

March 20, 2024
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, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: Kane.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2024-52
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Publics 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, DeLucry, 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 5:03 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:38 P.M.

Municipal Solicitor Micheal Hurbert reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter of litigation and one matter of personnel.

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Councilwoman Bew presented Anne Phillips with a birthday cake to celebrate her birthday.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney approve the 03/06/2024 Council

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approve the requisition list, operating expenses and payroll.

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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City Manager, Tige Platt presented the Managers Budget.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-53

RESOLUTION 2024-50 RE: INTRODUCING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE
READ BY TITLE ONLY

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to re-introduce the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2024

TO AMEND CHAPTER 234 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, ENTITLED
“PARKING LOTS” TO UPDATE THE PARKING REGULATIONS IN CITY PARKING
LOTS FOR PERMIT PARKING

Mayor Sera stated that this Ordinance needed to be re-introduced due to a correction. City Manager, Tige Platt explained that the correction was related to the wording for daily parking passes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

Ordinance #4 of 2924

Amending Chapter 105 of The Code Entitled “Beaches and Recreation Areas” to Update Regulations to Ice Cream Permits

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 4 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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.

ORDINANCE 5 OF 2024

AMENDING CHAPTER 210-37, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE PORTION AS IT RELATES TO FEES

Mayor Sera thanked Mr. Platt for his work on cleaning up the ordinance and preparing it.

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

Motion Carried.

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

ORDINANCE 6 OF 2024

AMENDING CHAPTER 260 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, ENTITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS” TO ADD ARTICLE II “REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR ENCROACHMENTS”

Mayor Sera commented that this was needed to formalize the process on the City side.

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 2024-54

OPPOSING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY’S NEW PROPOSED SHORE PROTECTION RULE AND NJ PACT REGULATIONS

Mayor Sera explained that this was needed due to the proposed DEP restrictions to tidal waterways and adjacent shorelines. Councilman DeLucry stated that the proposed rules are not official regulations, so the Resolution was not needed. Mayor Sera commented that he is concerned that there will be potential restrictions and this resolution gets ahead of it, prior to it becoming a potential issue.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-55

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE
BETWEEN THE CITY AND AFSCME LOCAL 63

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 2024-56

PBA ROADWAY SOLICITATION APPLICATION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-57

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING CHEVY TAHOE VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT
21-FLEET- 01483 FROM HERTRICH FLEET SERVICES INCORPORATED

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 following requests:

- A. Lions Club Car Show Request
- B. Baseball & Softball Association Parade Request
- C. Soccer Event Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Councilwoman Bew spoke about the success of the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration Festivities and Parade, commented on the seminar she held along with the Police Department about Elder Financial Fraud and Scams thanking acting Police Captain Steve Ward and Lieutenant Jack Glasser for their informative presentation, further thanked Linda Nace and her staff and the CER staff for their assistance, commended the Garden Club for their work on the beds around town. Councilman Lettieri commented on the success of the St. Patrick’s Day

Parade, thanking all who were involved. Councilman Haney spoke about the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and festivities saying how it helped boost the local economy and commented on the Baseball Season starting. Councilman DeLucry thanked all that participated and organized the St. Patrick's Day parade. Councilman Riordan spoke about the success of the St. Patrick's Day parade thanking all the City Departments that helped organize and the local businesses that participated, spoke about the Cultural Arts Committee and commented on the Economic Development Committee. Mayor Sera commended Councilman Riordan for the success of the St. Patrick's Day parade and spoke about the Cove Beach erosion from storms stating that they may have limited access and/or closures during the season if it becomes too crowded.

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By voice resolution Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by to appoint the following to the Cultural Arts Committee: Mariette Pennestri and Fran Streeper.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street asked for an update on the proposed offshore windmill project lawsuit, asked if the Short-Term Rental positions have been filled and asked for a clarification in the term "Resort Houses". Mayor Sera stated that he will contact the City Solicitor regarding the definition. Mrs. Phillips asked if the new program was available regarding the Short-Term Rentals and Mayor Sera commented that the program was due to go live April 1st. Councilman Riordan read from the City Code regarding "Resort Houses".

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Haney 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 6:38 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC