

May 5, 2021
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 5:00 P.M. with Mayor Sera presiding.

Present: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: Bew.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute. .

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Recognition of 12 and Under State Ice Hockey Champions: AC Shark

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approve the Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approve the 04/07/21 Council Meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

No public comments were made.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 6 of 2021

Amending Chapter 257 to Prohibit the Smoking of Marijuana in Public Areas

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 6 of 2021. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Sera spoke about the ordinance stating that there is currently a prohibition on smoking cigarettes and a prohibition on alcohol in public places and at the time those were passed marijuana was illegal; further stating that this ordinance brings things up to code with the new changes from the State.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 7 of 2021

Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses within its Geographical Boundaries and Amending Section 198-62 of the Municipal Code

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 7 of 2021. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Sera commented that when the State passed the law regarding marijuana, it overturned the City ordinance, stating that this ordinance was needed to reinstitute the City laws.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to introduce the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 8 OF 2021

REMOVAL OF HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 209 3RD STREET SOUTH

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-83

AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT SERVICES

City Manager, James Bennett explained that this is the fourth year that the City has shared services with Galloway in regards to the Purchasing Agent.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-84

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE CHAPTER 159: COPS IN SHOPS

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-85

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND EVIDENCE
MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Police Chief Rich Casamento explained that the law mandates that all uniform patrol in New Jersey have body worn cameras as of June 1st.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-86

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mayor Sera explained that the water meters will be remote read, which will help facilitate the process.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-87

WORK CHANGE ORDER #1 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING STORM WATER PUMP
STATION LOCATED AT 12TH STREET AND EAST EVANS BLVD

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-88

RENTAL INSPECTION FEE REFUND

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-89

RENTAL INSPECTION FEE REFUND

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-90

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE
ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.
DeLucry: “Abstain”.

Motion Carried.

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By Voice Resolution, Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to name the Pickle Ball Courts after Kathy Ewing.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: City Manager, James Bennett stated that the paving project on Sarazan to Vardon will begin May 10th, commented that the reconstruction of Pickle/Tennis Courts is underway, stated that the uneven pavement will be repaired at the bottom of the bridge and announced that both lanes will be open going both directions on both sides of the bridge by May 24th. Councilman Haney stated that the Summer concert series will begin June 9th. Councilman DeLucry encouraged all to plant some plants to beautify Brigantine. Councilman Riordan spoke positively about the lifting of some covid restrictions, reminded all of the upcoming events and spoke about the Cultural Arts “Red, White and Brigantine” contest. Mayor Sera thanked Public Works for the great work they did at the Links, gave a Skate Park

update, asked for an update on the paving at the North End of the Boulevard and announced that the City will be working on the Water Towers

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Public Comments

Jeanette Kessler of 4 Kirby Place spoke on behalf of the Green Team and announced the “Buy Local” campaign, reminded all of the Farmers Market opening day and stated the free yard sale weekend dates are June 11-13th.

Dave Roantree of 4540 W. Brigantine Avenue spoke about the Farmers Market.

John Johnson thanked the City for assisting him and other seniors in getting Covid vaccinations and commented on the Public Works building.

Close of Public Comment.

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Mayor Sera asked if the Historical Museum would be open this season, stating that it was closed last year and Mr. Bennett stated that it was the Museums decision to close last year and that he would look into this season’s schedule, if any. Mayor Sera stated that people had asked him if the City restricted them from opening and he wanted to make it clear that the City did not. Mayor Sera then wished Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers. City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC asked Ms. Kessler if the Green Team would be doing a virtual map for the city-wide yard sale and she stated that the information regarding this is on social media. Mayor Sera asked the Green Team to put information out there regarding the lifting of the Plastic Bag Ban.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC