

June 21, 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. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for Betty Chaikin & James Morris.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-137
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, 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 5:04 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:30 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: contract negotiations and personnel matters.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 06/07/2023 and Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-138

RENEWAL OF BRIGANTINE PADDLE CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-139

RENEWAL OF LASCALA LIQUOR LICENSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-140

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE INTO 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET –
AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER INITIATIVE

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 resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-141

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION AND
EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJ DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Sera explained that South Jersey Gas has been doing extensive work in town, further stating that they paved part of Harbor Beach Boulevard and this grant will provide the funds to further the project.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-142

ISSUANCE OF COMPLEMENTARY BEACH TAGS TO BE LENT TO VOLUNTEERS
STAYING AT BRIGANTINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mayor Sera stated that this been done in the past; where the City does provide free tags to volunteers working in the area.

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #1010
- B. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #1011
- C. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #1012
- D. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #1013
- E. Brigantine VFW Raffle License #1014
- F. Brigantine VFW Raffle License #1015
- G. Brigantine VFW Raffle License #1016
- H. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #1017
- I. 100 Block of 29th Street Block Party Request
- J. 100 Block of 20th Street Block Party Request\
- K. Brian Woods Fun Walk Request
- L. Brigantine Annual Surf Jam
- M. Philadelphia Outrigger Canoe Club Race Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: City Manager Tiger Platt gave an update on beach operations due to the upcoming Beach Replenishment Project. Police Chief Rich Casamento reminded all of the Bike Rodeo on Saturday and spoke about Resolution 2023-140 saying it was a grant that the department applied for. Councilwoman Bew welcomed Mr. Platt, congratulated the 12U Girls Softball Team for winning their championship, spoke about the Farmers Market, reminded all to sign up for a summer CER programs and spoke about the Green Teams Purple Air Monitor that is able to detect the air quality. Councilman Lettieri welcomed Mr. Platt, stated that the Seawall repairs from the motor vehicle accident are only temporary and will be getting permanently corrected soon and spoke about the Beach Replenishment Project. Councilman Haney gave a Recreation Meeting Update, spoke about the CER Summer programs, stated the Beach Fee Office hours are now seven days a week, commented on the proposed Offshore Wind project and congratulated Mr. Platt. Councilman DeLucry welcomed Mr. Platt, gave a Beach Committee Update, reminded all of the Heart of Surfing event on Saturday and announced the Blood Drive at St. Thomas Church. Councilman Kane spoke about the success of Art Night at the Community School, spoke about the Flag Ceremony at the Elks Lodge, commented on the Beach Clean Up and congratulated the Girls Softball Team. Councilman Riordan reminded all of the Cultural Arts Commission event at the Community Center on Thursday, gave an Economic Development Committee update, stated that Councilwoman Bew mother celebrated her 100th birthday and congratulated Mayor Sera for being honored by Temple Beth Shalom. Mr. Platt explained the challenges that could emerge from the the Fourth of July activities stating that there is a super moon on Monday night, so there will be issues with the 4x4 beaches, stating that he will put the information out on social media. Mayor Sera spoke about the proposed Offshore Wind project, commented that the City Offices will soon take credit card payments, spoke about the Beach Replenishment Project, spoke about the short-term rental property issues stating that the City is working on hiring a part time employee to help in the Fire Prevention Office, stated that the City is looking into the Zoning rules and regulations and announced that the City is moving to a more efficient email system.

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Public Comments.

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive congratulated Mr. Platt and commented on the bike lane street markings saying that they need to be repainted.

A resident of 4410 Whalerman Drive spoke about a short-term rental issue in their neighborhood.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about the short-term rental issues in town.

Jim Coia of 305 20th Street South speaking on behalf of the Residents for Zoning Enforcement group spoke about issues with short-term rentals in his neighborhood, stated the bike lane lines need to be repainted and commented on the dangers of the electric golf carts.

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

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rentals in her neighborhood and commented on an issue that recently occurred on the beach. Mayor Sera asked Chief Casamento for an update on the beach issue and Chief Casamento explained the police responded to a call and the people were asked to leave.

Henry Waldron of 314 20th Street asked if the garden areas in the business district were public property, further stating that “Defend Brigantine” has signs in the gardens and commented on parking in alleyways and Chief Casamento stated that they can call the Police Department if there are any issues with parking.

Joanne Milnes of 22 MacDonald Place reminded all of the Garden Club Garden Tour.

Close of Public Comment.

Mayor Sera stated that the City has been working on the short-term rental issues and reminded everyone that things take time to complete legally.

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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 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC