

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 5:00 P.M. with Mayor Sera presiding.

Present: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: DeLucry.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer. Councilman Riordan asked for a moment of silence for Nancy Musumeci.

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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 10/16/2024 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the requisition list, operating expenses and payroll.

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

Motion Carried.

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Green Whales Presentation of Triathlon Proceeds

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Public comment of Agenda Item Only.

No public comment.

Close of public comment.

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City of Brigantine's Best Practice Responses. Chief Financial Officer, Albert Stanley explained that this is a yearly process and stated that Brigantine is above the amount needed for the minimum requirements.

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

Ordinance 17 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, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 18 OF 2024

AMENDING CHAPTER 284 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, ENTITLED
“VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO ADDRESS HANDICAPPED PARKING CONCERNS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 19 OF 2024

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE FIVE (5) UNIT AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT BL. 2901, LT. 5

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-181

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BLANEY, DONOHUE & WEINBERG, PC AS ALTERNATE
CONFLICT ATTORNEY

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-182

AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO CITY HALL HVAC UPGRADES AND STRUCTURAL
WORK AWARDED TO BECHT ENGINEERING

City Manager, Tige Platt explained the additional work that was needed.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-183

AUTHORIZING SKYLINE ROOFING FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE NORTH END
OBSERVATION TOWER

Mayor Sera commented that Skyline Roofing reached out to the City and are doing to work free of charge.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-184

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MIDDLETOWN SPRINKLER COMPANY FOR IRRIGATION AT
THE BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS FOR HOLES 1 THROUGH 9

Mayor Sera commented that the irrigation system is long overdue for replacement and was previously included in a Bond Ordinance as a part of strategic planning for the City. Councilwoman Bew stated that this is long overdue and will make a positive impact on the course; further stating that the cart paths are being repaved, the revenue is up 3% and the rounds are up 2.7%.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-185

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SOUTH STATE INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
BEACHFRONT PARKING LOTS 16TH-17TH STREET SOUTH, 26-27TH STREET SOUTH AND 34TH-
35TH STREET SOUTH AND ROOSEVELT BLVD

Mayor Sera commented that this is a much needed project that has been in the works for over a year, further stating that they are trying to update the bathrooms as well. City Manager, Tige Platt stated that the plan is to have this done by next season. Mayor Sera thanked Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring for all his work with this project.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-186

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO INDEPENDENT DISPOSAL AND DUMPSTER SERVICE, LLC

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-187

TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE CURRENT YEAR 2024 BUDGET

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-188

AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH 19TH HOLE AT THE LINKS LLC FOR CATERING AT THE
BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS GOLF COURSE

Councilwoman Bew praised The Cove for their exceptional service at the Links.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-189

CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-190

APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NJ IS A SAFE AND SECURE
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NJ DEPT. OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-191

AUTHORIZING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPALLY SPONSORED
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT

Mayor Sera stated that due to the timelines and waiting for the DCA funding; Volunteers of America requested an extension while the paperwork being completed. City Manager, Tige Platt commented that the Second Amendment was valid until October 31st and this one will be extended to December 31st.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-192

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION FOR
100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-193

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC commented that the Tax Collector had a deletion to the list originally provided with the resolution, so an amendment is needed.

By voice resolution, Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to remove Catherine & Gregory Lavin refund of \$1716.93 from the list of tax refunds.

Roll Call to Accept Amendment: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

Roll Call to Adopt Amended Resolution: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-194

REFUND FOR FARMER’S MARKET VENDOR

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-195

BULKHEAD PERMIT FEE REFUND

Mayor Sera stated that this is in relation to Resolution 24-168 Temporarily Waiving Bulkhead Fees that was adopted on October 2, 2024, stating that the refunds are retroactive.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-196

URGING STATE LEADERS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ELECTRONICALLY PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES ON A NEWSPAPER'S WEBSITE OR DIGITAL PUBLICATION

Mayor Sera commented that this resolution was due to the changes that the newspaper industry has made that make it difficult to meet the State requirements for publication.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-197

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH H2M ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT DESIGN, I-BANK AND BID SUPPORT

Mayor Sera stated that the because this is a major project for the City, this resolution will provide the professional services needed to make sure everything is done correctly.

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. VFW Parade Request
- B. Closure of Street for School Veteran's Day Event Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt thanked Skyline Roofing for their generous contribution to the roof at the Observation Tower. Councilwoman Bew spoke about the loss of Nancy Musumeci and asked all to keep her husband Bob in their thoughts during this difficult time, thanked everyone for their support at the polls, thanked her family for their patience and understanding, congratulated Councilman Lettieri, Councilman Haney and newly elected Mark Virgilio, announced a fundraiser for Meghan Simpson on Saturday, reminded all the at the final Farmers Market is Saturday, November 23rd and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilman Lettieri thanked the residents of Brigantine for their support at the polls. Councilman Haney thanked all who came out to the polls and commented on the success of the Halloween parade. Councilman Kane thanked everyone who came out to vote. Councilman Riordan stated the Economic Development Committee is planning next year's events, spoke about the large turnout at the polls, commented about the newly elected President Trump stating he would put a stop to the proposed offshore wind project, stated that the Grand Marshal of the Veterans Parade is a newly decorated Vietnam Veteran and congratulated Councilwoman Bew, Councilman Lettieri, Councilman Haney and newly elected Mark Virgilio. Mayor Sera thanked the voters for their trust in the team stating he is honored to work with the current council, stating that Mr. Virgilio will be a great addition and will be great for the community, spoke highly of Councilman DeLucry stating that that after the years they developed a friendship and that he respects him and stated that Rick's heart was always in the right place, commented on President Trumps promise to stop the proposed offshore wind project and thanked all the members of council, Department Heads and Employees for all they do.

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Public Comment:

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive congratulated the council members that were elected, reminded all if what time the Veterans Day Parade starts, asked for clarification about the name on Resolution 2024-188 and Councilwoman Bew stated that it was The Cove Restaurant and congratulated Mark Virgilio.

Eleanor McKelvey of 328 13th Street South spoke about a petition to not change the direction of the one-way street and Mr. Platt spoke about traffic flow in the Business District and thanked Mrs. McKelvey for her thoughts on the project. Mayor Sera commented that the recommendation was brought before council and he asked Mr. Platt to reach out to the homeowners in the area to see what impact it would have in the community.

Ann Phillips of 308 27th Street asked for an update on Mayor Sera's work with the County and the County Board in regards to the proposed offshore wind project and Mayor Sera stated that a letter was sent to the BPU regarding the issues from County and State Officials, the lawsuit is still ongoing and they will be reaching out to other municipalities to join the coalition. Mrs. Philips asked if the County Board would support the Resolution now that the elections over and Mayor Sera stated he will reach out to them soon.

A resident of 321 13th Street spoke about parking issues on 13th Street.

End of Public Comment.

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Council Comment.

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC spoke about Councilman DeLucry stating that she thanked him for his dedication to Brigantine for the past 13 years and she felt his intelligence, professionalism and quick wit served this council well.

Councilman Lettieri stated that he put in a petition for 20th Street due to the parking issues, saying that the off season is the time to make these changes. Mayor Sera responded by stating that the City has spent extensive time researching the community's opinion on proposed changes, further explaining that it takes time to make these types of changes. Councilman Haney spoke positively about the many things Councilman DeLucry did while on council and wished him well. Councilman Riordan commented on the attendance of Councilman DeLucry.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan 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 6:11 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC