

January 3, 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, Sera.
Absent: Riordan.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for Ann Haney who was the mother of Councilman Haney.

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Mayor Sera acknowledged County Commissioner Rich Dase who was in the audience and thanked him for the support with the Reconstruction of Brigantine project.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-1
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, 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 5:20 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney George Morris reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: personnel matters, contract matters and litigation update.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri approve the 12/20/23 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, DeLucry, Kane, Sera: "Yes".
Haney: "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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County Commissioner Rich Dase presented a county update.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2024

TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Chief Financial Officer, Albert Stanley explained the need for this ordinance.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-2

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CITY SOLICITOR

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-3

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
BOND COUNSEL

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-4

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
LABOR ATTORNEY

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-5

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-6

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CONSULTING ENGINEER POOL

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-7

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-8

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
PUBLIC DEFENDER

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-9

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-10

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
HEALTH INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-11

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
PLANNER & GRANT CONSULTANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-12

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-13

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
REGISTERED MUNICIPAL FINANCE ADVISORS

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 2024-14

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-15

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

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RESOLUTION 2024-16

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MARKET TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM AND CLOSING COST/DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAM WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-17

AUTHORIZE THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE A PETITION OF APPEALS(S)
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-18

TEMPORARY BUDGET

Chief Financial Officer, Albert Stanley explained that this will be in place until the budget is passed.

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Brigantine VFW Raffle License #1043

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring reminded all that the Christmas Tree Recycling program, asking everyone to drop off their trees at 35th and Bayshore Avenue. Councilwoman Bew congratulated Patricia Cosgrove of the Polar Bear Plunge Committee for hitting the Million Dollar mark with this year's plunge and spoke of the success of the Plunge. Councilman Lettieri thanked Ms. Congrove for her efforts. Councilman Haney wished all a Happy New Year and spoke about the loss of his mother. Councilman DeLucry spoke about the success of the Polar Bear Plunge, congratulated Ms. Cosgrove for all her efforts and spoke of the success of the road diet on Brigantine Avenue. Councilman Kane spoke of the success of the Polar Bear Plunge and congratulated Ms. Cosgrove. Mayor Sera wished all a Happy

New Year, spoke of the success of the Polar Bear Plunge, thanked Ms. Cosgrove, the volunteers and all the City Departments for all their efforts in making this year's Plunge such success and stated that a traffic light may be installed during the summer months on 26th Street.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to the Capitol Improvements Committee: Vice Sera, Tige Platt, Al Stanley, John Doring, Ed Stinson, Ken LeFever and Ryan Hurst.

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Budget Committee: Vince Sera, Tige Platt Al Stanley, Leon Costello and Ryan Hurt.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment.

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive asked about the status of the traffic light on Brigantine Boulevard and questioned if Ventnor is in the Couty Court System.

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 5:45 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC