

January 16, 2019
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

Present: Bew, Letteri, Haney, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera, Simpson.
Absent: None

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-15

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Roll Call: All "Yes"

Motion Carried.

City Clerk Lynn Sweeney 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 5:30 P.M.

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Council returned from Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.

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Mayor Simpson led the flag salute after which Councilman Sera offered a prayer. Councilman Sera asked for a moment of silence for Simon Techner, the father in law of Councilman Haney.

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

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Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: contract matters, one involving Stockton University Coastal Research Center, one involving the operation of the mini golf course, personnel matters regarding two upcoming retirements in the police department Sergeant Fannon and Captain Rubino are retiring and

Richard Casamento is being promoted to Captain and Brian Feehan is being promoted to Lieutenant and John Glasser is being promoted to Sergeant, the Fire Department has one upcoming retirement; Bill Baldwin, one litigation matter regarding the Seagull Motel and one litigation matter regarding the Wolf property, personnel matters regarding committee appointments and discussion regarding the Second Ward Council vacancy candidates and the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

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By voice resolution, Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to nominate Paul Lettieri, Bill Ferris and Ralph Palatucci for Second Ward Council. Mayor Simpson recommends Paul Lettieri and spoke on his many accomplishments.

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

Motion carried.

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Swearing in Ceremony

Paul Lettieri was accompanied by his two daughters and was sworn in by Mayor Simpson.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to approve 12/27/18 Council Meeting and 1/2/19 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes

Roll Call: Bew, Haney, DeLucry, Riordan, Simpson: "Yes".

Lettieri: "Abstain".

Sera: "Abstain" on 12/27/18 and "Yes" to 1/2/19.

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to appoint Councilman Sera as Deputy Mayor.

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

Motion Carried.

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By Voice Resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to Planning Board: Class 1 Mayor Andy Simpson, Class 2 Firefighter Trevor Cohen, Class 3 Councilman Paul Lettieri, Alternate #2 Ralph Palatucci, Alternate #3 Eugene Nace and Alternate # 4 Frank D'Angelis.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to The Recreation Commission: Toni Wilson, Paul Kabala, William Hoffman Sr., Bob Garguilo, Chris Campitelli, Paul Amalfitano, Mike Stinson, John Johnson, Ed Fitzgerald, Frank Burbridge, Dennis Haney, Paul Lettieri, Non-Voting Member Nick Crosson, Advisor Jim Mogan and Honorary Member Joe Urbonas.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Sera to appoint the following to the Golf Course Committee: Chair Karen Bew, Ex Officio Member Andy Simpson, John Savini, Bruce Hunt and Mike Lange Jr.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to appoint the following to Clean Communities Committee: Co-Chair Joe Campitelli, Charlie Miller, Co-Chair Advisor John Doring, Frank DeAngelis, Bill Hopf, Vince Sera, Dennis Haney, Non-Voting Members Armond "Bud" Paglione, Bill Barnish, Guido Battaglini, Ann Phelps, Gerri Cali, Jim Cali, MD Islam, Don Marandino, John Pucci, Jr. Members Megan Baldwin and Erin Baldwin.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to amend list of Clean Communities Committee list of members by removing Non-Voting Member John Pucci from the list.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to appoint the following to the Municipal Alliance: Paul Robinson, Andy Grossman, Chair John DiMatteo, Irene Brodsky, Alice Hopf, William Hopf, Paul Lettieri, Ann Phelps, Andrew Simpson, John Scotland, John Gans, Dawn Jones, Non-Voting Member Rosie Cullen, a Police Representative and a School Representative.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to appoint the following to the Cultural Arts Commission: Chair Mary DeMarco, Pamela Carchidi, Johanne Milnes, Marie St. Clare, Grace Franzoi, Jane Ann Hart, Robert Kerns, Linda Congemi, Joanne DeMayo, Mike Riordan, Kathy Skimmons, Leah Holcombe and Pat Orchard.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Sera to appoint the following to Economic Development and Tourism Committee: Jack Kelly, Vince Sera, Doug Keefe, Bill Hannan and John Burns.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution, Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to the Beach Committee: Chair Vince Sera, Rick DeLucry, Andy Grossman, Tony Saxby, Frank D'Angelis, John Feret Jr., Joe Gugliemo, Dar Sandler, Secretary Ryan Hurst, Christina Perry, Kasey Jeanson, Ex Officio Members City Manager, Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Beach Patrol Chief, Designees are Roxanne Tosto, Bill Hoffman, Tim Daley and Fran Massino.

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

Motion Carried.

By Voice Resolution Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint the following to the Green Team: Chair Jeanette Kessler, Voting Members Lisa McClay, Cherly Masioli, Shirley Morgan, Fran Paulin, Donna Piekarski, Linda Congemi, Johanne Milnes, Judy Starkey, Christell Lauletta, Robert Schaley, Kelly Carrulo, John Addrizzo, John Butler, Karen

Bew, Alternates Denise Hakinson, Bobbi DeLucry, Janilyn Janida, Emily Mattis, Ex Officio Members John Doring and Joe Campitelli.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera, Simpson: "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 DeLucry moved, seconded by Councilman Sera to introduce the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2019

AMENDING CHAPTER 284 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE AS IT
RELATES TO "NO PARKING BUS STOP ZONES"

City Manager James Bennett explained the location of the bus stop.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-16

TEMPORARY BUDGET

Chief Financial Officer Roxanne Tosto explained the details of the temporary budget.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-17

TEMPORARY BUDGET-DEBT SERVICE

Ms. Tosto explained the details of the resolution.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-18

RESERVE TRANSFER

Ms. Tosto explained the details of the resolution.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-19

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ms. Tosto explained that this is adopted every January.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-20

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL BANKS

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approval of Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-21

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Councilman Sera questioned why the Brigantine Times was not on the list and Mr. Bennett explained that by law the newspaper has to publish 52 weeks a year, in order for the City to use them as a legal official newspaper and The Brigantine Times takes a two week break, making it not useable for legal advertisement.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-22

EXTENDING FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION CONTRACT FOR
THE LINKS AT BRIGANTINE

Mayor Simpson explained that this was an extension of the current contract with The Cove and Mr. Bennett confirmed it was The Cove, 19th Hole LLC at the Links.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-23

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AS THE AGENT IN ADJUSTMENT APPEALS TO
REDUCE ASSESSMENTS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-24

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-25

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

Ms. Tosto explained that the individuals have been deemed 100% permanently disabled, therefore they would not be responsible for taxes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-26

AUTHORIZATION OF DUNE MAINTENANCE PERMITS

Mr. Bennett explained the location for the maintenance. Mayor Simpson commented that these no not have to be brought before council each time and Councilman DeLucry expressed his dissatisfaction with not having these permits come before council.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Riordan, Sera, Simpson: "Yes".

Haney: "Abstain".

DeLucry: "No".

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-27

C.E.R. TRIP REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-28

APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Mr. Bennett explained that this was a grant the City receives from the Department of Justice.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to adopt the following request.

- A. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #870
- B. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #871
- C. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #872
- D. Hooked on Fishing Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Mayor Simpson praised the Public Works Department for the job well done on the recent snow removal. Councilman Sera commented that he has had recent complaints of school busses speeding in the morning and Chief Rehill said he would take care of it. Councilwoman Bew gave a Green Team Update, announced a change to recycling guidelines in Atlantic County and wished Councilman Sera and City Manager James Bennett Happy Birthday. Councilman Haney announced a Stockton University Ice Hockey Team fundraiser at Laguna. Councilman Riordan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, congratulated Councilman Lettieri and also praised Public Works. Councilman Sera announced that the American Legion was having a gift card collection for Coast Guard Families on Saturday and Sunday January 19th & 20th. Mayor Simpson commented on School funding.

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Public Comments

Frank Congemi of 605 W. Shore Drive commented on Veterans transportation.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street commented on vetting volunteers, Mayor Simpson email address, recommended the city Auditor be changed every three years, State of the City address and stated she supported Councilman DeLucrys opposition to Dune maintenance.

Steven Fromme of 201 13th Street North questioned the construction by the Observation Tower.

Close of Public Comment

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Council Comments

Mayor Simpson thanked everyone for their support.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All "Yes".

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Andy Simpson

Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk