

March 20, 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 Councilwoman Bew to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-54

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 6:02 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 longtime resident Barbara Gorman and for the tragic acts of violence in New Zealand.

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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: one contract matter regarding the Eastern Surfing Association, one litigation update

regarding Malone vs City of Brigantine and a property transfer update regarding the Wolf property.

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Hope One Project Presentation by Atlantic County Sherriff Eric Scheffler.

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Brigantine Hockey League: 2019 War at the Shore Brigantine Cadet Hurricanes Championship Presentations.

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Mayor Simpson spoke about the issues at the Senior Center located in the Brigantine Beach Community Center and the fact that the County asked for two weeks to straighten out the situation.

Gene Solomon spoke about the Senior Center and the unexpected termination of the Manager Linda Nace, stating that he started a petition to have Ms. Nace reinstated.

Linda Nace thanked all that seniors that spoke in her defense.

Gene Nace spoke about his wife Linda, stating she is a kind person who did not deserve to be fired.

A senior resident stated that the replacement for Linda at the Senior Center has been mistreating the seniors.

Mayor Simpson stated that they will do whatever they can to fix the situation.

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Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to approve 3/6/19 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes

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

Motion Carried.

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

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Riordan, Sera, Simpson.

DeLucry: “Abstain” on #02792, “Yes” to the others.

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 Haney to adopt 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 spoke about the amount of taxicab licenses that are on file with the
City.

Mayor Simpson called for the public hearing of Ordinance 4 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 Councilwoman Bew to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance No. 5 of 2019

Amending the Salary Ordinance

Mayor Simpson called for the public hearing of Ordinance 5 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 Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to adopt the following ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance No. 6 of 2019

Amending Chapter 165, Article II of the Code Entitled “Street Openings”

Mayor Simpson called for the public hearing of Ordinance 6 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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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt 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

Mayor Simpson called for the public hearing of Ordinance 7 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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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-55

ACKNOWLEDGE THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS OF THE 8TH GRADE
BRIGANTINE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

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 2019-56

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO WAIVE AND/OR RELEASE WALKER DEED
RESTRICTION FOR 401 29TH STREET SO

Anne Philips of 308 27th Street asked what properties were included in the resolution
Councilman DeLucry stated the requirements of lifting a deed restriction according to case law,
stating further that there is no a value to the city in lifting restrictions that can be expressed in
dollars.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2019-57

PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE 4101 W. BRIGANTINE AVE.

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

Motion Carried.

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Consent Agenda

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

- A. VFW Raffle License #874
- B. Elks Raffle License #875
- C. Eastern Surfing association
- D. St. Andrew by the Sea Church Beach Request
- E. Marine Mammal Stranding Center Run/Walk for the Animals Fundraiser Request

Roll Call:

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Councilwoman Bew gave a Green Team update, asked the public for seedling donations for the Community Garden and announced that the Farmers Market needs volunteers. Councilman Haney gave a Clean Communities update and thanked Ryan Hurst and Lynn Sweeney for preparing the Hockey certificates. Councilman DeLucry announced that the Farmers Market needs volunteers. Councilman Riordan spoke about the First Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, thanking everyone who participated to its success. Councilman Sera gave a Beach Committee update stating that they recommend the following streets for ADA mats; Roosevelt, 16th, 26th & 34th Street and asked council for their approval to order them. Mayor Simpson stated that he had a meeting with the South Jersey Gas regarding the work being done and the complaints that the City had received and said that South Jersey Gas will do all the repairs needed to restore homeowners properties and he reminded all that Atlantic City Electric will be at the Community Center on June 8th at the Community Center to discuss future projects.

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Public Comments

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about Resolution 2019-56, asked about a possible health issue at the Library and spoke about an article in the Press regarding impervious surfaces.

A resident of 8 Kirkwood Circle spoke on resolution 2019-56.

Marion Gaudinskli of 107 South 21st Street spoke about Veterans suicides.

A resident spoke about prohibiting smoking on the beach.

Close of Public Comment

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Councilman Lettieri 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 7:55 P.M.

Mayor Andy Simpson

Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk