

October 5, 2022  
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. Councilman Kane asked for a moment of silence for Carmen DeChristopher.

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

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 09/21/2022 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to approval of Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

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

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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Mayor Sera discussed the need for a new fire truck. Fire Chief Paul Fuller spoke about the need for a new fire truck. Mayor Sera stated that Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto will put together a Bond Ordinance for the next meeting regarding.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2022-197

APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIRE CHIEF

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

Motion Carried.

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Swearing In Ceremony of Fire Chief Paul J. Fuller

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2022-196  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public 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.

City Manager, James Bennett stated the topics that would be discussed in executive session are: litigation.

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 5:30 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:45 P.M.

Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: two matters of litigation; one matter of litigation regarding an internal personnel situation and one matter of litigation regarding a tax assessment issue.

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Presentation of 2021 Annual Audit: Leon Costello, Auditor

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2022-198

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2022

AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUSTAINABLE BRIGANTINE GREEN TEAM PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 introduce the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
ORDINANCE NO. 16 OF 2022

AMENDING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY MORTGAGEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager, James Bennett explained that this ordinance allows the City to keep tract of empty or abandoned homes and will bring the City into compliance with the State.

No public comments were made.

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 2022-199

AUTHORIZING FINAL CHANGE ORDER #1 TO DECREASE THE CONTRACT FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT STREETSCAPE PROJECT FINAL DESIGN

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2022-200  
AUTHORIZING SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT RENTAL

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

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2022-201  
CANCELLATION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES

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 2022-202

CHAPTER 159 – BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Police Chief Rich Casamento stated that the grant helps offset the cost of the body armor.

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 2022-203

SUPPORT OF OPIOID ABUSE AWARENESS

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 #983
- B. Brigantine Republican Club Halloween Parade Request
- C. Primal Surf Fall Surf SUP Tournament Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Councilwoman Bew spoke about a Recreation Commission Meeting she attended with Councilman Haney, commented on the many programs available at the Community Center and reminded all of the Bridgefest activities on October 15. Councilman Lettieri congratulated Chief Fuller and thanked Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring and the Public Works Department for their efforts during the storm, stated that the Seawall did its job keeping the water back during the storm and asked the public for patience in the rebuilding of the beach entrances. Councilman Haney spoke about the Recreation Commission Meeting, congratulated Chief Fuller, spoke about repairs needed at the Baseball Field, spoke about William Reynolds being sworn in as County Prosecutor and asked if there was information regarding repairs needed to the 26<sup>th</sup> Street roundhouse. Councilman DeLucry spoke about William Reynolds being sworn in as County Prosecutor and congratulated Chief Fuller. Councilman Kane congratulated Chief Fuller and spoke highly of the Public Works Department for their efforts during the storm. Councilman Riordan congratulated Chief Fuller, spoke about the great job done by the Public Works Department during the storm and asked Chief Casamento how many calls came through and Chief Casamento stated that the calls were higher during the storm and thanked Atlantic City Electric for the speed on the repairs. Mayor Sera thanked all of the Departments that assisted during the storm, spoke about the Redesign of the Lighthouse project and reminded everyone of the public meeting on Saturday regarding the potential Windmill Project.

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Public Comments.

Bob Grober spoke as the Commandant for the Cape Atlantic Marine Corps League announced the Toys For Tots toy drive and stated that his grandson Jake will be the Coordinator for the project.

Anne Phillips of 308 27<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about the Public Meeting to be held on Saturday regarding the potential Windmill Project, asking which officials would be attending the meeting and asked about the meeting being held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Sera stated it would be an Open House being held by Atlantic Shores.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew 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 6:46P.M.

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Mayor Vince Sera

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC