

December 16, 2020
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date via Zoom at 5:00 P.M. with Mayor Sera presiding.

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

Absent: None

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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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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approve the 12/2/2020 Council Meeting minutes.

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

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, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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Mayor Sera tabled the following Ordinance.

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 20 of 2020

Prohibiting the Ownership, Possession and Maintenance of any Livestock in the City of Brigantine

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

A resident thanked council for tabling the Ordinance.

Eileen Costello of 1322 Vardon Road thanked council for tabling the Ordinance.

Mary Jane Valiante of 103 20th Street thanked council for tabling the Ordinance.

Close of Public Comment.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 17 of 2020

Amending Chapter 284 of the Code of the City of Brigantine as it relates to Handicap Parking Spaces

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 17 of 2020. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Councilman Haney thanked City Solicitor, Fred Scerni and City Manager, James Bennett for the work they did on the Ordinance. Councilman Riordan thanked Councilman Haney for the work he did on the Ordinance. Mayor Sera thanked Councilman Haney for the research he did on the Ordinance.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 18 of 2020

Amending Chapter 210-37, Article II of the Code of the City of Brigantine as it Relates to Horseback Riding Permits

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 18 of 2020. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 19 of 2020

Providing for Restricted Handicapped Parking Spaces

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 19 of 2020. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2020-220

RECOGNIZING “LAST SALUTE” AS THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE’S “OFFICIAL
MILITARY FUNERAL HONOR GUARD”

Mayor Sera commented that he reached out to the VFW & American Legion for support of this resolution.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2020-221

AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WAIVING THE CITY’S RIGHTS
TO ENFORCE THE “WALKER RESTRICTION” ON LOT 8 IN BLOCK 1505

Councilman DeLucry stated that there should be something on record as to why the request is being made by the applicant and suggested a blanket fee for these types of restriction resolutions. Mayor Sera discussed the history of the Walker Restriction. Councilwoman Bew stated that she is in favor of the of the resolution as long as the guidelines are met regarding setbacks. Councilman Lettieri stated that the as a member of the Planning Board, the property conforms to all the requirements. Councilman DeLucry stated that he has no objection to the substance of removing the restriction, but is against the fees being charged.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-222

AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF COASTAL RESEARCH CENTER,
STOCKTON STATE COLLEGE

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2020-223

CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2020-224

SAFE AND SECURE GRANT/BRIGANTINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-225

REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2020-226

RENTAL INSPECTION FEE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-227

BENNETT CHEVROLET – PAY-TO-PLAY

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2020-228

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto announced there was a typo in the resolution and explained the correction.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-229

CANCELLATION OF BUDGET

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2020-230

CANCELLATION OF BALANCES IN THE GRANT FUND

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

Motion Carried.

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Consent Agenda

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

- A. American Legion Raffle License #926

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager/Committee Discussion: City Manager, James Bennett gave a storm update. Councilwoman Bew thanked the True Spirit Coalition, City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney and the many volunteers for all their efforts with the toy drive, told everyone to stay safe during the upcoming storm, wished everyone watching a Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas and made a toast to a Happy Healthy 2021. Councilman Lettieri reminded all of the ongoing Gas Company work and commented on the crowds at the Sea Wall reminding all of the COVID restrictions that are in place regarding masks and social distancing. Councilman Haney thanked Lynn Sweeney for her efforts with the True Spirit toy drive, commended Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring for preparing the town for the upcoming storm, commented on Pearl Harbor Day and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Councilman DeLucry wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and commended the efforts of Lynn Sweeney for the toy drive. Councilman Kane spoke about the Gas Company work, thanked the City Hall employees, Fire Department and Public Works for their efforts, wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Councilman Riordan commended Lynn Sweeney on her efforts with the toy drive, commented on all the people that contribute to the running of the City, wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Mayor Sera wished everyone a safe & happy holiday, commended the efforts of the City Employees, thanked Lynn Sweeney for all her efforts with the toy drive and spoke about how Brigantine always comes together as a community to help when needed.

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Public Comments

Shirley Morgan thanked everyone in the City for all their efforts.

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Lynn Sweeney thanked everyone for helping with the toys, stating it is a group effort.

Councilwoman Bew 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 5:58 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

Lynn Sweeney, City Clerk