

May 3, 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.

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Mayor's Proclamation: 10 Year Anniversary of Farmer's Market

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-87
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public 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, Riordan, 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.

Council retired to executive session at 5:18 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:39 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Linda A. Galella reported that Council discussed the following topic in executive session: matters of personnel.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane approve the 04/19/2023 and Council Meeting 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 Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

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 Kane to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-88

CONCURRING WITH THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATES

Mayor Sera gave highlights from the meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-89

WAIVE THE READING OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

Motion Carried.

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Municipal Auditor Leon Costello presented the Municipal Budget.

Mayor Sera thanked Mr. Costello and Acting City Manager Ryan Hurst for all their work on the budget. Councilwoman Bew thanked Mr. Costello, Chief Financial Officer, Al Stanley and former Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto for all their efforts in making sure that the community is stable. Councilman Riordan thanked Mr. Stanley and Mr. Costello for the work on the budget.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-65

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

No public comments were made.

Close of public comment.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-90

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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 ordinance.

City of Brigantine

Ordinance No.6 of 2023

Amending Fee Ordinance to Reflect Increase for Permits to Purchase and Carry A Handgun

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 6 of 2023. 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 DeLucry 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

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 7 of 2023. 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 adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-91

C.E.R. DEPOSIT 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 2022-92

C.E.R. BENCH PLAQUE REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-93

AWARDING 2ND YEAR OPTION FOR MINI-GOLF

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-94

APPROVING THE SECOND JOINDER AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE CITY OF EGG
HARBOR CITY TO WITHDRAW AS A PARTICIPANT AND INCLUDING NJ AMERICAN
WATER COM., INC. AS A NEW PARTICIPANT

Mayor Sera explained the details of the resolution, stating that the State previously approved this, but the resolution needed to be completed by each municipality in the agreement.

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 2023-95

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES AT THE
BRIGANTINE GOLF LINKS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE
CONTRACTING TO SECURE A VENDOR

Mayor Sera stated that the bids that were received did not meet what the City is looking for and the new bid will be going out soon.

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 2023-96

WORK CHANGE ORDER #1 – DORAN ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR
OCEAN DRIVE WEST DRAINAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Acting City Manager Ryan Hurst explained that this resolution and Resolution 2023-97 have to do with a project on Ocean Drive West that caused a water main break and these resolutions are for the inspection services and construction.

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 2023-97

WORK CHANGE ORDER #1 – MOUNT CONSTRUCTION FOR ADDITIONAL
DRAINAGE WORK FOR OCEAN DRIVE WEST

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 2023-98

AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE ATLANTIC COUNTY
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF AN MCI VARIABLE SPEED
PUMP STATION FOR THE GOLF LINKS

Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring explained that this is to help improve the aging irrigation system.

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 requests.

- A. St. Thomas Raffle License #1000
- B. Elks Raffle License #1001
- C. VFW Raffle #1002

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Mrs. Hurst stated that the following beaches will be open for Memorial Day: Roosevelt Blvd., 15th Street So., 26th Street So. and 38th Street So. Mayor Sera thanked Public Works for their clean up efforts after the last storm. Councilman Haney spoke about the Defend Brigantine fundraiser, gave a Short-Term Rental Committee update, and spoke about the Arbor Day Celebration at the Community School saying a proclamation was presented for recently deceased teacher Stacey Porpora. Councilman DeLucry announced the Beach Committee will be meeting Thursday, May 4th. Councilman Riordan spoke about the success of the Cultural Arts Commission 30th Anniversary Celebration, stated the Economic Development Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 9th and announced new businesses opening in town, reminded all of the Classic Car Show on June 4th and spoke about the Baseball and Softball Association. Mayor Sera spoke about the amount of new business's in town, stated that the 26th Street "Round House" is in need of repairs, spoke about the City's CRS review stating that the City can get to a "3" which would benefit the residents with a larger discount on flood insurance, announced that the 4th community meeting on Ocean Wind Meeting will be on May 20th at the Performing Arts Center in Margate, gave a Short-Term Rental Committee Meeting update and announced that the City Manager Search Committee will be holding interviews for the position.

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Public Comments.

Frank Congemi of 605 West Shore Drive spoke about the Lions Car Show event.

Pete Moore of 26th Street spoke on behalf of Defend Brigantine discussing the offshore wind project.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Ave. spoke about rental issues in her neighborhood.

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

Rosemary Ricardo of 164 8th Street South spoke about the offshore wind project and rental issues in her neighborhood.

Louise Groeber of 301 20th spoke about rental issues in her neighborhood.

A resident of 220 4th Street North asked for updates on the beach replenishment program and Mayor Sera stated that the proposed schedule is end of May through end of July.

Tom Jones of 208 5th Street North spoke about the beach replenishment project.

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

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan 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 7:43 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC