

January 15, 2025  
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, Haney, Virgilio, Kane, Riordan, Sera.  
Absent: None.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute. Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for Charlie Guenther.

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Christine Murray, Acting City Clerk read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act

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Proclamation presentation for City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC.

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Swearing In of First Ward Councilperson Karen Bew.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to approve the 1/2/25 Council Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, Virgilio, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".  
Bew: "Abstain".

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

City of Brigantine  
Ordinance No. 1 of 2025

To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 1 of 2025. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine  
Ordinance No. 2 of 2025

Handicap Parking 103 30th Street

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 2 of 2025. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
ORDINANCE 3 OF 2025

REMOVAL OF A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 2904 BAYSHORE AVENUE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-24

SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE FY 2025 LOCAL  
RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

City Manager, Tige Platt explained the details of the grant stating that it would be to improve the playground on East Shore Drive. Mr. Platt spoke about the playground project stating that all the details are posted on the City website along with a survey for the public to complete. Mr. Platt further stated that there is also a public meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Golf Links regarding. Mayor Sera commented that the City has been maintaining the playground, but stated that now the equipment is too old to repair.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-25

ESTABLISHING THE RATE INCREASE FOR THE FARMERS MARKET TRUST FUND

Members of the Farmers Market Committee spoke about the rate increase. Mayor Sera thanked committee members for all the work they do to make the Farmers Market a success.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-26

AUTHORING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE A PETITION OF APPEAL

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-27

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A COURT OVERPAYMENT

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Virgilio, 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 2025-28

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A TRASH CONTAINER PAYMENT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-29

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
OVERPAYMENT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-30

AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY GREEN ACRES FUNDING APPLICATION

Mayor Sera explained that this was the grant that was discussed with Resolution 2025-24.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2054-31

AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO NEW STORMWATER PUMP STATION &  
RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION AT 12TH STREET NORTH AND EAST EVANS  
BOULEVARD

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-32

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES FOR STORM SEWER  
IMPROVEMENTS TO BAYSHORE AVE FROM 38TH STREET TO LIGHTHOUSE CIRCLE

Mayor Sera explained that this resolution is in regards to the flooding on the South End of the Island, further explaining that this stretch of road is being repaved, but state that while the street is open, the infrastructure will be repaired to minimize the flooding.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-33

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH POLISTINA & ASSOCIATES FOR  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 14TH  
STREET SOUTH BULKHEAD AND DRAINAGE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-34

ACCEPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ESTIMATES FOR THE  
FOURTH ROUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

Mayor Sera explained the need for the resolution, saying that the State of NJ through the Supreme Court has determined that every municipality has an obligation to provide affordable housing and that every ten years the state comes up with a number of units that they believe Brigantine should be able to provide. Mayor Sera continued to explain that this resolution is confirming that the present need is 13 units and the prospective need is 19 units; stating that this resolution is stating that the City accepts these totals.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-36

LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PARTICIPANT'S HIGHWAY SPEED FEEDBACK  
SIGNS

City Manager, Tige Platt explained that this grant allows for the use of the electronic speed check signs. Mayor Sera stated that this is and Resolution 2025-37 are a grant from the county that is at no cost to the City.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2025-37

LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PARTICIPANT'S HIGHWAY DIGITAL SIGNS

City Manager, Tige Platt explained that this grant allows for the use of the digital message board signs.

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tiger Platt thanked City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC for all she has done and wished her a happy retirement. Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring thanked Mrs. Sweeney for all she has done. Police Chief Rich Casamento wished Mrs. Sweeney a happy retirement and thanked her for all she has done for the City and the Police Department. Fire Chief Paul Fuller thanked Mrs. Sweeney for all she has done for the Fire Department and for the City and wished luck to Acting City Clerk, Christine Murray. Councilwoman Bew thanked Mrs. Sweeney for all she has done and wished her a happy

retirement, praised Mrs. Murray saying she will do a great job, thanked CER director Jim Mogan and his daughter Kim for all their assistance with the recent cruise trip and wished Mayor Sera “Happy Birthday”. Councilman Lettieri mentioned that construction has begun on the North End for curbing and street repaving, congratulated Mrs. Sweeney on her retirement & wished luck to Mrs. Murray. Councilman Haney wished Mrs. Sweeney a wonderful retirement and spoke about the proposed windmill project saying that hopefully the project will be denied since President Elect Donald Trump spoke of his opposition to the project. Councilman Virgilio congratulated Councilwoman Bew on her swearing in and praised Mrs. Sweeney for all the things she has done for the community and for the Elks. Councilman Kane thanked Mrs. Sweeney for all she has done and wished her a happy retirement, congratulated Councilwoman Bew and gave his condolences to the Guenther Family. Councilman Riordan thanked Mrs. Sweeney for all of her countless hours of volunteering for the community and praised her for her dedication to her position, congratulated Councilwoman Bew, thanked the Chamber of Commerce acknowledging the newly elected President and Vice President saying the Chamber has a lot of events planned for 2025 and thanked the Green Team for the success of the Farmers Market. Mayor Sera spoke about how well council and the departments in the City get along and how it is a good team, praised Mrs. Sweeney for all she has done, congratulated Acting City Clerk, Christine Muray, thanked Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring and his staff for working so hard while handling the snow storm, gave an update on a South Jersey Gas project on the Boulevard at the South End, gave an update on the proposed windmill project saying that he has been in contact with Congressman VanDrew saying that President Trump is supposed to be issuing an executive order to stop the project.

By voice resolution, Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to reappoint the following to the Planning Board; Mayor Vince Sera, Fie Captain Kyle Driscoll, Councilman Paul Lettieri, Dorie Herndon, Jay Ferreira, Paul Amalfitano and Alexis Isenberg.

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

Motion Carried.

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#### Public Comment

Micheal Galli of 112 12<sup>th</sup> Street North spoke about property assessments, saying that his taxes came in higher than he expected and asked for guidance as to what he can do and Mayor Sera suggested that Mr. Galli speak to the Tax Assessor for details and for questions regarding a tax appeal.

Dan Hogan of 223 8th Street South spoke about the State Lead Service Line program and Mayor Sera explained the state mandate.

#### Close of Public Comment

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri 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 6:10 P.M.

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Mayor Vince Sera

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Acting City Clerk, Christine Murray