regarding Councilwoman Riley that she is a breath of fresh air for the City and for the most part is doing a pretty good job. But he was disappointed in her at the last council meeting when she told a resident of the city to ignore the sign to be posted about yard sales that was a bad thing to do.

Mr. Abbott expressed concern over the parking of cars in yards and in alleys that it is awful, housing department with public access to records being denied, landlords, and police that Chief Ott is doing a good job, he wished he had more men and that they would slow down because there presences is a great thing.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Kelly 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 13A , through items 13B, 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 13C is an addition 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.152-07, authorizing execution of a subordination mortgage, Sarah Newton.

RESOLUTION NO.153-07, cancellation unexpended and dedicated balances of water/sewer capital appropriations.

RESOLUTION NO.154-07, authorizing participation in New Jersey State Health Benefits.

The Clerk announced at this time that the items 7, 8, 9, and 10 were inadvertently placed on the agenda and that official action was advertised for December 4, 2007 and will be officially acted upon at that time and apologized to Council and those present.

The items were Ordinances listed as follows:

7. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-21 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

8. ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 07-1 AMENDING CHAPTER 3-21 (A) (3) OF THE GENERAL CODE REGARDING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

9. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203-14 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

10. AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND RATES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$273,726.68, 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 announced she has received the following application for Council's consideration:

Application from St. Teresa of Avila Church for a Calendar Raffle for the year 2008, all papers are in order and fee paid.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley to approve the application and grant the Raffle License which motion was carried.

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Public Works Department
Comptroller's Office

It was moved by Mr. Kelly 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 wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and a warm thank you to Raul Cias who on Saturday finished painting up the Nail House exterior. He had a four men crew who volunteered and painted the entire outside of the building.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly, no comments.

Councilwoman Riley, no comments.

Councilman Thompson, no comments

Pres. Spence explained that the sticker program is working well.

He stated that there are those willing to help those who can not get out to the convenience center, along with himself and asked if Mr. Robinson would be interested in assisting or take charge of it or not?

Mr. Robison responded the problem is the three dollars, no.

Pres. Spence reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade this Sunday, and also on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the Marino Center the Master Plan will be discussed and opened to the City residents for input and questions and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving

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

Pres. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____ Council President Spence

Date: _____