

May 17, 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: Riordan

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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 Ruth Myer and Sue Mankow.

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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.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 05/03/2023 Executive Session and Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approve the Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, Kane, 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 Haney to introduce the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-99

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF LMBK LLC LIQUOR LICENSE TO LAGUNA
MANAGEMENT

Police Chief Rich Casamento stated that Detective Sergeant Jack Glasser did a thorough investigation and review for the transfer and it has been approved by the ABC.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-100

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH C. ABBONIZIO CONTRACTORS FOR
NEW STORM WATER PUMP STATION LOCATED AT 12TH STREET NORTH AND
EAST EVANS BLVD.

Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring explained the need for the resolution.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-101

APPROVING INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE INTO BUDGET
NJ RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-102

APPROVING INSERTION OF SPECIAL
ITEM OF REVENUE INTO BUDGET: ATLANTIC COUNTY NUTRITIONAL GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-103

APPROVING INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE INTO BUDGET
ATLANTIC COUNTY 2023 CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-104

APPROVING MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER
COOPERATIVE SYSTEM

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-105

AUTHORIZING ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC TO REMOVE AN ELECTRIC LIGHT
FIXTURE 211 20TH STREET

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-106

RENTAL INSPECTION FEE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-107

C.E.R. CAMP BRIGANTINE REGISTRATION REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. St. Thomas Raffle License #1005
- B. South Jersey Raffle License #1006
- C. South Jersey Raffle License #1007
- D. Heart of Surfing Event Request
- E. Veteran’s Therapy Surf Camp Request
- F. Elks Noise Ordinance Extension Request

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-108
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, Kane, 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.

Mayor Sera explained that council will be interviewing the top two candidates for the City Manager position.

Council retired to executive session at 5:14 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 7:14 P.M.

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City Solicitor Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: personnel matters.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Acting City Manager Ryan Hurst stated that she and Fire Official Murray met with a rental property owner to discuss rental issues and Mayor Sera gave a Short-Term Rental Sub Committee meeting update. Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring

announced the Beach Clean-Up and shredding event this Saturday. Councilwoman Bew reminded all that the season opening farmers market is May 27th, spoke about the CER summer activities and announced that the Fire Department will be holding a dedication ceremony on June 10th. Councilman Haney spoke about the Offshore Wind project, announced the Memorial Day ceremony on May 28th and spoke about parking in alleyways. Mayor Sera asked Police Chief Rich Casamento to clarify alleyway parking and Chief Casamento stated the rules for parking in alleys. Councilman DeLucry spoke about the Heart of Surfing Event and gave a Beach Committee Meeting. Mayor Sera spoke about a meeting that he had with County Executive Dennis Levinson regarding the Seawall repairs and the Offshore Wind Project and spoke about the North End Beach Replenishment Project.

By voice resolution Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint the following to the Cultural Arts Commission: JoAnne Price, Patricia Valente Casetta & Joanne Schailey.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment.

Melissa Galli of 112 12th Street North spoke about the Beach Replenishment Project.

A resident of 24th Street spoke about rental issues in their area.

Rose Marie Riccardo of 8th Street South spoke about rental issues in her area.

Louise Grober of 20th Street spoke about rental issues in her area.

Dan Buckley of 315 20th Street spoke about rental issues in his area.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about rental issues in her area.

Jim Coia of 305 20th Street South spoke about rental issues in his area.

John Grevey of 41 Lighthouse Drive spoke about rental rules.

Mayor Sera stressed the importance of the need for people to call the police if there are issues so they are documented.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about the offshore windmill project.

Henry Waldron 314 20th Street spoke about Senior Softball and stated the need for rules for rental issues.

Beverly Marinelli of 336 43rd Street asked if it was legal to own multiple properties under an LLC and rent them out and Municipal Attorney, Fred Scerni stated that he would not answer a legal question during a council meeting, but would be available at the appropriate time.

Councilman Lettieri commented about Airbnb rules.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri 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 9:45 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC