

May 6, 2020
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date via Zoom at 1:00 P.M. with Mayor Simpson presiding.

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

Absent: None

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Mayor Simpson led the flag salute after which Councilman Sera offered a prayer. Mayor Simpson announced the birth of his third grandson, Theo.

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approve the 4/9/20, 4/15/20 and 4/29/20 Council Meeting minutes.

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

*Haney & Riordan were in attendance on Zoom call, but were having technical issues and were unable to vote.

Motion Carried.

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

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

*Haney & Riordan were in attendance on Zoom call, but were having technical issues and were unable to vote.

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-92

INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON A DATE NO LATER THAN
JUNE 1, 2020 FOR PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130

Councilman Sera explained that the Governor needs to give the County and School the ability to extend their grace period in order for this to be complete.

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

*Riordan was in attendance on Zoom call, but was having technical issues and was unable to vote.

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

Amanda McNally of 331 41st Street commented on short term rentals.

Andrew Whitehead of 3319 Ocean Ave spoke about short term rentals.

Close of Public Comment.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 3 OF 2020

REMOVAL OF HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 107 21ST STREET SOUTH

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Sera to introduce the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 4 OF 2020

ADOPTING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CIVIC CENTER
REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Councilman Sera commented that this was part of the City’s Affordable Housing obligation.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2020-82

REFERRING A PROPOSED AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CIVIC
CENTER TO THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE PLANNING BOARD AND DIRECTING
THE PLANNING BOARD TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2020-83

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROAD MATERIALS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-84

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THIRD-PARTY PROFESSIONALS TO
PROVIDE COUNTY AND STATE TAX APPEALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR
ASSESSMENT PURPOSES

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 resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-85

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-86

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF
HEAVY-DUTY EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Public Works Superintendent Joh Doring explained the need for this equipment.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-87

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TWO JOHN DEERE 310L BACKHOE
LOADERS

Mr. Doring explained that this equipment will be replacing loaders that are from 1990.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-88

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

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 2020-89

RESOLUTION 2020-89 RE: DECLARING AN EMERGENT CONDITION EXISTS AND
AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS

Mr. Doring explained that this is for service on Bayshore Avenue.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2020-90

DECLARING AN EMERGENT CONDITION EXISTS AND AUTHORIZING AN AWARD
OF CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY SEWER VIDEO AND CLEANING

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 2020-91

RENEWAL OF THE SMILE FACTORY, LLC AMUSEMENT GAME LICENSE

City Manager James Bennett explained that there have been no complaints with this license.

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 request.

A. St. Thomas Raffle #915

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comments

David Roantree of 4540 W. Brigantine Ave. asked if there is any information regarding the opening of pools.

Close of Public Comment

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: Mr. Bennett spoke about the short-term rental prohibition. Councilman Lettieri spoke about a property that has been illegally renting in his ward. Councilwoman Bew spoke about the Farmers Market saying there is no plan or date yet, thanked the teachers for all their efforts during this time, reminded all that plastic bags do not go into the recycle bin and asked about beach badge sales. Mayor Simpson stated that the rules and regulations for the beaches will be announced soon. Councilman Lettieri stated that the beaches are open, but the seawall is closed and commented that the 4x4 permits from 2019 will be active until the 2020 permits are available. Councilman Haney asked for a timeline for the road work at the Circle, spoke about the flags flying at half-staff, asked if the seawall could be reopened with restrictions and commented on Resolution 2020-68. Mayor Simpson spoke about the closing of the seawall. Councilman DeLucry spoke about the restrictions that are in place due to Covid-19 and commented on illegal rentals. Councilman Riordan commented on the restaurants wanting to utilize outdoor seating saying he is in talks with the Governors office regarding, commented on Resolution 2019-92, spoke about Resolution 2020-68 and commented on the closing of the seawall and the various restrictions still in place. Councilman Sera spoke about reopening procedures and the precautions that need to take place, saying that the Mayor is in constant contact with the Governor’s office to implement all safety precautions. Mayor Simpson spoke about the conversations with the Governors office regarding the closing and openings procedures and stated that a few beaches may be open for Memorial Day Weekend. Councilwoman Bew spoke about the Golf Course reopening with restrictions.

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Mayor Simpson appointed Nancy Barone and Helen Coffman to the Board of Education.

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

Roll Call: All “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Mayor Andy Simpson

Lynn Sweeney, City Clerk