

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. City Manager, Tige Platt asked for a moment of silence for retired Fire Captain, John Flannigan. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for Celine Powell and Tony Stolfo.

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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 11/6/2024 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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Public comment of Agenda Item Only.

No public comment.

Close of public comment.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adopt 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

Mayor Sera commented that this was a responsibility that every municipality in the State of New Jersey has, which stems from the Supreme Court Ruling; “The Mount Laurel Decision”. Mayor Sera further stated that the plan was to develop five affordable housing units in Brigantine.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 20 OF 2024

AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 280 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
BRIGANTINE, ENTITLED “TREES”, IN REGARD TO TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to introduce the flowing ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2024

AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE

Mayor Sera thanked City Manager, Tige Platt for all the work he did to organize the information.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to introduce the flowing ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 22 OF 2024

AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE

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 2024-199

AMENDING BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE – STATE OF
NJ DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-200

AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO CITY BULKHEAD REPLACEMENTS
AWARDED TO WALTERS MARINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-201

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RA WALTERS & SON FOR 14TH STREET BULKHEAD
RECONSTRUCTION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-202

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EZ DOCK UNLIMITED LLC FOR THE BULKHEAD
REPLACEMENT AT PEPPER COVE

Mayor Sera commented that this was for the residents in the area of erosion, saying that this resolution will refund them for the fee.

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 2024-203

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH A.C. SHULTES, INC.
FOR WELL NUMBER FIVE PUMP REPAIRS

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 2024-204

APPROVING THE REVISED CITY OF BRIGANTINE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-205

AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY
DISABLED VETERAN

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-206

AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY
DISABLED VETERAN

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-207

AUTHORIZING BULKHEAD PERMIT FEE REFUND

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 2024-208

AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

Mayor Sera asked for clarification from City Manager, Tige Platt on the amount of one of the refunds and Mr. Platt stated that the property taxes were previously paid by two parties.

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 2024-209

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR
2024 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-210

AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT
ON EAST SHORE DRIVE POLE # A177765

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Absecon Veterinary Hospital Foundation/Laddie’s Legacy Raffle License #1088
- B. Absecon Veterinary Hospital Foundation/Laddie’s Legacy Raffle License #1089
- C. Absecon Veterinary Hospital Foundation/Laddie’s Legacy Raffle License #1090
- D. Polar Bear Swim Raffle License #1091

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt announced the Holiday Beach Tags will be available December 1st. Councilwoman Bew thanked the Community School for the Veteran Day Ceremony, commented on the successful season of the Green Teams Farmers Market, gave a Community garden update, gave a Recreation Commission meeting update, announced that Camp Brigantine registration will be online, announced that Family Fun Weekend will be July 2nd, 3rd & 4th and the Baseball Opening Day will be April 6th, thanked Sari of the Aquatic Center & The Green Whales Organization for the Friendsgiving Event she planned at the VFW and spoke about the Interfaith Event that was held at Temple Beth Shalom. Councilman Lettieri spoke about Veterans Day Ceremony at the Community School. Councilman Haney spoke about the Veterans Day Ceremony, commented on the Interfaith Service, announced Pearl Harbor Day is December 7th and commented on the final Farner Market. Councilman Kane thanked the Garden Club for all they did this season, spoke about an appreciation luncheon that was held for the artists that painted the electrical boxes, gave a Golf Course Committee Meeting update and commented on the Interfaith Service. Councilman Riordan announced the next Economic Development Meeting will be Tuesday, stated that the Cultural Arts Commission has many activities planned for 2025 and reminded all the Tree Lighting Event this Friday. Mayor Sera spoke about the Interfaith Service, commented on the Tree Lighting Event, stated he spoke with Congressman Vam Drews Office regarding the erosion of the South End stating that the recommendation is that the Jetty may have to be raised and further stated that the State may be doing a study to look into what needs to be done, commented that President Trump has promised to stop the proposed offshore wind project and stated that Congressman Van Drew is in touch with President Trump regarding.

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Public Comment:

Trish Cosgrove 200 11th Street North spoke on behalf of the Polar Bear Club announcing that there is a new trustee of the 501c3, further commented that the Polar Bear Club has already raised over \$30,000 and stated that the Bear Wear Shop is located at the VFW.

Brooks Garrison of 204 15th Street spoke about the proposed promenade extension and the proposed offshore wind project.

A resident of 1415 East Brigantine Avenue spoke about the proposed an extension to the promenade.

A resident of Margate spoke as a member of Defend Our Beaches, NJ and spoke about construction contamination.

Frank Pugliese of 433 Lafayette Blvd complimented the Department of Public Works for the manhole repairs.

End of Public Comment.

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Council Comments.

Councilman Haney spoke about the possible stopping of the proposed offshore wind project. City Manager, Tige Platt announced that Sam Alberti gave birth to a baby girl and announced that Christine Murray will be the new City Clerk. Mayor Sera praised the work that City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC has done in all her years. City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC announced the toy collection drop box locations. Fire Chief, Paul Fuller announced the Santa Drive will take place December 10th and December 12th.

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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