

December 5, 2018
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 5:00 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 Sera to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-208

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 5:01 P.M.

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Council returned from Executive Session at 6:04 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 then asked for a moment of silence for Peg Boyer and President George Bush.

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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: a report received from Innovative Risk Solutions, Inc. regarding employee health benefits renewal, a report and settlement agreement regarding The Seagull Motel, one appointment of a City Manager and an update to the City Personnel Policy Handbook.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to approve Council and Executive Session Minutes of 11/07/18.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney 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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Senator Chris Brown Legislative Update

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-209

APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

Mayor Guenther explained that this was a resolution to appoint James Bennett as City Manager. Councilman DeLucry commented on the hiring process, saying he was unaware that council was hiring Mr. Bennett this evening.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

No comments were made.

Close of public comment.

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Best Practices Discussion by Chief Financial Officer Roxanne Tosto

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Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to adopt the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 25 OF 2018

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$950,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$950,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENTS

Mayor Guenther called for the public hearing of Ordinance 25 of 2018. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Superintendent of Public Works John Doring explained the areas covered in the ordinance.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 26 OF 2018

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,400,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,280,000 IN BONDS AND NOTES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF STREETScape PROJECTS

Mayor Guenther called for the public hearing of Ordinance 26 of 2018. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Mr. Doring spoke about the time frame for the work included in the ordinance. Chief Financial Officer Roxanne Tosto explained the financial aspect of the ordinance.

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 ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 27 OF 2018

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF 103 12TH STREET NORTH

Mayor Guenther called for the public hearing of Ordinance 27 of 2018. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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 2018-210

CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-211

CANCELLATION OF GRANT BALANCES

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 2018-212

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE
AND THE SEAGULL MOTEL

Mr. Scerni explained the details of the settlement agreement.

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 2018-213

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to combine Resolution 2018-214, 2018-215 and 2018-216 for voting purposes.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-214

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-215

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-216

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

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 2018-217

AWARD OF CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SOUTH JERSEY GAS
MAIN AND LATERAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Councilman DeLucry commented on the payment section of the resolution.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-218

AWARD OF CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EAST EVANS PUMP
STATION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Tosto explained the details of the resolution. Councilman DeLucry questioned the dollar amount of the award and the scope of work to be performed.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2018-219

ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AS AMENDED

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

Motion Carried.

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Consent Agenda

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

A. Philadelphia Outrigger Canoe Club Request

Mr. Doring explained that the group requested to park the vehicles on the beach located at the base of the Jetty Beach, near the dune area. After discussion, it was decided that no trailers or vehicles shall be parked on the beach, unless the vehicle has a valid four wheel drive permit.

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager/Committee Discussion: Bus shelters, Cove beach

Ms. Tosto gave a bus shelter update. Councilman DeLucry spoke on the Cove beach and the fact that the beach is very narrow, discussed sonic undersea seismic testing and requested a resolution be drawn up for the next meeting, expressing the disapproval of such testing.

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Public Comments

No public comments made.

Close of public comment.

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Council Comments

Councilman Simpson discussed an anonymous letter received by council regarding the Fire Department list of potential fire fighter candidates.

Councilman Haney thanked Ms. Tosto for a job well done during her interim as Acting City Manager. Ms. Tosto thanked council for the opportunity, saying it was a great experience.

Councilman Riordan praised the VFW for the Veterans Service, saying it was a very moving ceremony.

Mayor Guenther reminded all of the Tree Lighting Ceremony to take place Friday, December 7th at 5:30 PM.

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Councilman Simpson 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 7:09 P.M.

Mayor Philip Guenther

Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk