

May 15, 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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City Clerk Lynn Sweeney read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Swearing In Ceremony: Police Captain Steve Ward, Police Lieutenant John Knoff, Police Sergeant John Lyons, Police Officer George Coles, Jr.

Mayor Sera praised the Police Department and thanked them for all they do.

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Council took a 10-minute recess.

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Council resumed the meeting.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the 05/01/2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri 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.

No public comments were made

Close of Public Comment.

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

ORDINANCE 10 OF 2024

VACATING THE 20' PAPER STREET ALONG ATLANTIC-BRIGANTINE BLVD.
BETWEEN BOOT ISLAND AND BLOCK 3401, LOTS 1-14

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 adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-93

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM
ATLANTIC COUNTY AND STATE OF NJ FOR THE 2024 CLICK IT OR TICKET
PROGRAM

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 2024-94

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 2023 FORD F-250 (X2B) XL 4WD SUPERCAB 8' BOX
VEHICLE UNDER STATE CONTRACT 23-FLEET-34922 FROM NIELSON FORD

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 2024-95

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION MA-2025-
BRIGANTINE-00002 AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Sera explained that this grant is for the installation of cross walks at the Yacht Club and the Rowing Club.

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 2024-96

AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH DORAN ENGINEERING FOR
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BEACHFRONT PARKING LOT AT BRIGANTINE AVE.
AND ROOSEVELT BLVD. IN CONJUNCTION WITH 16TH-17TH STREET SOUTH,
26TH -27TH STREET SOUTH AND 34TH-35TH STREET SOUTH

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 2024-97

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. VFW Raffle License #1060
- B. VFW Raffle License #1061
- C. South Jersey Cancer Fund Raffle License #1062
- D. South Jersey Cancer Fund Raffle License #1063
- E. Elks Raffle License #1064
- F. Elks Raffle License #1065
- G. St. Thomas Catholic Church Raffle License #1066
- H. St. Thomas Catholic Church Raffle License #1067
- I. South Jersey Cancer Walk Request
- J. Amateur Ham Radio Request
- K. VFW Memorial Day Parade Request – Revere Avenue
- L. Lt. Bill O’Brien Bike Rodeo Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt congratulated the Police Officers that were promoted and the newly hired Police Officer, announced that the Code Enforcement Supervisor full time position has been filled and also the part time Code Enforcement Inspector position has been filled. Mayor Sera thanked Mr. Platt and Fire Official Jack Murray for all they did with the hiring process; stating that the new hires are highly qualified. Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring thanked everyone who attended the Shredding Event. Councilwoman Bew spoke about the Short-Term Rental new hires, congratulated the newly hired Police Officer and the newly promoted Police Officers and thanked them for their dedication to the community, asked if the cross walk on Roosevelt Blvd. was still an option, gave a Garden Team Meeting update, reminded all of the opening day for the Farmers Market stating that the new software for the vendors is working very well and thanked everyone who worked on getting it up and running, spoke about the Golf Links stating that the Atlantic City High School Vikings Golf Team uses the course as their home course and announced that the Bingo room at the Community Center was dedicated to Philomena Arena. Councilman Lettieri congratulated the promoted officers and welcomed the new Police Officer and the new Code Enforcement Officers. Councilman Haney congratulated the newly promoted officers and the new Police

Officer, wished all a Happy Mother's Day, spoke about the importance of Memorial Day and spoke about the Bingo Room dedication ceremony. Councilman DeLucry congratulated the promoted Police Officers and welcomed the new Police Officer and the Code Enforcement Officers, gave a Beach Committee update and spoke about the new road design stating that with the summer months coming the road may be crowded, so he asked everyone to have patience. Councilman Kane welcomed the new Police Officer and congratulated the newly promoted Officers, commented on the success of the Beach Clean Up and Shredding Event and thanked the Garden Club for all they do. Councilman Riordan spoke about the success of the Beach Clean Up and Shredding Event, spoke about the street naming for Lisa Musumeci, commented about the many events the Chamber of Commerce is planning, spoke about the Economic Development Committee and all the new businesses that are opening, praised Tom Repici for all he does with the Baseball teams and announced a few Cultural Arts Commission events. Mayor Sera announced the Memorial Day Service for Sunday, May 26, gave an update on the Proposed Offshore Wind Project stating that he spoke at the County Commissioners meeting to ask for help in opposing the project and to bring attention to the issue and commented that he met with the DEP and the Army Corps regarding the issues at the Cove Beach.

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Public Comment:

Tom Morgan of 117 N. Roosevelt Blvd. spoke about Ordinance 10 of 2024, asking if the City ever tried to sell that land and Mayor Sera commented that they tried but it is a paper street with no water access.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Ave. thanked Mayor, council and Mr. Platt for hiring the two new employees in Code Enforcement and spoke about parking issues on some streets suggesting one-way streets to aid in parking and traffic.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about the new Code Enforcement employees, thanked Mayor Sera, council and the group Defend Brigantine Beach for all their efforts opposing the Offshore Wind Projects and for bringing the topic to the County Board of Commissioners. Mayor Sera thanked Mrs. Phillips for all she has done in opposing the wind projects.

Michelle Eastman of 212 N. Roosevelt Blvd. spoke about a mailing that went out to homeowners regarding a water issue, stating her concern that she did not receive a copy due to the fact that she is a renter and expressed her concerns regarding chemicals that are used on the school grounds.

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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 6z:19 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC

