

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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City Clerk Lynn Sweeney read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the 9/18/2024 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approve the requisition list, operating expenses and payroll.

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

Motion Carried.

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Mayor's Proclamation: Glenn Robbins

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-165
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings 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.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:16 P.M.

Municipal Solicitor Michael W. Herbert reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter of contract negotiations.

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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 Councilwoman Bew to introduce the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE 16 OF 2024

AMENDING CHAPTER 284 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE AS IT RELATES TO HANDICAP PARKING SPACES: 318 27th STREET

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 2024-166

OPPOSING THE PROPOSED “PROTECTING AGAINST CLIMATE THREAT (PACT) / RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPE (REAL) RULES

Mayor Sera explained that the City has been working on this for many years and that they have had many meetings with the State and the DEP regarding i and that there is a need for more clarity for things such as the building requirements. Mayor Sera further stated that this would give take the decision-making rights regarding building to the State under CAFRA and the DEP, which is cause for concern. Councilman DeLucry stated that he has not read the document and cannot vote without the sufficient information.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-167

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

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 2024-168

TEMPORARILY WAIVING BULKHEAD FEES

Mayor Sera stated that as per the recommendation from the DEP for the homeowners that are installing bulkheads and will help assist with the cost.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-169

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BULKHEAD PERMITTING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE BAY COURT STREET BULKHEAD

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 2024-170

AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE CO. FOR MUFFIN MONSTER GRINDER FOR JENKINS AND SHERIDAN PUMP STATIONS

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 2024-171

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF JET/VACUUM SEWER CLEANER FROM VAC-CON INC, UNDER SOURCEWELL CONTRACT 101221-VAC

Mayor Sera commented that every municipality in the State is required to have this equipment and the one the City has, is in need of replacement.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-172

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A POLE BARN FOR CITY MUNICIPAL LOT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-173

AUTHORIZING CBIZ INR, INC. TO PROVIDE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS TO CITY
EMPLOYEES

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 2024-174

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT TO BARBER CONSULTING, LLC FOR
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-175

RATIFICATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE'S CONTRACT

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. St. Thomas Raffle License #1083
- B. St. Thomas Raffle License #1084
- C. Elks Raffle License #1085
- D. Elks Raffle License #1086
- E. South Jersey Cancer Raffle License #1087

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt stated that the DEP will be moving forward with the dredging project at St. Georges Thorofare and congratulated Deputy City Manager Ryan Hurst for completing the Ironman Event in less than 14 hours. Councilwoman Bew congratulated Ms. Pomatto at the staff at the Community School for raising \$3100 for Field of Dreams, thanked Superintendent of Public Works John Doring for the Shredding Event/Beach Clean Up. Councilman Lettieri announced that the cameras are up and running on the Promenade and congratulated Mrs. Hurst. Councilman Haney commented on Field of Dreams, spoke about the success of the Shredding Event/Clean Communities event, congratulated Emmett Turner on his retirement from the Brigantine Times and spoke about the new digital sign at St. Church. Councilman DeLucry congratulated Mrs. Hurst for completing the Ironman Event, Chief Casamento for his new contract and Mr. Doring for the Muffin Monster. Councilman Kane thanked Emmett Turner for all he has done for the town and congratulated him on his retirement, thanked the Garden Club for all they did and continue to do to beautify the City and thanked St. Thomas Church for inviting them to the sign dedication ceremony. Mayor Sera gave an update on the abandoned gas station stating that they are awaiting the results of the DEP testing, commented on the regulations for handicap parking stating that the language needs to be updated to help more residents and praised the students who participated in the Beach Clean-Up.

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Public Comment:

Anne H. Phillips of 308 27th Street thanked council for Resolution 2024-166, asked for an update on Resolution 2024-86 and the Board of Commissioners and Mayor Sera stated that 51 municipalities have passed the Resolution and that the Board of Commissioners is working on a joint letter to send to the BPU objecting to the proposed rate increases. Ms. Phillips then asked where the Board of Commissioners stand on the topic and Mayor Sera stated they are waiting to hear from all the municipalities. Ms. Phillips then spoke about the State Statue regarding “transient accommodations” and read a section of the Land Use Ordinance regarding the “maintaining the character of the existing neighborhoods” and feels this is contradictory to what is happening with the short-term rentals regarding the permitted uses. Mayor Sera responded by saying that in the Short-Term Regulations it states that it is illegal to advertise special events and the Code Enforcement Officials will continue to address this, as they have been.

End of Public Comment.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Haney 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 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC