

March 6, 2019
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

Present: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera, Simpson.

Absent: None

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-44a

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 5:00 P.M.

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Council returned from Executive Session at 6:02 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 Kathleen Wilkinson, the mother of Beach Patrol Senior Lieutenant, James Wilkinson.

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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: a series of contract matters regarding: taxi cabs fees, road opening permits, engineering

design, 2017 road reconstruction program, Mini Golf & drainage improvements; personnel matters regarding the salary ordinance & professional service contract for Ed Stinson; contract matters regarding the Chief Financial Officer and the Superintendent of Public Works and the acquisition of property.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve 2/20/19 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes

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

Bew: "Abstain".

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to approval of Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses and one additional check for Bob Bishop, a title research specialist in the amount of \$3,340.00.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke on Ordinance 5 of 2019, Resolution 2019-48 and Resolution 2019-47.

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. 3 of 2019

Authorization to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation

Mayor Simpson called for the public hearing of Ordinance 3 of 2019. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Sera to introduce the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2019

AMENDING CHAPTERS 210 AND 270 OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE
AND FEES FOR TAXICAB OWNER’S LICENSES

City Manager James Bennett explained the details of the fees in the ordinance.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2019

AMENDING THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Mr. Bennett explained the different positions that this ordinance references.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2019

AMENDING CHAPTER 165, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE ENTITLED
“STREET OPENINGS”

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2019

AMENDING CHAPTER 105, ARTICLE V, SECTION 26 OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO
THE ISSUANCE OF GROUP OR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Mr. Bennett explained the changes to the permit process, stating that this will allow him to have more oversight on the permit issuance process.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-45

ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE FOR THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG
OCEAN DRIVE WEST- WORK CHANGE ORDER

Mr. Bennett stated that this was for the DEP permits with regard to the drainage work on Ocean Drive. Councilman Sera commented on the fact that the DEP did not act within the required time frame.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-46

2017 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM- WORK CHANGE ORDER

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 2019-47

AMENDMENT TO MINIATURE GOLF COURSE LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Simpson explained that this was an extension to the current lease.

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 2019-48

AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EDWARD P. STINSON
TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S CONFLICT ENGINEER

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-49

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR C.F.O.

Mayor Simpson stated that the Chief Financial Officer Roxanne Tosto is a valued employee.

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 2019-50

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Simpson stated the Superintendent of Public Works John Doring is an asset to the City.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-51

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-52

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REFUND

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 2019-53

AWARD OF CONTRACT
2018 MISCELLANEOUS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CONCRETE REPAIRS

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Councilwoman Bew gave a Golf Course Committee update and thanked CER Director James Mogan for his leadership on the trips. Councilman Lettieri commented that the Planning Board approved the tearing down of the structure next the Rod & Reel for a proposed side by side duplex. Councilman Haney announced the various programs that the CER Office is offering, reminded everyone that the beach badges are now for sale, stated that AARP is doing free tax preparations for seniors and stated that there will be a dedicated Pickle Ball court coming soon. Mr. Doring stated that the City is waiting on the details of a grant for the recreation complex which will go toward the Pickle Ball court and repairs to the Tennis Courts. Councilman Riordan reminded all of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade for March 16th. Councilman Sera asked that Council formalize the voice resolution from February 6, 2019 that applauded the efforts of Rebecca Price, spoke about the work being done by South jersey Gas stating that homeowners that have damage to property should take pictures of the damage and email the information to the City Manager’s Office and mentioned that the Army Corps of Engineers are looking into installing flood gates in various locations sometime in the future. Mr. Bennett stated that he spoke to the Army Corps regarding the flood gates and there are no immediate plans for installation. Mayor Simpson stated that Senator Chris Brown reached out to him regarding the Atlantic City train issues stating that his office is looking for a “regular rider” of the train to be on a committee, praised the fire and police departments for the outstanding job they all did on a recent call and announced that June 8th Atlantic Electric will be in town to answer any questions regarding the Brigantine Boulevard pole replacement project. Mr. Bennett announced that letters will be going out to all who are affected by the Atlantic Electric project and also gave a report on current engineering projects.

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Public Comments

Deb Schlesinger of 1006 Bayshore Ave. stated that she wanted to be part of the process in regards to the Pickle Ball/Tennis Court repair project, suggesting that the courts be renamed “Coach Lee Mendel Tennis Center”.

A resident of the Islander spoke about Pickle Ball, stating that he is the head of the USTA in Delaware and that there could be possible funding available through the USTA, for the proposed Pickle Ball Courts.

Kathy Ewing read a statement regarding Pickle Ball, stating she is looking forward to the outdoor courts.

Marion Guadinsky of 21st Street spoke about the amount of suicide deaths of veterans.

Jill Deneys spoke as a member of the Philadelphia Outrigger Canoe Club, speaking on the event request.

Close of Public Comment

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

Roll Call: All “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Mayor Andy Simpson

Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk