

January 8, 2020
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

Absent: DeLucry

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-1

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.

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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: appointment of professional service personnel and one contract matter regarding the RFP for Restaurant and Catering Concessions Services and the Brigantine Golf Links.

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Swearing In Ceremony: 2nd Ward Councilperson Paul Lettieri

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Mayors Proclamation Presentation: Brigantine Polar Bears.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approve Council Meeting of 12/18/19.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street asked for clarification of on resolutions 2020-07, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-14, 2020-15 and commented on Resolution 2020-6.

Mayor Simpson stated that he is not in favor of changing the Auditor. City Manager James Bennett commented on the Engineering Pool, stating that the City has done this type of award for many years, commented on the Risk Management Consultant handle all our insurance needs, stated that the Health Insurance Brokerage Services looks for the best health insurance plans for the City, stated that the Registered Municipal Finance Advisors advise the Auditor and the CFO on all the current finance laws and commented that the Continuing Disclosure Agent provides a similar service regarding finance laws.

Close of public comment.

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Mayor Simpson acknowledged Freeholder At Large John Risley and former Mayor Phil Guenther, that were in attendance tonight.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-2

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CITY SOLICITOR

PARKER MCCAY

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-3

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CONFLICT SOLICITOR
BAKER GELFAND

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-4

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
BOND COUNSEL
FLEISHMAN DANIELS

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-5

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
LABOR ATTORNEY
RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-6

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
MUNICIPAL AUDITOR
FORD SCOTT & ASSOCIATES

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-7

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CONSULTING ENGINEER POOL
ROBERT ENGINEERING, DIXON ASSOCIATES, DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES,
MOTT MACDONALD, DORAN ENGINEERING

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-8

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR
WILLIAM REYNOLDS ESQ.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-9

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CONFLICT PROSECUTOR
JENNA COOK

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-10

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
PUBLIC DEFENDER
JERRY STEINER, ESQ

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-11

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
SIRACUSA KAUFMAN INSURANCE CO

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-12

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
HEALTH INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES
INNOVATIVE RISK SOLUTIONS
SEAN GORMLEY

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-13

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
PLANNER & GRANT CONSULTANT
JAMES RUTALA

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-14

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT
PHOENIX ADVISORS

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-15

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
REGISTERED MUNICIPAL FINANCE ADVISORS
PHOENIX ADVISORS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-16

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2020-17

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

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2020-18

APPOINTING MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND CONTACT PERSON FOR THE
EMPLOYEE PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt the following requests.

- A. VFW Raffle License #905
- B. VFW Raffle License #906

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution, Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to Award of Contract for Restaurant and Catering Concession Services at The Links to The 19th Hole at the Links, LLC.

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Mr. Bennett gave an update on stormwater pump stations and generators. Councilwoman Bew congratulated Councilman Lettieri. Councilman Lettieri commended the Polar Bear Committee for all their work for the Veterans and thanked all who came out to the polls in November. Councilman Haney wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Councilman Riordan commended the Polar Bear Committee and announced a Cultural Arts Commission Lecture Event on Sunday, January 26th at The Cove. Councilman Sera thanked Freeholder Risley for all his support, thanked the Polar Bear Committee for their efforts and support of the Veterans and mentioned a program called “Teach at the Beach” which would allow teachers to learn about the environment.

Freeholder Risley gave an update on Atlantic County projects.

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Public Comments

John Johnson of 34 Coquille Beach wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about the Community Flood Rating, asking if the City could get a lower number.

Close of Public Comment

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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 6:42 P.M.

Mayor Andy Simpson

Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk