

August 21, 2019  
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2019-144

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 and Councilman Sera offered a prayer. Councilman Sera asked for a moment of silence for the police officers who were shot in Philadelphia and for their families.

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Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: two matters of personnel, one regarding Police Officer Pena’s resignation and one regarding the appointment of Officer John Blake to that position; one contract matter regarding an update on negotiations with the fire department and two litigation matters regarding Malone vs City of Brigantine and Latimer vs City of Brigantine.

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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.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the 8/7/19 Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

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 27<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about Ordinance 16 of 2019.

Close of Public Comment.

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Discussion – 2018 Audit Report: Leon Costello

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2019-145

CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

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 2019-146

PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000,000 CONSISTING OF \$13,000,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND \$7,000,000 WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS

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 2019-147

DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$20,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2019, CONSISTING OF \$13,000,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND \$7,000,000 WATER-SEWER UTILITY BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE

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. 16 OF 2019

CREATION OF GARDEN CLUB ADVISORY BOARD

Public Comment.

Patricia Violante of 239 12<sup>th</sup> Street South spoke as the president of the Garden Club, and stated she is in favor of the ordinance.

Close of Public Comment.

Councilwoman Bew spoke favorably of the ordinance, stating that it will give the organization structure and allow them to purchase through the city. Councilman Lettieri spoke favorably about the ordinance. Councilman Haney spoke favorably about the ordinance stating that there is an area near his home that is beautifully maintained by the Garden Club. Councilman DeLucry questioned if the Garden Club volunteers will be covered under the City’s insurance while performing Garden Club activities and City Solicitor Fred Scerni stated that they would be. Councilman Riordan spoke favorably about the ordinance and asked if the members could place safety cones out while working on the beds. Councilman Sera spoke favorably about the ordinance, thanking the members for beautifying the City.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 2019

AMENDING CHAPTER 284, ARTICLE IV OF CITY CODE  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Mr. Scerni commented that there was a typo on the ordinance in Section 284-50 regarding the “Block/Side”, stating it has since been corrected to read 300 South and it may be introduced as corrected.

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 2019-148

FINAL WORK CHANGE ORDER 2018 MISC. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND  
CONCRETE REPAIRS

City Manager James Bennett explained the reason for the work change order.

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 2019-149

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2019-150

TAX EXEMPTION-DISABLED VETERAN

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2019-151

AWARD OF BID – PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT THROUGH ATLANTIC COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2019-152

AWARD OF CONTRACT – PORTABLE TOILETS

Councilman DeLucry asked how many toilets would be included, what the cost was and what services are entailed in the contract.

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 requests.

- A. Riptide Fall Striper/Bluefish Derby Request
- B. Bayfest Extended Hour Request
- C. Atlantic County Surf Fishing Derby Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Councilwoman Bew announced that the mosquito spraying will be performed on Saturday. Councilman Lettieri gave a Recreation Committee update. Councilman Haney reminded all of the Elks Bayfest event that will take place this weekend. Councilman DeLucry spoke about the Heart of Surfing Event that will take place on September 7<sup>th</sup> and urged the public to attend. Councilman Riordan spoke about the Elks Field of Dreams Event and stated that there are plans for a Columbus Day parade. Councilman Sera stated that the Tot Lot needs repairs and spoke about the handicapped wheel chairs that the Elks donated and the ADA mats that are on the beach. Mayor Simpson praised the Police Department stating that they support them 100% and announced that he wished to change the name of the Community Center after former Mayor Philip Guenther. City Clerk Lynn Sweeney announced that The True Spirit Coalition and Hand Up Brigantine will be having a school supplies giveaway on Monday.

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#### Public Comments

Anne Phillips of 308 27<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about Shared Services Contracts, commented on protected beaches at the Cove and spoke about Ordinance 16 of 2019. Mr. Scerni stated that he can prepare a formal process that will describe how the Shared Services Agreements should be structured.

Patricia Violante of 239 12<sup>th</sup> Street South spoke on Ordinance 16 of 2019.

A resident of 235 8<sup>th</sup> Street North requested a “No Parking” sign for her property due to people blocking her driveway and Councilman Lettieri stated that he would be in contact with her.

#### Close of Public Comment

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Councilman Sera moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Mayor Andy Simpson

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Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk