

December 19, 2018  
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-220

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.

Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to resume the meeting.

Roll Call: All: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Mayor Guenther led the flag salute after which Councilman Sera offered a brief prayer. Councilman Sera asked for a moment of silence for talk show radio host Bob Burns and for resident Sal Alizzo.

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Mayor Guenther 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: two matters of litigation regarding the Seagull Motel and COAH, two personnel matters, one regarding the appointment of Roxanne Tosto as Deputy City Manager and one regarding the hiring of Lisa Torquati as a part time clerk and one contract matter regarding a shared services agreement with Galloway Township and the QPA.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to approve Council and Executive Session Minutes of 12/5/18.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approve of Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

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

Motion Carried.

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Brigantine Elks Donation for Community AED's

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Recognition of Former Fire Chief James Holl's Efforts of Designating Brigantine as a "Heartsafe Community"

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-221

RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING BRIGANTINE AS A "HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY"

Roll Call: Bew, Riordan, Haney, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "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 Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-222

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-223

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GALLOWAY TWP.  
FOR PURCHASING AGENT CONSULTING

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-224

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT  
INSURANCE FUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-225

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL  
ALLIANCE GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-226

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2019

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-227

C.E.R. REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-228

C.E.R. REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2018-229

AUTHORIZING DUNE MAINTENANCE PERMITS

Councilman DeLucry questioned one of the permits, stating that the property was on the Bay side. Mr. DeLucry further questioned what the public interest was with any of the permits and questioned how council can give permission to one individual property owner the right to do what they chose to do in the public dune field. City Manager James Bennett stated that based on the ordinance and his conversations with the homeowner; he recommended that it go forward.

Roll Call: Bew, Riordan, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: Yes”.  
Haney:” Abstain”.  
DeLucry: No”.

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to appoint Roxanne Tosto and the Deputy City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer.

Councilman DeLucry stated that his vote of “yes” is based on the understanding that the contract form will come before council for consideration and approval.

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

Motion Carried

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Public Comments

Bob Gargiulio of 47 Heald Road spoke about Veterans funds that were cut from the budget by the governor.

By voice resolution, Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson for the resolution to express the City’s displeasure with the budget cuts to the Veterans transportation fund and to express the City’s support that no further cuts are made.

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

Motion Carried

Frank Congemi of 605 West Shore Drive spoke about the various Veteran organizations that used to attend the Elks event, prior to the cuts.

Paul Lettieri of 206 13<sup>th</sup> Street North spoke about the veteran’s budget cuts.

Kathy Rachiele of 1301 Ocean Ave. commented on the live stream video.

Close of public comment.

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Council Comments

Councilwoman Bew praised Mayor Guenther for all his work during his years of service.

Councilman Riordan reminded all of the Polar Bear Plunge on January 1. Councilman Riordan then thanked Mayor Guenther for everything he has done during his term.

Councilman Haney thanked Mayor Guenther for all he has done during his term.

Councilman Delucry stated that Mayor Guenther has always represented himself with dignity while serving as Mayor.

Councilman Sera thanked Mayor Guenther for all he has done during his term.

Councilman Simpson stated that he and Mayor Guenther are lifelong friends, saying that whatever Phil decides for his future, he will be great at it.

Mayor Guenther said it has been an honor to serve the City of Brigantine, thanking everyone he has worked with over the years.

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

Roll Call: All "Yes".

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

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Mayor Philip Guenther

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Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk