

February 1, 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, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: None.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer. Councilman Haney asked for a moment of silence for Mary Ann Barone.

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Swearing In Ceremony: Fire Lieutenant Bob Riley

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-27
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Publics 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: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 5:12 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:57 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: one matter of personnel, contract negotiations and stated that Resolution 2023-33 will be tabled.

Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to table Resolution 2023-33.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney approve the 1/18/23 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman DeLucry to approve the Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance No. 2 of 2023

Salary Ordinance

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2 of 20 23 regarding Salary Ordinance

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

APPOINTING MATTHEW F. DORAN P.E. AS MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to correct two typos in Resolution 2023-28.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2022-29

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF STOCKTON UNIVERSITY COASTAL
RESEARCH CENTER

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-30

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LEXA CONCRETE, LLC FOR
BRIGANTINE BOULEVARD (CR 638) TAP LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-31

FINAL WORK CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR TENNIS COURT RESURFACING AND
VARIOUS TENNIS COURT IMPROVEMENTS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-32

NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, SAFE AND SECURE GRANT

Police Chief, Rich Casamento commented on the grant.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-34

AUTHORIZING FY2022 FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT

Fire Chief, Paul Fuller commented on the grant.

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Councilwoman Bew spoke about Camp Brigantine and announced a Senior Seminar that she is hosting tomorrow. Councilman Lettieri thanked the citizens who showed up for the interview with Channel 17. Councilman Haney congratulated Lieutenant Riley, spoke about the projected windmill project and the death of the whales that have been washing up on shore and commented on various typos on Ordinance 2 of 2023. Councilman Kane congratulated Lieutenant Riley, spoke about the work being done by the gas and electrical companies, commented on the Clubhouse at 26th Street Field stating it is in need of repairs. Councilman Riordan gave a Cultural Arts Commission update, spoke about the lighthouse district improvements and new businesses that are opening on the Island and commented on the State North End Beach permits and the fact that they are limited. Mayor Sera stated that the New Jersey Department of Education has named the Brigantine School District as a “high performing district”, commented that in response to the State Audit, the City announced that an RFP has been sent out for a HR Consultant, stated that an RFP was in place for the HVAC system in City Hall, the Library and Police Department and reminded everyone that the Community Meeting regarding the proposed wind turbines will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 11:00 at the Community School,

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By voice resolution, Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to appoint the following to the Board of School Estimates: Mayor Sera, Councilman Kane and Councilman Lettieri.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comments.

Tom Jones of 208 5th Street North spoke about the proposed windmill project and asked for dates of the beach replenishment program.

A resident of Brigantine Avenue spoke about the proposed seawall expansion and Mayor Sera stated that this project was not approved by the Army Corps.

A resident of 15th Steet North spoke about the importance of a beach replenishment and asked why there was a change to the mulch that was distributed at the Bird Tower parking lot and Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring stated that mulch was always left there for the general public but then after receiving complaints it was spread out over the parking lot.

Henry Waldren of 314 20th Street spoke about Resolution 2023-26, stating that he was pro windmill.

Close of Public Comment.

Councilman Haney spoke about the repairs needed at the 26th Street Fieldhouse.

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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 6:07 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC