

March 1, 2023
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for Armond Paglione.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-44
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey permits the discussion of certain matters within an Executive Session, as an exception to certain provisions of said laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brigantine wishes to discuss certain matters which qualify as exceptions in Executive Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE THAT:

1. There is hereby authorized an Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Brigantine, for the purpose of discussing certain matters which qualify under said Open Public Meetings Act. No action binding upon the City Council will be disclosed to the public when legally permitted and when the public interest will no longer be served by keeping such matters confidential.
2. This resolution shall take place immediately.

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

Motion Carried.

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC 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 5:04 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:27 P.M.

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Attorney Linda A. Galella reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: one matter of contract negotiations.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 2/15/2023 Council and Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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, Kane, 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 Lettier moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-45

AUTHORIZING FIRST AMENDMENT TO SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT

Ms. Galella explained that this was part of the City’s third round affordable housing settlement.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-46

TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE PRIOR YEAR 2022 BUDGET

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-48

LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT: PORTABLE TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Police Chief Rich Casamento explained that a portable traffic light would be used for emergency situations if the actual traffic lights should not work.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2023-49

AUTHORIZING AUCTION FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-50

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF FIRE HYDRANTS
TO CORE & MAIN INCORPORATED

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-51

RENEWAL OF SMILE FACTORY LICENSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-52

AUTHORIZATION FOR AGREEMENT WITH DEP FOR BEACHFILL SHORE
PROTECTION PROJECT

Mayor Sera explained the Army Corps stated that the projects are coming in at a higher price than was expected, so they advised the City to request additional funds from the Federal Government in order to maximize the beachfill project.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2023-53

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES AT THE BRIGANTINE LINKS GOLF COURSE

Attorney Linda A. Galella explained that the City recently went out to bid for a food and beverage concessionaires for the Golf Course, but the bids were rejected due to issues with the bid specs, further stating that it will be rebid but the bid process would not be completed in time to open for the current contractual events that are planned. Ms. Galella stated that in order to comply with the current contractual events, the current concessionaires permit holder is being awarded a temporary emergency contract.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the following requests:

- A. Brigantine Food Truck Festival
- B. Brigantine Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Request
- C. VFW Raffle License #994
- D. VFW Raffle License #995

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Fire Chief Paul Fuller announced that the new ladder truck is now at the fire house. Councilwoman Bew spoke about Read Across America saying she read at the Community School, spoke about the Atlantic County Commission meeting she recently attended and commented on the new fire truck. Councilman Lettieri spoke about complaints he’s received regarding people not picking up after their pets and complaints regarding illegal parking in the Beach Blocks where the requestor has asked for police intervention. Councilman Haney congratulated the Chief Fuller on the new ladder truck, commented on the Offshore Wind Project and commented that he has spoken to residents regarding the parking issues. Councilman Riordan thanked Mayor Sera and Councilwoman Bew for attending the Commissioners Meeting, spoke about the new ladder truck, praised the Public Works Department for cleaning up after the bad wind storm, gave a Cultural Arts Commission update, announced the Lions Club Car Show on June 4th, gave an Economic Development Committee meeting update, announced that the St. Patrick’s Day Parade is scheduled for March 11th and spoke about the issues with “party houses”. Mayor Sera stated that Council supports the Marine Mammal Stranding Center 100% and said that the Center does not receive monies from the Wind Industry, announced that the City put out an RFP for HR Consultant but no bids were received so it will be advertised with the League of Municipalities, spoke about the County Commissioners Meeting commenting that there were a lot of people in attendance who were there to discuss the Offshore Wind Project, announced that

on March 16th Congressman VanDrew will holding Public Hearings regarding the Offshore Wind Project and spoke about the Short Term Rental issues,

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Public Comments.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about the short-term rental issues that are occurring in her neighborhood and Police Chief Rich Casamento spoke about the issues.

Tom Jones of 5th Street North asked about a timeline for the beach replenishment and Mayor Sera commented that the project will go out to bid in March, with an anticipated start work time frame of end of May beginning of June. Mr. Jones asked if the ramp going onto 5th North would be repaired and Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring stated that the plan is to do what they did last season where they repaired some and some may have to wait until after the beach replenishment. Mr. Jones asked for an update on the repairs to the Seawall where the van struck it and Mayor Sera replied that since it is County property, they are repairing it and then asked Acting City Manager, Ryan Hurst to contact the County for an update. Mr. Jones asked if there was a time set for Jeff VanDrew's hearing on the 16th and Mayor Sera stated that there is no time or place set yet. Mr. Jones then commented that a member of Defend Brigantine Facebook group offered to pay for a 5th or 7th grader from Brigantine Community School to attend the meeting on the 16th and Mayor Sera suggested they reach out the School Superintendent Glenn Robbins. Mr. Jones asked if the moratorium is not agreed upon what would the next step be and Mayor Sera stated that every option is on the table and they will continue to gather support and draw attention to the matter.

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive asked if plans were finalized for the Public Works Building renovations and Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring stated that bids are being received Tuesday.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC