

August 4, 2021
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer. Councilwoman Bew then asked for a moment of silence for Michael Lange, Sr.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-143

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Roll Call: All “Yes”

Motion Carried.

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City Clerk Lynn Sweeney read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, excluding the public from a meeting in certain circumstances.

Council retired to executive session at 5:05 P/M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:25 P.M.

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City Manager, James Bennett reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: contract negotiations. City Solicitor Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed a matter of litigation, Malone vs. City of Brigantine.

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

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the 07/14/21 Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street commented on Resolution 2021-150.

Close of Public Comment.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 14 of 2021

Handicap Parking Space
310 27th Street

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 14 of 2021. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 15 of 2021

Handicap Parking Space
214 7th Street South

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 15 of 2021. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance No. 16 of 2021

Bond Ordinance

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 16 of 2021. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Sera stated that this was for the long-term contract for the maintenance and repair of the water towers.

Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto explained how the funds will be used.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 2021

AMENDING CHAPTER 105-6 OF THE CODE REGARDING REGULATING BEACHES
AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Mr. Bennett explained the changes made to the ordinance.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2021

BAYSIDE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-145

AUTHORIZING A CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH VIPLY, LLC
FOR THE ELECTRONIC SALES AND DISTRIBUTION OF BEACH TAGS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2021-146

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REPAIR STORMWATER PUMP

Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring explained that this was to rebuild the current pump that is nine years old.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-147

WORK CHANGE ORDER #1 RECONSTRUCTION OF SHERIDAN BLVD FROM
VARDON ROAD TO SARAZEN ROAD

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2021-148

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-149

BEACH BADGE FEE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2021-150

AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR AFSCME COUNCIL 63

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. 6th Street North Block Party Request
- B. Heald Road Block Party Request
- C. Beach Cove Block Party Request
- D. Elks Raffle License #940

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Councilwoman Bew spoke about the Links saying the numbers are up, stated that the Farmers Market is doing wonderful and asked for additional dates of October 30th and November 20th, praised all who put together National Night Out stating it was a very well run event, spoke about the First Ward Meeting that was held, announced that there are much needed repairs that need to be done to the Links Building and Cart Barn explained that an RFP will be available soon.

By voice resolution, Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to have the City Manager move ahead with the RFP process to get recommendations for repairs needed at The Links.

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

Motion Carried.

Councilman Lettieri stated that the flagpole project is completed, stated that the County was out to do repairs to the Sewall and praised the efforts of all involved with National Night Out. Councilman DeLucry stated that the town is more crowded than ever, commenting that everyone needs to enjoy it respectfully. Councilman DeLucry then left the meeting at 6:00 PM. Councilman Kane stated that he has received negative feedback on the county’s decision to put cement on the center island of the Boulevard and praised the Garden Club for beautifying the City. Councilman Riordan spoke about the “Red. White and Brigantine” campaign, reminded all of the Food Truck Festival, stated that there are plans for a “Hero Parade” on September 11th and a “Half Way to St. Patrick’s Day” parade on the 18th and announced that the Under 13 World Series of Babe Ruth is taking place in Jamestown, NY and the Atlantic Shore Team will be going, stating that they are looking for support for the team and a Brigantine resident that is on the team. Councilman Sera praised all the efforts for National Night Out, discussed the construction on the Boulevard and spoke about the County’s decision to put concrete on the center median. Mayor Sera then stated that Council asked Police, Fire and Public Works for their input regarding the center median and what could be placed there and Police Chief Rich Casamento spoke about the projected project. Mayor Sera spoke about various safety issues he has observed on the roads in town. Mayor Sera then discussed the proposed County Wide Court System, stating that there is a subcommittee to review the County’s proposal that consists of himself, Councilman DeLucry, Councilman Kane & Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto; stating further that the committee has requested further information from the County.

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Public Comments

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about the voice resolution to have the Manager move ahead with the RFP process to get recommendations for repairs needed at The Links.

Ralph Lamanna of 600 W. Brigantine Ave. commented on the Golf Course.

George Grober of 301 20th Street commented on the Golf Course.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew 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 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC