

December 20, 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, Kane, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: Haney.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer.

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Dedicating John McLaughlin Way.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-235
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; 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, Kane, DeLucry, 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 5:06 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:46 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Michael Herbert reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter regarding the municipal health insurance renewal, one matter involving litigation of a recently passed ordinance, one matter regarding labor contract discussion, one matter of possible litigation regarding an HR issue and one contract matter regarding infrastructure.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 12/06/2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

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, Kane, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

No public comments were made.

End of public comment.

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

City Of Brigantine
Ordinance 18 of 2023

Bond Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Bond Ordinance Numbered 19 of 2021 in order to Modify the Projects Authorized Thereby

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 18 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 19 of 2023

Amending Chapter 61 of The Code, Salaries and Compensation

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 19 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-236

TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-237

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A MODULAR AMBULANCE FORD E-450 HORTON

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-238

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS AND ANTENNAS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-239

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TWO CHEVY TAHOE POLICE VEHICLES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-240

AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE
CITY OF VENTNOR FOR QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT SERVICES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-241

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Kane, DeLucry, 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 2023-242

CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (FEDERAL HIGHWAY)

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-243

FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-244

RATIFICATION OF TEAMSTER’S UNION CONTRACT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-245

RATIFICATION OF WHITE COLLAR’S UNION CONTRACT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-246

AWARD OF DESIGN SERVICES FOR GOLF LINKS CLUBHOUSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

A. Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Councilwoman Bew thanked all that participated in the toy drive praising City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney for her efforts, thanked Public Works for picking up the boxes of toys from the many various locations, thanked the Police & Fire Department for delivering some of the packages, thanked the Fire Department for the annual Santa’s Island Ride and wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year. Councilman Lettieri thanked everyone and wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Councilman DeLucry wished everyone Happy Holidays and stated because we are all living in a difficult and stressful time, he wished that everyone could have a better perspective in the coming year and find inner peace by replacing some of the fear that has taken over people’s thoughts and time. Councilman Kane wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year. Councilman Riordan thanked everyone for all they did this

year and wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year. Mayor Sera stated he was proud to work with everyone in the room, saying it has been a fantastic year with a lot of great things planned for the future, further stating that not many governing bodies have the relationship that they all have, saying that it is special, he then gave credit to everyone saying that they are all there for the same reason; because they care about the City, gave an update on the Pepper Cove Beach bulkhead, commented on the success of the online holiday beach tags saying that the regular season tags will be available this way as well and wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Healthy New Year.

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Public Comment

No comments were made.

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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 6:06 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC