

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Bridgeton City Council was held on Tuesday, December 18, 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 December 14, 2007 4:30 p.m.
2. By mailing such notice to the Bridgeton News and the Press on December 14, 2007 at 4:30 p.m." The invocation was delivered by Councilman Salvatore and flag salute was led by Councilwoman Riley.

The following answered to roll call:

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

At this time Pres. Spence turned the meeting over to the Mayor for swearing of several Fire Fighters.

Chief Schoch and family members pinned badge on the candidates.

The Clerk presented the minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2007 and Work Session of November 7, 2007 all members having received copies.

It was moved by Ms. Riley and second by Mr. Kelly that the minutes be approved with correction of Ms. Riley's name and to add comments made by Mr. Zapolski to be included in full 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:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 45 LOT 14 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Thompson 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 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. Spence declared the ordinance adopted becoming ORDINANCE NO. 07-21, the original ordinance may be found in the Ordinance Book.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 149 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Ms. Riley that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be January 15, 2008, which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AMBULANCES AND EMS EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$415,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$394,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Kelly that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be January 15, 2007 which motion was carried by roll call vote with Ms. Riley abstaining .

The Clerk announced item eleven was removed from the agenda which was Ordinance Amending Chapter 203-14 and 203-20 of the General Code of the City of Bridgeton.

The following Ordinances were added to the Agenda:

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 334 ET. SEQ.

It was moved by Mr. Salvatore and second by Mr. Thompson that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be January 15, 2008 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk read an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 347 ET. SEQ.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and second by Ms. Riley that this ordinance be adopted on first reading and that second reading, public hearing and final consideration be January 15, 2008 which motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk presented Resolution to read Budget by title only for the public hearing for Council's consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore RESOLUTION NO. 169-07, to read the SFY 2008 Municipal Budget by title only for the public hearing was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. The original resolution may be found in the Resolution Book.

The Clerk announced this being the time place set for public portion on the SFY 2008 Municipal Budget

It was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Kelly, that the meeting be opened to the public for anyone desiring to be heard the 2008 Municipal Budget, which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence opened the meeting to the public for anyone desiring to be heard.

No one else desiring to be heard, it was moved by Mr. Thompson and second by Mr. Salvatore to close the public hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget which motion was carried.

Pres. Spence closed the public portion of the meeting.

The Clerk announced that this is time for the public portion of the meeting anyone desiring to address Council on the Consent Agenda or any other matter.

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

Mr. Michael Zapolski, West Avenue, commented on Resolution adopted by Vineland preserving the definition of marriage between a man and a woman and they are now the second City to do that in the State of New Jersey to do that Elizabeth being the first in June. He is asking Council if they would entertain a similar Resolution as that which was approved in Vineland Resolution 2007-590.

Mr. Ellis McPherson, N. Elm Street, expressed concern over leaf pick up and condition of Manheim Avenue.

Mr. Damon Dunns, registered complaint concerning his property in regards to inspections.

Ms. Delores Batten, Albertson Avenue, complimented the Mayor and Council on the fine job they doing.

Ms. Ruth Richman, Hampton Street, expressed concern over the renewal Samuel J. Roberts Lodge License.

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.

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda Statement:

All matters listed under items 15A, through items 15H, 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. Items 15I to 15L were additions to the agenda.

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 roll call vote with Mr. Kelly abstaining from Resolution listed as 15 J on the agenda. The original resolutions may be found in the Resolution Book.

RESOLUTION NO.170-07 ,authorizing amendment to 2008 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 171-00,authorizing Petty Cash

RESOLUTION NO. 172-07, Samuel J. Roberts Lodge Alcoholic Beverage License non-renewal of license

RESOLUTION NO. 173-07, authorizing shared services study with County for 9 1 1 Services

RESOLUTION NO. 174-07, authorizing maintenance agreements for Phase IV of Bridgeton Housing Authority HOPE VI Redevelopment Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 175-07 , authorizing purchase of financial software by State Contract Edmunds & Associates, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-07 , authorizing sale of Block 95, Lots 48, 49 and 50

RESOLUTION NO. 177-07, approving tax abatement agreement for Block 17, Lot 1.02

RESOLUTION NO. 178-07, authorizing CDBG Funds for playground equipment Tri-County Community Action Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 179-07, authorizing Quick Towing to operate

RESOLUTION NO. 180-07, authorizing Tax Office changes

RESOLUTION NO. 181-07, authorizing amendment to lease agreement with Port Authority.

The Clerk presented the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$ 875,011.71 all members having received copies.

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

The Clerk presented the following reports:

Comptroller's Office Budget Report

It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Thompson 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 holiday and new year and see everyone in 2008.

Pres. Spence called upon Council for comments

Councilman Kelly no comments.

Councilwoman Riley to remember that there are people who are in need of your help and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Councilman Salvatore reminded those present to report tags that have been present beyond the sixty day limit in the neighborhood.

He further apologized to Mr. Dunns, and assured him that he would be contacted by Council President.

Councilman Salvatore addressed the issue concerning the Freeholders meeting and they are reaching out to get another opinion concerning the property.

He reminded those present of the bridge work that will be starting next month and wished everyone a happy holiday and safe and prosperous holiday and for our City also.

Councilman Thompson - happy holiday.

Pres. Spence wished his colleagues and everyone here a happy holiday and employees that were present, the best of holiday.

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:

Council President William D. Spence

Date: