

January 17, 2024
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, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: None.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2024-19
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Publics Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey permits the discussion of certain matters within an Executive Session, as an exception to certain provisions of said laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brigantine wishes to discuss certain matters which qualify as exceptions in Executive Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE THAT:

1. There is hereby authorized an Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Brigantine, for the purpose of discussing certain matters which qualify under said Open Public Meetings Act. No action binding upon the City Council will be disclosed to the public when legally permitted and when the public interest will no longer be served by keeping such matters confidential.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

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

Motion Carried.

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC 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 5:18 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney George Morris reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: one matter of personnel regarding committee appointments.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri approve the 01/03/2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

Municipal Attorney George Morris commented that Councilman Riordan should have abstained from voting because he was not present at that meeting and Councilman Riordan responded that he watched the video of the meeting. Mr. Morris stated that his vote of yes could then be allowed.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street questioned if Resolution 2024-20 was a new program and Mayor Sera responded that this was a new requirement for the community rating system.

Close of Public Comment.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance No. 1 of 2024

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

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 1 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2024

AMENDING CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODE OF BRIGANTINE
SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-20

APPROVING ATLANTIC-CAPE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM
FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

Roll Call: Bew, 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 2024-21

FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND
SETTING THE GRACE PERIOD

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-22

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-23

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2024

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-24

EXEMPTING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS FROM VENDOR CERTIFICATION

Roll Call: Bew, 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 2024-25

AUTHORIZING CBIZ BENEFITS & INSURANCE SERVICES, INC TO PROVIDE
ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR THE LIFEGUARD PENSION PLAN

Roll Call: Bew, 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 2024-26

AUTHORIZING PARKMOBILE LLC TO PROVIDE PARKING PERMIT FEE SOFTWARE

Mayor Sera commented that this was in reference to the parking permits for the Municipal parking lots, saying that the City is moving more toward online services and more cashless in the City. Mayor Sera stated further that this app will allow people to buy the parking pass online.

Roll Call: Bew, 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 2024-27

APPOINTMENT OF LICENSED WATER OPERATOR

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-28

APPOINTMENT OF LICENSED WASTEWATER OPERATOR

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the following requests:

A St. Thomas Raffle License #1044

B. Primal Surf Sup Tournament Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt wished Mayor Sera a Happy Birthday. Councilwoman Bew wished Mayor Sera a Happy Birthday, asked everyone to be aware of black ice due to the extreme cold temperatures and presented the appointments for Recreation Commission, Golf Course Committee and the Green Team. Councilman Lettieri wished Mayor Sera a happy birthday and presented the appointments for the Municipal Alliance. Councilman Haney asked everyone to stay safe and warm with the extreme cold temperatures and presented the appointments for the Clean Communities Commission. Councilman DeLucry wished Mayor Sera a Happy Birthday and presented the appointments for the Beach Committee. Councilman Kane wished Mayor Sera a Happy Birthday and stated that the Graden Club Advisory Board appointments will be presented at a later meeting. Councilman Riordan wished Mayor Sera a Happy Birthday, congratulated the Polar Beach Committee for a successful event and presented the appointments for the Cultural Arts Commission and the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. Mayor Sera presented the appointments for Planning Board, gave an update on the abandoned Conoco gas station, stated that a meeting is being set with a consultant to look into the erosion at the Cove beach and thanked everyone for the birthday wishes.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to the Recreation Commission: Paul Amalfitano, Mike Stinson, Frank Burbridge, John Johnson, Ed Fitzgerald, Paul Kabala, Dennis Haney, Karen Bew, Guy Porpora, Paul Danaher, Tom Repici, Lauren Doran, Bob Galbraith, Jim Mogan, Joe Urbonas, Betsy Dougherty, Susan Shotland, Mark Virgilio & Devin Findley.

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

Motion Caried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Kane moved, seconded Councilwoman Bew by to appoint the following to the Golf Course Committee: Steve Dove, Rich Herbein & Matt Doran.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Green Team: Jeanette Kessler (Chair), Karen Bew, Karen Geller, Donna Piekarski, Fran Paullin, Linda McAllister & Judy Starkey.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to Municipal Alliance: John DiMatteo (Chair), Dawn Jones (Coordinator), Paul Robinson, Andy Grossman, Irene Brodsky, Joanne Guglielmo, Paul Lettieri, Ann Phelps, John Gans, Rosie Culleny, Police Representative Jim Powderly, School Representative Kristen Barron, School Alternate Lisa Glick & School Alternate Glenn Robbins.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Clean Communities Commission: John Doring (Chair), Voting Members: Charlie Miller, James Doring, Madison Dickerson, Trish Cosgrove; Non-Voting Members: Vince Sera, Dennis Haney, Bill Barnish, Ann Phelps, Melissa Hannan, John DiMatteo Jr., Dawn Jones, Megan Baldwin, Erin Baldwin, Charles Gill, Pat Orchard & Janette Kessler.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution Councilman DeLucry moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Beach Committee: Rick DeLucry (Chair), Voting Members: Paul Lettieri, Christina Perry, Tony Saxby, Andy Grossman, Frank DeAngelis, Dar Sandler, Jay Ferreira, Joe Guglielmo, Ryan Hurst; Non-Voting Members: Murray Rosenberg, Fran Chambers, Danielle Smith, Angela Lang-Brindisi, Public Works Representative, John Doring, a Police Representative who shall be named at a later date, Fire Department Representative, Tim Daley and Beach Patrol Representative Fran Masino.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Cultural Arts Commission: Mary DeMarco (Chair), Pamela Carchidi, Grace Franzoi, Jane Ann Hart, Robert Kerns, Joanne DeMayo, Mike Riordan, Patricia Orchard & Leah Holcombe.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee: Vice Sera, Maria Handle, Jack Kelly, Angela Reynolds and Public Works Representative John Doring.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to the Planning Board: Vince Sera, Paul Lettieri, City Official Kyle Driscoll, Gene Nace (Alternate) & Fran Chambers (Alternate).

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment.

John Johnston of 36 Coquille Beach Drive asked for the status and the process to replace the lead water pipes. City Manager, Tige Platt stated the company H2M Associates has been hired to research construction records to see which properties are in need of replacing, further stated that the process will take many years to complete. Mayor Sera clarified that the City is moving forward as it is required to be completed over the next ten years.

Andrea Sullivan asked if Ordinance 14 of 2023 was in effect and who will oversee short-term rentals in the City. City Manager, Tige Platt explained that employees are currently being trained on the new software that will help with short-term rental issues.

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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 5:46 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC