

October 18, 2023
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. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for the families affected by the recent acts of terrorism in the Middle East.

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Swearing In Ceremony: Police Officer Peter Rao.

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Baseball Presentation. Tom Repici & Mary Alice Noonan spoke about baseball equipment that was donated to African youths. Jeanette Kessler of the Green Team spoke about the baseball donations.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-193
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; and

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 5:20 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:35 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Michael Herbert reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter of potential litigation and one matter of personnel.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 10/04//2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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 Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

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

Motion Carried.

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Mayor Sera asked that public comment regarding short term rentals be presented during the public hearing of Ordinance 14 of 2023.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about the audio and video issues.

Henry Waldron of 314 20th Street spoke about Resolution 2023-202.

Frank Congemi of 605 W. Shore Drive spoke in favor of Ordinance 14 of 2023.

Keith Moore of 318 34th Street spoke on behalf of the Defend Brigantine Organization and explained how the funds are distributed.

David Williams of 318 44th Street South asked about a handout regarding short term rentals.

Bill Craig of 405 32nd Street South spoke in favor of short-term rentals.

Mayor Sera asked again for all other short-term rental comments to be presented during the public hearing on Ordinance 14 of 2023.

Rick Pallatucci of 314 17th Street South commented that Mayor, Council and Police Department are doing an exemplary job with the short-term rental issues.

Laura Constantine of 8th Street South thanked Council for all their hard work.

Barbara McFarland of 600 West Brigantine Avenue asked for an update on the pigeon issue at the ACUA.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman DeLucry to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 12 of 2023

Floodplain Management Regulations

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 12 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

Mayor Sera stated that the ordinance was created with the help of Ed Stinson, Community Rating System Program Coordinator and Senator Vince Polistina and will be used to achieve a fee reduction for flood insurance.

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 Lettieri to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 13 of 2023

Amending Chapter 210-37, Article II of the Code as it Relates to Fees

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 13 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

Bill Bennett of 418 Lafayette Boulevard spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance No. 14 of 2023

Short Term Rental Regulations

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 14 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

Mayor Sera read a statement regarding short-term rentals and the affect it is having on the City. Mayor Sera continued to state that the minimum stay will be 2 nights, but further stated that this can be looked into later to make changes.

Fran Chambers of 100 Heald Road thanked council for all their hard work on this ordinance.

Suzanne Phalines of 314 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood and spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Larry LePera of 215 27th Street spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Ernie Purdy of 1625 Atl-Brigantine Boulevard thanked council for all their hard work on this ordinance and spoke in favor of Ordinance 14.

Larry Costa of 210 34th Street spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Cassie Muncher of 35 Beacon Lane spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Rosemary Riccardo of 164 8th Street South spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Dottie Bolinsky of 15 Lafayette Boulevard spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Richard Flounders of 300 E. Brigantine Avenue spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Ed Huber of 438 Risley Avenue spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Bob Solari of 9 Cummings Place spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Bill Craig of spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood and spoke about their concerns with ordinance 14.

Louise Groeber of 301 20th Street South spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood and spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Kristen Baum of 14 Ontario Drive Unit A spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Leslie Jesperosn of 226 spoke about spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Paul Amalfatano, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce of 208 Washington Drive spoke as a homeowner and thanked council for their work on Ordinance 14.

Anita Coia of 305 20th Street spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Anne H. Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Bob Gordon of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood and spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Donna Dicero of 4220 Atl-Brigantine Boulevard spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Jim Coia of 305 20th Street spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood and spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood

George Grober of 301 20th Street spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Henry Waldron of 314 20th Street spoke about their concerns with Ordinance 14.

Councilwoman Bew spoke in favor of Ordinance 14.

Councilman Riordan spoke in favor of Ordinance 14.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-194

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE
PARTICIPATION IN A COUNTY-WIDE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR ABANDONED
PROPERTIES

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
resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-195

CONFIRMING THE REVIEW AND COMPLETION OF CY 2023/SFY BEST PRACTICES
INVENTORY

Chief Financial Officer, Albert Stanley explained that this is a mandatory survey given by the
State. Mayor Sera thanked the financial team for all their work on this.

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
resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-196

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ATLANTIC COUNTY FOR WORK PERFORMED AT
BRIGANTINE CITY HALL FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
CONCRETE APRON

Mayor Sera thanked City Manager, Tige Platt for his efforts on getting this project done.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-197

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO DORAN ENGINEERING, PA FOR
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING GOLF COURSE CART PATH ON THE BACK
NINE, BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS

Councilwoman Bew explained that the front nine was previously completed.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-198

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGES AT THE
BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to introduce the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-199

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-200

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mayor Sera praised Judge Maguire for all his service to the City.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to introduce the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-202

CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to introduce the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-202

TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH AND CITY OF BRIGANTINE SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Mayor Sera spoke about the reasons for this resolution, speaking about the proposed offshore wind projects. Councilman DeLucry spoke against the resolution. Councilman Kane read a statement regarding the negative impact of the proposed offshore wind project.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera:” Yes”.
DeLucry: “No”.

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 15 OF 2023

BOND ORDINANCE

Chief Financial Officer, Albert Stanley explained that this is for the major infrastructure of the utility system. Mayor Sera thanked Mr. Stanley for all his efforts on this ordinance.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 16 of 2023

BOND ORDINANCE

Chief Financial Officer, Albert Stanley stated that this was for the regular functions of the City; such as roads and building repairs among other things. Mayor Sera commented that this should have minimal impact to the budget.

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

Motion Carried

Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Haney adopt the following requests.

- A. Elks Raffle #1029
- B. Elks Raffle #1030
- C. Brigantine Polar Bear Plunge

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Councilman Riordan thanked the Mayor and the Short-Term Rental Committee for all their work on Ordinance 14.

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Public Comment

Trish Cosgrove spoke on behalf of the Polar Bear Plunge announcing the plunge.

A resident thanked Mayor and council for all their efforts in creating Ordinance 14.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane 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 10:04 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC