

April 19, 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, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: None

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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 two retired Fire Department Captains; Captain Gary Swain and Captain Tom Matthews.

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Swearing In Ceremony: Police Sergeant William Ferris, Jr.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to take a five-minute recess.

Roll Call: "Yes".

Motion Carried:

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to resume meeting at 5:19 P.M.

Roll Call: "Yes".

Motion Carried:

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Haney approve the 04/05/2023 and Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes.

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

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2023
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BEACH REPLENISHMENT PROJECT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2023

AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT INCREASE FOR PERMITS TO PURCHASE AND CARRY A HANDGUN

Councilman Haney commented on the rate increase in the ordinance. Councilman Riordan spoke about the rate increase in the ordinance.

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 2023-78

AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Councilman DeLucry asked when the current contract ends and what the new rates will be and Acting City Manager Ryan Hurst stated that there is an increase mostly due to labor costs & gas prices.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2022-79

ACCEPTING COPS IN SHOPS GRANT

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 2023-80

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH GREEN WHALES, INC
FOR RACE DIRECTING SERVICES

Mayor Sera commented that Green Whales, Inc. ran the event last year, speaking about how successful the event was.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-81

RENTAL REGISTRATION REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-82

FARMER'S MARKET REGISTRATION REFUND

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 resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-83

FARMER'S MARKET REGISTRATION REFUND

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-84

AUTHORIZING CITY TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED

TAX BILLS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-85

CANCELLATION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES 100% TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-86

AUTHORIZING USE OF TEMPORARY CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER
DURING CITY’S WATER TOWER RESURFACING PROJECT

Mayor Sera commented that the Water Tower on 14th Street will be the next water tower to be worked on.

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Brigantine Lion’s Club Car Show Request
- B. Heart of Surfing Adaptive Skateboarding Event

Roll Call: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Councilwoman Bew commented on complaints she has received regarding dogs off leash on the ball fields and asked Police Chief Rich Casamento to have his department monitor the situation, spoke about the success of the Chamber of Commerce & Green Team Cherry Blossom Festival and thanked Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring and his staff for getting the ball fields ready for baseball & softball season. Councilman Haney congratulated Sergeant William Ferris on his promotion, announced the hours of operation for the Beach Fee Office, stated that the Summer Concert Series begins May 24th, spoke about the number of dolphins and whales that have washed ashore recently and stated the Short-Term Committee will meet next week. Councilman DeLucry asked everyone for their patience regarding various issues, stating that things take time. Councilman Kane congratulated Sergeant Ferris, spoke about the upcoming summer season and commented on the Golf Course. Councilman Riordan announced the Lions Car show on June 4th, reminded all of the 30th

Anniversary Cultural Arts Commission event on April 22nd and spoke about the success of the Baseball program. Mayor Sera reappointed Shannon Fitzgerald and Helen Kaufman to School Board, spoke about the various projects that are being done in the city praising the Capital Improvements Committee, gave an update on the City Manager search stating that the committee met and are scheduling interviews, stated that he has met with other Mayors regarding issues with the proposed offshore windmill project saying that they are working on a joint letter to send to the House of Representatives and the US Senate and spoke about the Short-Term Rental Committee saying they will be meeting April 27th.

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Public Comments.

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive thanked the Police Department for all they do, commented on the median on the Boulevard asking if it will be maintained soon and spoke about the old gas station property.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rental issues in her neighborhood.

Anita Coia of 305 20th Street spoke about issues with short-term rental properties in her neighborhood.

Henry Waldron of 314 20th Street spoke about Ordinance 6 of 2023.

Anne Philips of 308 27th Street spoke about short-term rental issues.

George Groeber of 301 20th Street spoke about short-term rental issues stating that he feels the police department has not handled the issues he addressed and Police Chief Rich Casamento stated that his department has addressed the issues as they have come through that relate to his department. Councilman DeLucry commented that there is a misunderstanding of what the present ordinance allows the City to do.

Louise Groeber of 301 20th Street spoke about short-term rental issues and commented that other towns restrict them. Councilman Riordan spoke about the various departments that work with the short-term rental issues.

Municipal Attorney Linda A. Galella stated that the public comment period is for people to address council and is not a question-and-answer forum, further stating that they may only speak once according to the rules of the meeting.

Robert Gordon of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rental issues in his neighborhood.

Municipal Attorney Linda A. Galella once again spoke to the public restating the rules of the meeting.

Close of Public Comment.

Councilman Riordan reminded all of the Defend Brigantine Beach event on April 22nd.

Mayor Sera stated that council is working on the short-term rental issue.

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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 6:55 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC