

May 1, 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, Kane, DeLucry, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: None.

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

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Swearing In Ceremony: Firefighter D’Alessandro and Firefighter Solari

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Presentation: Mayor’s Wellness Award

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Council took a 5-minute recess.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-77
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings 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, Kane, Riordan, Sera: “Yes”.

Motion Carried.

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Ann Adams, Administrative Secretary 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 5:21 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 6:10 P.M.

Municipal Solicitor George Morris reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter of litigation.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Haney to approve the 04/03/2024 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street asked about Resolution 2024-86, asking how it will be published.

Close of Public Comment.

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

Ordinance 8 of 2024

Amending Chapter 241 of the Code of the City of Brigantine as it Relates to the Skateboard Park

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 8 of 2024. 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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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to introduce the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE 9 OF 2024
ESTABLISH ONE HOUR PARKING ON SECTION OF BRIGANTINE AVENUE

No public comments were made.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-78

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

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 2024-79

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CITY CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR THE
PROMENADE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-80

AUTHORIZING LEASING OF COPIERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS UNDER STATE CONTRACT 24-FOOD-52427 FROM ALTEK BUSINESS
SYSTEMS, INC.

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 2024-81

AMENDING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE WAWA FOUNDATION FOR LIFE
SAVING EQUIPMENT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 2024-82

AMENDING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECYCLING
TONNAGE GRANT

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 2024-83

AMENDING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP
GRANT

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 2024-84

AMENDING 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC NUTRITIONAL
OFFICE ON AGING GRANT

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 2024-85

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

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 2024-86

OPPOSING OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS, ENCOURAGING ALL MUNICIPALITIES TO
JOIN THE OPPOSITION AND SUPPORTING THE ATLANTIC COUNTY EXECUTIVE
AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO UTILIZE ITS VARIOUS POWERS, INCLUDING
LEGAL ACTION TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF ATLANTIC COUNTY

Mayor Sera read a letter into the record stating the many negative impacts that the offshore wind projects would have on Atlantic County and stated he will be sending a copy to all the Atlantic County towns. Councilman Riordan thanked Mayor Sera for all his work on the resolution. Councilman Haney spoke in favor of the resolution. Councilman DeLucry spoke against the resolution.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".
DeLucry: "No".

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-87

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ROCKET POWER FREESTYLE ACADEMY FOR
SUMMER SKATEBOARDING PROGRAM

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 2024-88

ROAD OPENING PERMIT 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 2024-89

GRANTING A REVOCABLE LICENSE AT 4205 ATLANTIC-BRIGANTINE BLVD. TO
UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE 20' PAPER ALLEY BEHIND THE PROPERTY

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 2024-90

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TWP OF LONG BEACH FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-91

FARMER’S MARKET REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Elk’s Bingo License #1059

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: Councilwoman Bew gave a Recreation Commission Meeting update, announced Family Fun Day, gave a Golf Course Commission meeting update, stated the Memorial Bench Program was extended to the Golf Course, announced the Farmers Market opening day, spoke about Cross Walks, thanked Chief Casamento and the Police Department Officers for the Senior Seminar that was held at the Community Center and asked Chief Casamento to implement a helmet rule for the electric scooters that many youths are riding now. Councilman Lettieri reminded all of the Clean Communities Beach Cleanup and Shredding Event on Saturday, May 11th and spoke in favor of opposing the proposed offshore wind projects. Councilman Haney announced the CER concert series, spoke in favor of opposing the proposed offshore wind project & reminded all that Yard Waste pick up starts this week. Councilman DeLucry congratulated the new Fire Hires and gave a Beach Committee Update and meeting reminder. Councilman Kane thanked the Garden Club for all they do and read a statement into the record regarding the offshore wind projects impact statement. Councilman Riordan gave a Cultural Arts Commission update, gave an Economic Development Committee update and praised the Chamber of Commerce for all their work. Mayor Sera spoke about the proposed offshore wind project and gave a Cove Beach update stating that he met with the DEP and other State officials to discuss options.

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Public Comment:

Mark Finigan of 107 24th Street spoke about the proposed offshore wind project and expressed his concern over the lack of crosswalks.

Mark Virgilio of 4028 Atl-Brigantine Boulevard thanked council for their work on the proposed offshore wind projects.

A Cape May resident spoke about the proposed offshore wind projects.

Margate resident spoke about the proposed offshore wind projects and asked Mayor Sera if he could give her information that she could bring back to her council regarding opposing the project.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue stated that the STR industry is having a negative impact on the Island speaking about the details of the ordinance regarding the amount of the rental dates allowed & asked for an update on the Code Enforcement position update.

Marian Ford of 3719 Ocean Avenue spoke about the new Park Mobile app rules in regard to times of enforcement and asked if the cars can be parked overnight. City Manager Tige Platt stated that overnight parking has never been allowed. Ms. Ford then requested a cross walk and a stop sign on the corner of 38th and Ocean Avenue. Chief Casamento commented on the rules regarding cross walks and spoke about signage that will help with traffic

Anne Phillips of asked for the status of the STR litigation and requested an update on the code enforcement office position. Mayor Sera stated he could not comment on ongoing litigation and stated that there have been candidates interviewed for the Code Enforcement officer

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew 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 7:26 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

Ann Adams, Administrative Secretary