

December 7, 2022
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilman Kane offered a prayer.

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

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Proclamation: Beach Patrol Lieutenant Daniel Driscoll

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-223
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: Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera. "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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 5:12 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:25 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: one matter of personnel.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney approve the 11/2/2022 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approval of Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, 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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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine

Cancelling Balances of Old Improvement Authorizations

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 18 of 2022. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Roll Call:

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 19 OF 2022

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE 2 OF THE LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE
APPROPRIATING \$328,410 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR
ORIGINAL PURPOSES AND AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 THEREFORE AND

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

No public comments were made.

Councilman Haney commented on the positive progress of this project.

Roll Call: 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 NO. 20 OF 2022

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NORTHEAST BEACH REPLENISHMENT IN AND
BY THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE APPROPRIATING \$983,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$933,850 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

No public comments were made.

Mayor Sera commented on the need for beach replenishment.

Roll Call: 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 NO. 21 OF 2022

AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES

No public comments were made.

Mayor Sera commented that the rate increase is related to the State regulations that are requiring the municipalities to upgrade their water systems.

Roll Call: 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 NO. 22 OF 2022

AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE

No public comments were made.

Roll Call: 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 NO. 23 OF 2022

MANDATING REPLACEMENT OF LEAD SERVICE LINE

No public comments were made.

Mayor Sera stated that this is a requirement that is part of the State mandate regarding the water systems.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-224

BUDGET INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE: NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID
FUND 2023

Roll Call: 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 2022-225

BUDGET INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
CY 2022 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT

Fire Chief Paul Fuller explained the need for this grant.

Roll Call: 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 2022-226

BUDGET INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE: DRIVE SOBER OR GET
PULLED OVER HOLIDAY GRANT

Roll Call: 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 2022-227

EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONTRACT TO DORAN ENGINEERING TO BE PAID BY
SO. JERSEY GAS FOR INSPECTION SERVICES

Roll Call: 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 2022-228

2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Roll Call: 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 2022-229

2023 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Roll Call: 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 2022-230

2023 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANKS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-231

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

Roll Call: 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 2022-232

AWARD OF CONTRACT - JOBS 4 BLUE FOR COORDINATION OF OFF-DUTY
EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

Police Chief Rich Casamento that this was for

Roll Call: 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 2022-233

AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF ALBERT STANLEY AS CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER AND PURCHASING AGENT

Roll Call: 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 2022-234

AUTHORIZING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE
LOGISTICS AGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2022-235

FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND
SETTING THE GRACE PERIOD

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-236

C.E.R. REFUND

Roll Call: 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 2022-237

FINAL WORK CHANGE ORDER #1 REHABILITATION OF SKATEBOARD PARK

Roll Call: 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. VFW Raffle License #985
- B. Brigantine Elks Lodge Raffle License #986
- C. Holy Spirit Swim Team Raffle License #987
- D. Holy Spirit Swim Team Raffle License #989
- E. Stockton’s “Battle at Brigantine” Rowing Event Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring spoke of the success of the tree lighting service and Mayor Sera thanked Mr. Doring and Public Works for their efforts. Councilman Haney Beach Patrol Lieutenant Daniel Driscoll on his completion of 40 years, spoke of the success of the season final Farmers Market, commented on the Windmill open house event, thanked the Police Department for their quick action to an incident that occurred in the 3rd Ward and stated that it is the 81st anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Councilman Kane spoke about water tower project and welcomed Mr. Stanley. Councilman Riordan thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor Sera spoke about the Office of the State Comptrollers audit and discussed the open house with Atlantic Shores regarding the windmills.

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Public Comments.

Tom Jones of 208 5th Street North spoke about the Windmill Project.

Jim Coia of 305 20th Street thanked the Police Department and Officer Glasser regarding an incident that occurred near their home and spoke about the Windmill meeting.

Dr. Matthew Finnegan of 24th Street South spoke about the potential lead issue involving the pipes within the City commented on the potential windmill project and questioned some aspects of the budget.

A resident of 5210 Harbor Beach Blvd. spoke about the potential Windmill project.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street praised Mayor Sera regarding providing information to the public about the proposed Windmill project and spoke about the state comptroller's audit.

Henry Waldron of 314 20th Street spoke about the potential Windmill project.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri 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 6:45 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC