

**City of Brigantine
Regular Council Meeting
May 7, 2025
City of Brigantine Courtroom
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Sera, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance & Opening Prayer

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Announcement, which is required by the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey and read at every meeting of the City Council was read by the Deputy City Manager.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

- Deputy Mayor Bew
- Councilman Haney
- Councilman Lettieri
- Councilman Kane
- Councilman Riordan
- Councilman Virgilio
- Mayor Sera

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT – N/A

PROFESSIONALS PRESENT

- Tige Platt, City Manager
- George Morris, City Solicitor
- John Doring, Superintendent of Public Works
- Paul Fuller, Chief of Fire Department
- Rich Casamento, Chief of the Police Department
- City Solicitor, George Morris
- Ryan Hurst, Deputy City Manager

Executive Session 2025-95- Not Applicable

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4/16/25

Motion to Move: Councilman Lettieri; 2nd Councilman Riordan

Mayor Sera welcomed everyone and invited Councilman Riordan to speak.

Councilman Riordan praised Brigantine Times for fair reporting, commended summer events, and highlighted economic development and grant updates. He recognized Public Works' responsiveness, celebrated local baseball and softball teams, and noted the VFW Memorial Day parade on May 25 at 10 a.m., while also extending Mother's Day wishes.

Mayor Sera updated council on the County Municipal Court, awaiting financial data to assess costs. He discussed repurposing a hockey court for pickleball, urging consideration of noise concerns. He presented the Proclamation for National Water Safety Month, emphasized swimming safety on a barrier island, and invited swim team members to participate. He then opened the floor for public comments on agenda items only.

Frank Pugliese, a resident of 433 Lafayette Boulevard, spoke on agenda item 16 regarding the fire department's ranking structure. With over 40 years of fire service experience, he voiced strong support for the change, citing improvements in command, accountability, and mutual aid efficiency. He emphasized that firefighting operations may seem chaotic but are well-coordinated. He encouraged skeptics to observe emergency responses firsthand. The council thanked him for his input.

Mayor read the following Ordinance as Entitled
Motion to Move Ordinance No. 6 of 2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Lettieri
Ordinance No. 6 of 2025 – Public Hearing and Adoption
Authorizing the Acquisition of Block 1502, Lot 8, 1312 W. Beach Avenue

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Ordinance as entitled.
Motion to Move Introduction to Ordinance No. 7 of 2025: Councilman Virgilio, 2nd Councilman Lettieri

Ordinance No. 7 of 2025 – Public Hearing and Adoption
**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 105 OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE WITH A
NEW CHAPTER ENTILED “BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS” AND
AMENDMENTS TO OTHER CHAPTERS OF THE CODE FOR CONSISTENCY**

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Ordinance as entitled.
Motion to Move Ordinance No. 8 of 2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Lettieri
Ordinance No. 8 of 2025 – Public Hearing and Adoption
**TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTION 144-2 “APPLICABILITY; PERMIT
REQUIRED; USE REQUIREMENTS” OF CHAPTER 144 “DUMPSTERS” OF THE
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE TO UPDATE WHO HAS THE**

RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LOCATION FOR OFF-SITE DUMPSTERS

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 9 of 2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Ordinance No. 9 of 2025 – Public Hearing and Adoption

Amending Chapter 61, Salaries And Compensation of he Code of the City Of Brigantine Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:9-165, Establishing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the City of Brigantine, County of Atlantic, State Of New Jersey

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 10 of 2025: Councilman Lettieri , 2nd Councilman Kane

Ordinance No. 10 OF 2025-Introduction

An Ordinance To Supplement Chapter 210 Of The Code Of The City Of Brigantine, Entitled “Mercantile Businesses” To Further Define Ice Cream Truck Operations And Food Truck Operations

Councilman Haney expressed concerns about the ordinance restricting ice cream trucks, noting their long-standing presence at parking lots near 26th and 34th Streets and the joy they bring to beachgoers and families. He highlighted their involvement in charity events and sports celebrations. Haney also sought clarification on whether the ordinance applies to open areas along Brigantine Avenue near the seawall, emphasizing the importance of accessibility and safety for residents.

City Manager ,Tige Platt clarified that the intent of the ordinance is to include street ends, specifically those that dead-end at the beach, as well as areas in front of the promenade, including 14th Street North

Deputy Mayor Bew requested clarification on whether ice cream vendors are permitted to use a handheld bell.

Mayor Sera explained that ice cream vendors between 14th Street South and 14th Street North may walk on the beach and use a handheld bell but cannot play loud truck horns or sirens. He provided historical context, noting past efforts to designate vendor areas to balance foot and truck sales. Over time, language allowing trucks on the beach was removed from the ordinance, leading to the current amendment to restore their ability to operate legally.

He acknowledged past complaints about loud music from ice cream trucks and emphasized the need for compromise. The revised ordinance allows vendors to signal with a handheld bell while addressing concerns about noise.

Tiger Platt clarified that only veteran vendors are permitted to sell ice cream on the beach, and they must wear ID lanyards. They cannot hire others to push carts, ensuring compliance with city regulations.

Sera reaffirmed the city's intent to preserve long-standing vendor traditions while ensuring a fair and functional system

- **Roll Call 6 yes votes, 1 nay vote**

Mayor read following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 11 of 2025: Councilman Virgilio, 2nd Council Lettieri

Ordinance No. 11 of 2025 Introduction

Amend The City Code In Various Places Concerning Taxicabs

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor Sera and Tiger Platt explained that the ordinance is being updated to reflect current practices, ensuring clarity and proper regulation of taxi cabs.

Mayor read following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 12 of 2025: Councilman Kane, 2nd Councilman Haney

Ordinance No. 12 Of 2025

Amend Various Sections of The Municipal Code to Update the Rank Structure of the Fire Department to Further Remove The Term "Director Of Public Safety"

Chief Paul Fuller stated that updates to sections of the Municipal Code regarding the fire department's rank structure aim to refine terminology. He emphasized that the changes will enhance operations and clarified that they do not involve salary increases but will actually result in cost savings. He concluded by thanking the mayor and council for their support.

Mayor Sera

Councilman Kane stated that the updated rank structure is designed to optimize daily operations within the fire department, ensuring efficiency and improved functionality

Deputy Mayor Bew noted that other towns have implemented similar changes and expressed support

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 14 of 2025: Councilman Lettieri, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Ordinance No. 13 Of 2025 Introduction

Amend Chapter 260 Of The Code Of The City Of Brigantine, Entitled “Streets And Sidewalks” To Remove Escrow Fees From The Revocable License Application Process

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 14 of 2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Lettieri
Ordinance No. 14 Of 2025

Amending Ordinance 2024-10 Which Vacated The 20’ Paper Street Along Atlantic Brigantine Boulevard Between Boot Island and Block 3401, Lots 1-14 To Provide Additional Clarity as to Ownership of the Vacated Lands

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Ordinance as entitled.

Motion to Move Ordinance No. 15 of 2025: Councilman Lettieri, 2nd Councilman Virgilio
Ordinance No. 15 Of 2025- Introduction

To Make Certain Fines and Penalties Payable Offenses

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following resolution as entitled

Motion to Move Resolution #96-2025: Councilman Haney, 2nd Councilman Kane
Resolution 2025-96 Re: Authorizing The Loan Of Beach Badges To The Community Presbyterian Church

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #97-2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Virgilio
Resolution 2025- 97 Re: The Refund Of Tax Overpayments Listed On Schedule 'A'

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Resolution as entitled

Motion to Move Resolution #98-2025: Councilman Virgilio, 2nd Councilman Haney
Resolution 2025-98 Re: Authorizing a Contract For Professional Property Appraiser, Inc For Tax Appeals And Consulting

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #99-2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Kane
Resolution 2025-99 Re: Authorizing a Contract with Bluewater Industries Inc. For Two New Aluminum Gangways For The Public Boat Ramp

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #100-2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Kane

Resolution 2025-100 Re: Authorizing A Contract Northeast Electrical & GC Services LLC For Explosion Proof Light Fixtures At The Department Of Public Works

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read the following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #101-2025: Councilman Virgilio, 2nd Councilman Kane

Resolution 2025-101 Re: Authorizing A Contract With Northeast Electrical & Gc Services LLC for Boring Services Related To The Electrical Service For The Substation

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #99-2025: Councilman Lettieri, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Resolution 2025-102 Re: 102 Re: Authorizing A Contract With Northeast Electrical & Gc Services LLC For An Electrical Inspection On Municipal Building

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #103-2025: Councilman Lettieri, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Resolution 2025-103 Re: Authorizing An Contract With Northeast Electrical & Gc Services LLC For New Heaters At Multiple Pump Station Locations

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #104-2025: Deputy Mayor Karen, 2nd Councilman Lettieri

Resolution 2025-104 Re: Authorizing A Contract With Northeast Electrical & Gc Services LLC For New Office Lighting And Charging Stations

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #105-2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Resolution 2025-105 Re: Authorizing A Contract With Northeast Electrical & Gc Services LLC for Installing Power To The New Shelter At Mini Golf

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #106-2025: Councilman Riordan, 2nd Lettieri

Resolution 2025-106 Re: Authorizing a Contract with Northeast Electrical & Gc Services LLC for The Water and Sewer Departments' Electrical Inspection

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #107-2025: Councilman Kane, 2nd Councilman Haney

Resolution 2025- 107 Re: Amending The City Of Brigantine 2024 Year Municipal Budget By The Insertion Of A Special Item Of Revenue And Appropriation From The State Of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage Grant

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #108-2025: Councilman Lettieri, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Resolution 2025- 108 Re: Authorizing Purchasing a Chevy Tahoe Vehicle Under State Contract 21-Fleet- 01483 From Hertrich Fleet Services Incorporated

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #109-2025: Councilman Riordan, 2nd Councilman Haney

Resolution 2025-109 Re: Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Mission Café LLC For A Coffee Vendor License

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #110-2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Virgilio

Resolution 2025-110 Re: Authorizing The Award Of A Contract To Fovenics, Inc.

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #111-2025: Councilman Hanry, 2nd Councilman Kane

Resolution 2025- 111Re: Authorizing A Contract For A New Way 6yd Rear Loading Diamondback Trash Body Truck

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as Entitled

Motion to Move Resolution # 12-2025: Deputy Mayor Bew, 2nd Councilman Riordan

Resolution 2025- 112 Re: Authorizing the City of Brigantine to Make Payment to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Application Fee for the Brigantine Golf Links Clubhouse

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Mayor read following Resolution as entitled.

Motion to Move Resolution #113-2025: Councilman Haney, 2nd Councilman Kane

**Resolution 2025-113 Re: Granting A Revocable License At 1400 Ocean Avenue
for an Encroachment on a City Right of Way**

- **Roll Call 7 yes votes**

Consent Agenda

- A. 2025 Brigantine Beach Volleyball Scheduled Events
- B. Brigantine Elks 5K
- C. Block Party 100 block of 29th Street
- D. Firecracker 5K