

December 6, 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, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: DeLucry.

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

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-215
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, Haney, Kane, 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 5:15 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:40 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Michael Herbert reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: two contract matters.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 11/01/2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session 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 Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

John Johnson of Coquille Beach commented on Resolution 2023-221.

End of public comment.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 17 of 2023
Amending Chapter 143-3, Article II of the Code as it Relates to Fees

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 17 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 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 commented that this bond ordinance involves the projects being done at the school.

No public comments were made.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 19 OF 2023

AMENDING CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODE, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

Mayor Sera explained that with regards to Short Term Rental issues, this position was created to assist in the office.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-216

AUTHORIZING POLICE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY,
LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE TO ENABLE THE POLICE TO REQUEST AND
ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-217

AMENDING BUDGET BY INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND
APPROPRIATION FROM ATLANTIC COUNTY FOR A DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED
OVER HOLIDAY GRANT

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 resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-218

AMENDING BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND
APPROPRIATION FROM NJ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE
GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-219

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY AUTHORIZING THE
NJ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GRANT APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING STATIONS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-220

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR BRIGANTINE
POINT PROPERTIES, LLC.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-221

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE RECONDITIONING OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-222

AUTHORIZING JERSEY CAPE DIAGNOSTIC, TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY
CENTER, INC TO SELL BEACH TAGS VIA IT’S WEBSITE

Mayor Sera explained that this allows the Holiday Beach Tags to be sold.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, 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 2023-223

EXEMPTING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS FROM VENDOR CERTIFICATION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-224

ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AND PROCUREMENT CARDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-225

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE FOR 2024

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-226

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL BANKS FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR
2024

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, 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 2023-227

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2024

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 following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-228

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-229

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL BANKS FOR THE DEPOSIT OF MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR
2024

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-230

APPOINTING RACHAEL BECKNER AS COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM PROGRAM
COORDINATOR FOR 2024

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 following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-231

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO VESTA MODULAR FOR THE PURCHASE
AND DELIVERY OF A CUSTOM MODULAR PRO SHOP FOR THE GOLF LINKS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, 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 2023-232

REAL ESTATE TAX CANCELLATION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-233

REAL ESTATE CANCELLATION

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Haney adopt the following requests.

- A. Angels in Motion Raffle License #1031
- B. Angels in Motion Raffle License #1032
- C. Angels in Motion Raffle License #1033
- D. VFW Raffle License #1034
- E. Elks Raffle License #1035
- F. Elks Raffle License #1036
- G. Absecon Veterinary Hospital Foundation Raffle License 31037
- H. Absecon Veterinary Hospital Foundation Raffle License #1038
- I. Absecon Veterinary Hospital Foundation Raffle License #1039
- J. VFW Raffle License #1040
- K. Elks Raffle License #1041
- L. Green Whales Inc. Open Water Swim Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt stating that Resolution 2023-222 was for Holiday Tags only, further stating that these tags are good for the 2024 season. Councilwoman Bew thanked all that helped with the success of the Tree Lighting Ceremony, spoke about “Brigantine Living Live” event that was held at Shore Spaces, wished everyone a Happy Hanukah and wished City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC a Happy Birthday. Councilman Haney spoke about the success of the Tree Lighting Ceremony, congratulated the Rams players and couches, commented on the upcoming Polar Bear Plunge and spoke about the newly painted lines on the Boulevard. Councilman Kane congratulated the Rams, spoke about the Interfaith Service that was held at St. Thomas, commented on the success of the Tree Lighting Ceremony and thanked Public Works on the holiday decorations. Councilman Riordan spoke about the success of the Tree Lighting Ceremony and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for all they did and commented on the Polar Beach Plunge. Mayor Sera gave an update on the Conoco Gas Station abandoned property, spoke about the proposed offshore wind project and thanked all that were involved in the success of the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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Public Comment

John Johnson of Coquille Beach invited all Veterans to come to Elks to watch the Army/Navy game.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street commented on Resolution 2023-219.

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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 6:47 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC