CITY OF BRIGANTINE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 21 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Vince Sera called the meeting to order at **5:00 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE & OPENING PRAYER Mayor Sera led the flag salute followed by an opening prayer by Deputy Mayor Bew

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT Christine Murray, City Clerk advised that the meeting notices covering this meeting have been sent and posted as required under the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

ROLL CALL – COUNCIL • Mayor Sera • Deputy Mayor Bew • Councilman Virgilio • Councilman Lettieri • Councilman Haney • Councilman Kane • **ABSENT Councilman Riordan**

PROFESSIONALS PRESENT • Tige Platt, City Manager • Paul Fuller, Fire Chief • Steve Ward, Police Chief • George Morris, Esq. City Solicitor • Christine Murray, City Clerk

BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY DISCUSSION

City Manager Tige Platt presented the 2026 Best Practices Inventory, which is an annual requirement of the State of New Jersey and is due by October 30, 2026. Mr. Platt reported that the City achieved a score of 39.5, exceeding the State's 34-point threshold required to receive the full final formula aid payment. He further reported on the City's sound financial practices and identified areas for continued improvement.

Mayor Sera stated that the Best Practices Inventory is an annual process and noted that the City's score was very favorable. Mayor Sera commented that the categories change each year. City Solicitor George Morris added that the State revises the inventory annually. Both expressed frustration with the yearly changes.

Mayor Sera then asked if members of Council had any questions or comments. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mayor Sera read the item as entitled. October 7, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion: Councilman Lettieri / **Second**: Deputy Mayor Bew
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

APPROVAL OF BILL REQUISITION LIST Mayor Sera read the item as entitled. Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Councilman Haney Roll Call Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: NONE

ORDINANCE- Introduction

Mayor Sera read the ordinance by title.

Ordinance 17 of 2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 284-59 OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XXIII: HANDICAPPED PARKING."

Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Recorded Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Sera read the resolutions as entitled

Resolution 2026 -259 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME, PARTIAL REFUND FOR A PREMIER MEMBERSHIP HOLDER AT BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Haney Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026- 260 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GATOR TX TURF CART FROM FINCH TURF, INC. FOR THE BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS THROUGH SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE

Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026 -261– A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET

Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

Mayor Sera noted that the City actively pursues State and Federal grants to help control costs for taxpayers, and that the City received over $343,000 for this improvement. Mayor Sera then asked if there were any questions.

Resolution 2026- 262 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT WITH SETTEMBRINO ARCHITECTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED CLUBHOUSE AT THE BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS

Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Haney Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026- 263 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT WITH CM3 BUILDING SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HVAC SYSTEMS AT THE CITY HALL COMPLEX

Summary of CM3 Change Orders:

- CM3 change order 1: Labor and material to re-zone City Hall perimeter fin tube heat between Revenue, Tax Collector and City Manager office – cost $**2,699.17**.
- CM3 change order 2: Labor and material to add two additional fan coil units located in PD Detective Bureau and FD dispatch – cost $**8,457.36**.
- CM3 change order 3B: Labor and material to install standalone thermostat and control valve – cost $**2,229.12**.
- CM3 change order 4: Labor and material to install standalone thermostat in the FD bathroom – cost $**886.97**.

Total increase: **$14,272.62**

Motion: Councilman Haney Second: Councilman Lettieri Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026- 264 –A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO 19th HOLE AT THE LINKS LLC FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSIONS AT THE BRIGANTINE LINKS GOLF COURSE

Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Recorded Vote: All in favor

Council Member Bew thanked Joe Crilley, who was in attendance, and commended MG and her staff for an outstanding job this year, noting that the food and service were excellent. Mayor Sera echoed these comments and stated that the service was outstanding.

CONSENT AGENDA

No Items

COUNCIL / MANAGER / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Police Chief Ward reminded residents that trick-or-treating on Halloween will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and asked drivers to watch for children. Mayor Sera thanked the Police Department for their presence.
- Deputy Mayor Bew reported that Recreation classes are well attended and the new drop-in class option is working well, though more storage space is needed. Deputy Mayor Bew reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade at St. Thomas and invited businesses and the PTA to join.
- Councilman Lettieri stated that the North End is preparing and hoping for good weather.

- Councilman Haney echoed the comments of Deputy Mayor Bew and Councilman Lettieri and thanked Public Works for their storm cleanup.
- Councilman Virgilio announced the Trunk or Treat at the Elks parking lot and the Elks Halloween Party on Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Mayor Sera reported that erosion at the north end of the seawall near the Promenade remains the biggest concern. An emergency rock revetment is being engineered and will be submitted to the State and Army Corps of Engineers for permits. The City is also working with the Governor and Congressman Van Drew on emergency beach replenishment, hoped for in the spring. Mayor Sera stated the City will keep residents updated.
- City Manager Tige Platt commented on the success of the Lighthouse Celebration and announced it will become an annual fall event. Mr. Platt thanked Ryan, Rachel, and Blake Morgan for their hard work and noted the beer garden, band, and weather were excellent.
- Councilman Kane stated he heard that several vendors ran out of food and had to resupply.
- Mayor Sera stated it was a great event, noting that local businesses did very well and the food trucks reported it was one of their best nights ever. Mayor Sera thanked the Brigantine Chamber of Commerce for the partnership.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim DeStefano, Marine Mammal Stranding Center, 3625 Atlantic-Brigantine Boulevard, thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works for their support of the Pup Strut on October 10th. He stated it was the best year ever, with 125 dogs and 250 participants, and extended thanks on behalf of the Stranding Center and Director Sheila Dean. Mayor Sera thanked Mr. DeStefano.
- Kathleen Rashiel announced a free magic show featuring Matt Cadabra and his live rabbit at the Community Center on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn: Councilman Kane / Second: Councilman Lettieri All in favor. Adjournment

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Respectfully submitted, Christine Murray, RMC City Clerk

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Approved: Vince Sera, Mayor