

April 3, 2024  
Brigantine, New Jersey

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

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

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Councilman Riordan led the flag salute and Councilman Haney offered a prayer.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney approve the 03/20/2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

Roll Call: Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan: "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 Haney moved, seconded by Councilman DeLucry to adopt 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

Councilman Riordan called for the public hearing of Ordinance 3 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Councilman.

Jim Coia of 305 20<sup>th</sup> Street questioned the wording in the ordinance as far as how many cars per household can have a parking permit and City Manager, Tige Platt explained that there is no limit, further stating that this is the same practice as in the past. Councilman Riordan explained that the only change is that people can purchase the parking through an app now, as opposed to an actual sticker.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to adopt 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

Councilman Riordan called for the public hearing of Ordinance 5 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Councilman.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Delucry to adopt 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"

Councilman Riordan called for the public hearing of Ordinance 6 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Councilman.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Kane Moved, Seconded by Councilman Lettieri to introduce the following Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 7 OF 2024

AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTIONS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-59

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CHEVY TAHOE VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT 21-FLEET-01483 FROM HERTRICH FLEET SERVICES INC.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-60

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH JPSC 239, LLC FOR OPERATING  
THE CITY MINI GOLF FACILITY

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-61

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL  
ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-62

AUTHORIZING CITY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH BRIGANTINE ROWING FOR  
THE DISABLED, INC

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-63

CANCELLATION OF TAXES, 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-64

AUTHORIZING VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION AND UNIT DEFINITION AGREEMENT  
WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNIT #676

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-65

RENEWAL OF SMILE FACTORY’S AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-66

EMERGENCY WATER TOWER REPAIR

Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring explained that this is ongoing repairs to the 14<sup>th</sup> Street water tower.

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Women’s Surf Fishing Club of NJ Raffle License #1052
- B. Women’s Surf Fishing Club of NJ Raffle License #1053
- C. Surf and Land Sportsman’s Club Fishing Tournament Request
- D. VFW Veteran’s Surfing Event Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Police Chief, Rich Casamento gave his condolences to the family of Ernie Westcott. Councilman Haney gave his condolences to Mr. Westcott’s family. Councilman DeLucry gave his condolences to Mr. Westcott’s family. Councilman Kane gave his condolences to the family of Ernie Westcott, spoke about the Garden Club thanking the members for all they do. Councilman Riordan spoke about the upcoming Cultural Arts events and commented on the beach situation at Pepper Cove.

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Public Comment.

Jim Coia of 305 20<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about Resolution 2024-63 asking what the qualifications were to be eligible regarding the individuals income level and Mr. Platt stated that this was a State program and they set the requirements. Mr. Coia asked for clarification on Resolution 2024-66 in regards to a Bond Ordinance that was recently adopted that included repairs.

John Johson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive asked if Resolution 2024-60 was a new operator and Councilman Riordan explained that it is the same operator and the sole bidder.

Stephen Fromm of 204 13<sup>th</sup> Street North asked for better signage on his street in regards to the “do not enter” sign and requested more “no parking” signs on the street.

Louise Grober of 301 20<sup>th</sup> Street spoke on behalf of the Garden Club requesting that plants be refurbished that are on properties deemed for destruction and Mr. Platt stated he would look into the option of a form being placed with the demo permits.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Ave. asked who the STR official was for the City and Mr. Platt stated that the ad had to be rerun and will be as of this week, further stating that there was an issue that arouse that prevented the position from being filled. Ms. Sullivan spoke about a short-term rental rule that another State has that restricts homeowners to only rent short-term rentals to “a single family” and asked the City to enforce this rule and City Solicitor Michael Herbert stated that the Fair Housing Act that states you cannot define a family as a single unit and further stated that this topic cannot be discussed on record for fear of future litigation. Ms. Sullivan then spoke about impervious surfaces in her neighborhood that create minor flooding in the street and beach entrances and Mr. Platt stated that the he will speak to the Construction Official about this. Ms. Sullivan then asked if a permit was required to extract an oil tank from a demo site and if a special contractor would be needed and was told that this was a permit required type of work that requires specialized professionals.

Anne Phillips of 308 27<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about the issue of short-term rentals in town, referencing the definition of “resort house” that Councilman Riordan read at the last meeting and Mr. Herbert stated that according to the definition throughout the State, there are no resort houses in the City that he can define under the definition, stating it does not apply here in the City. Mr. Herbert stated that he was recently in court in front of the Superior Court with the case “STR Association vs. City of Brigantine” and Judge Blee stated that these are “residential houses”, they are not “resort houses”. Mr. Herbert continued to discuss the case stating that the judge made a decision that there is no irreparable harm going on with those who are operating STR’s in the City.

Anita Coia of 305 20<sup>th</sup> Street spoke about a short-term rental issues in their neighborhood last weekend, quoting the ordinance regarding “the amount of people per car”, stating that there were 12 cars parked at a rental house in her neighborhood.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilman Lettieri 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 6:10 P.M.

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Councilman Riordan

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC