

July 22, 2020
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

Absent: Simpson

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Deputy Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew 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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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the 6/17/2020 Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

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

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 5 of 2020

Land Use Ordinance

Deputy Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 5 of 2020. The Ordinance was read by title by the Deputy Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 6 of 2020

Removal of Handicap Parking Space – 306 W. Evans Blvd.

Deputy Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 6 of 2020. The Ordinance was read by title by the Deputy Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 7 OF 2020

AMENDING CODE CHAPTER 284, SECTION 44, SCHEDULE VIII
STOP INTERSECTIONS

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

Motion Carried.

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

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CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 8 OF 2020

AMENDING CODE CHAPTER 165, ARTICLE II ENTITLED “STREET OPENINGS”

City Manager, James Bennett explained that this ordinance was needed to clear up some deficiencies in the existing ordinance.

Councilman Riordan thanked Deputy Mayor Sera, City Manager James Bennett and City Engineer Matt Doran for their work on this ordinance.

Councilman Haney thanked Mr. Bennett for his work on the ordinance.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-117

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
2020 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto commented that this resolution was an annual grant that is used to support clean communities efforts throughout the city.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-118

AWARD OF CONTRACT – REPLACEMENT OF CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM AT
COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-119

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO DECREASE CDBG PEDESTRIAN
IMPROVEMENTS TO WEST BEACH AVE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,359.00

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-120

AWARD OF CONTRACT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-121

WORK CHANGE ORDER #1
SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT AT ROOSEVELT BLVD AND SHERIDAN BLVD.

Councilman Haney asked for clarification regarding the resolution due to the increase and Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring explained that it is for the additional work that was required at Roosevelt and Sheridan.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-122

WORK CHANGE ORDER #1
INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS AT MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Mr. Doring stated that the increase was due to a delay in work due to COVID and described the scope of work.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-123

DECLARING AN EMERGENT CONDITION EXISTS AND AUTHORIZING AN AWARD
OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES
FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS

Mr. Doring explained that this was due to a storm drain collapse on the corner of Roosevelt and Sheridan.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-124

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-125

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REPLACE RTU UNIT
AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Councilman Haney asked for clarification on the wording and Mr. Doring explained the “RTU” stands for “rooftop unit”.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-126

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-127

DECLARING AN EMERGENT CONDITION EXISTS AND AUTHORIZING AN AWARD
OF CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS

Mr. Doring explained that this is was in reference to repairing the road where there were multiple water main brakes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-128

REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-129

LAND USE FEE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-130

BEACH TAG REFUND

Councilman Haney explained the situation in reference to the refund.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-131

RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to bundle Resolution 2020-132 through 2020-134 for voting purposes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-132

RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE REFUND

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-133

RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE REFUND

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-134

RENTAL REGISTRATION FEE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-135

AUTHORIZING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE
LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM

Councilman Haney stated that as a former law enforcement officer and member of council, he stands by the Police Department and is in favor of supplying them with the equipment they need.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-136

SAFE AND SECURE GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #919
- B. Community Presbyterian Church Raffle License #920
- C. Surf Jam Request
- D. Women’s Surf Fishing Club Request

Deputy Mayor Sera spoke about the Surf Jam request, praising the organizers for the attention to detail regarding COVID safety precautions.

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: City Manager, James Bennett spoke about the road work projects in town saying they will resume after Labor Day. Councilwoman Bew spoke about road work on Sheridan and Roosevelt Boulevard stating the work would be completed in the Fall, spoke about the success of the Farmers Market thanking the volunteers for all their efforts, reminded all of the CER concert that was taking place tonight, talked about an issue with landscapers blowing grass and debris into the street and asked council for recommendations to discourage landscapers from continuing this practice. Deputy Mayor Sera stated that there is an

ordinance prohibiting this practice and Mr. Bennett stated he would reach out to the Zoning Official, Mark Coyne to contact the companies to discuss the issue. Councilman Lettieri spoke about the complaints received about fireworks in various neighborhoods, mentioned that the pump on Jenkins Parkway did not seem to be performing to full capacity and asked Mr. Doring for an update. Mr. Doring commented that he was unaware of any issues with this pump. Councilman Lettieri stated there was an issue with people camping overnight on the beach that were not actively fishing and Mr. Bennett stated that the fisherman are allowed to be there if they are actively fishing. Mr. Bennett spoke about the fireworks issue explaining the types of fireworks that are allowed and not allowed. Councilman Haney thanked the Beach Patrol for their efforts so far this summer, spoke about the negative impacts he feels there will be with the Governors new indoor seating capacity regulations, stated he hopes the schools reopen for students to return, spoke about the March for Racial Equality that took place June 18 thanking the Police Department for their efforts, further stating that he supports peoples First Amendment rights but was opposed to some of the things stated at the March and commented that he was happy the flag was finally flying at full staff. Councilman DeLucry thanked Councilman Riordan for bundling the resolutions, spoke about the pandemic saying that Brigantine has done well with prevention and following guidelines and thanked all that have done their part in keeping with the guidelines. Councilman Riordan thanked the public for participating in the zoom meeting, praised the Farmers Market committee for the success of the market, thanked the Garden Club for the certificates that were given out to homeowners regarding well maintained landscaping, spoke about the success of outdoor seating, thanked the Beach Patrol Chief for the beaches being safe and introduced a voice resolution opposing a mail in election for the general election.

By voice resolution Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to oppose a vote by mail election for the general election.

Councilwoman Bew spoke in favor of the resolution. Councilman DeLucry spoke against the resolution. Councilman Riordan spoke in favor of the resolution. Deputy Mayor Sera spoke in favor of the resolution. Councilman Haney spoke in favor of the resolution.

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

Motion Carried.

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Continuation of Council Manager/Committee Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Sera gave an update on the Atlantic City Electric project set to begin in the fall, gave an update on the county road project at the Lighthouse Circle, discussed the reopening plan for the Brigantine School and praised the efforts of all the City Departments for their work on making July 4th weekend run so smoothly.

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Public Comments

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street requested that council pass a resolution in favor of in person voting for the general election and requested that each council member give their thoughts on the school reopening.

Anne Webb of Vernon Place spoke about the voice resolution regarding voting.

James Mackey of 1325 Vardon Road spoke about the success of July 4th weekend, praised the efforts of Deputy Mayor Sera and Councilman Haney for their work with Senator Chris Brown to rescind the Governors order allowing the flags to fly at full staff and spoke about the voice resolution.

Close of public comment.

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Councilwoman Bew 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 2:36 P.M.

Deputy Mayor Vince Sera

Lynn Sweeney, City Clerk