

June 7, 2023
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 4:30 P.M. with Mayor Sera presiding.

Present: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: DeLucry

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-109
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, 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 4:31 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:13 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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Mayor Sera led the flag salute. Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-110

APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

Mayor Sera announced that Tige Platt was selected, explained the process that was taken to make the final decision and spoke about Mr. Platts many qualifications.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Haney approve the 05/17/2023 Executive Session and Council Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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, 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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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to introduce the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-111

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM STATE OF
NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-112

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

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-113

INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM STATE
OF NJ LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2023-114

REJECTING THE PUBLIC BID FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AND CUPOLA
REMOVAL AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2022-115

REJECTING THE PUBLIC BID FOR THE RECONDITIONING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-116

WORK CHANGE ORDER #2 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND
PERMITTING SERVICES FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL FROM GOLF COURSE
DRAINAGE BASINS

Mayor Sera commented that there has been drainage issues on the North End since Superstorm Sandy.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-117

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A POLARIS RANGER CREW 1000 FROM THE
ATLANTIC CITY CYCLE CENTER UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE

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

Motion Carried.

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By voice resolution Councilman Kane moves, seconded by Councilman Riordan to group Resolution 2023-118 through 2023-127 for voting purposes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to adopt the following resolutions.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-118

RESOLUTION 2023-119
RENEWAL OF THE PUB AT ST. GEORGE'S LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-120
RENEWAL OF THE COVE LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-121
RENEWAL OF AMERICAN LEGION POST #396 LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-122
RENEWAL OF ELKS LODGE #2428 LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-123
RENEWAL OF VFW POST #6964 LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-124

RENEWAL OF BRIGANTINE YACHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-125
RENEWAL OF NAPA RED (ANDRES) LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-126
RENEWAL OF RNR LIQUOR LICENSE

RESOLUTION 2023-127
RENEWAL OF OCEAN BEVERAGE LIQUOR LICENSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-128

C.E.R. CAMP BRIGANTINE REGISTRATION REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-129

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-130

APPROVAL OF FAVONICS DIGITAL COPYING CONTRACT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-131

RENEWAL OF O.E.M. COORDINATOR

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2023-132

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH REMINGTON AND VERNICK FOR A
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROJECT FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
STREETSCAPE PROGRAM, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/INSPECTION PHASE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-133

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH GREENMAN-PETERSON, INC. FOR A
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROJECT FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
STREETSCAPE PROGRAM, CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASE

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-134

AMENDING THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE’S 2023 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE
INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – STATE OF NJ
COPS IN SHOPS GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-135

WORK CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
EXISTING STORM WATER PUMP STATION LOCATED AT 12TH STREET NORTH AND
EAST EVANS BLVD.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2023-136

ISSUANCE OF BRIGANTINE PADDLE CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Community Presbyterian Church Raffle License #1009
- B. P.B.A. Corn Hole Tournament Request
- C. Bramble Drive Block Party Request
- D. Chamber of Commerce Movies on the Beach Request
- E. Chamber of Commerce Eagles Tailgate on the Beach Request
- F. Marine Mammal Stranding Center Request to Hold Educational Classes on the Cove Beach
- G. Brigantine P.B.A. Annual Bill O'Brien Memorial Bicycle Rodeo Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Acting City Manager, Ryan Hurst thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity for allowing her the opportunity to serve as Acting City Manager. Fire Chief Paul Fuller spoke about the Ambulance dedication ceremony and thanked all that attended. Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring thanked Ms. Hurst for all her efforts. Councilwoman Bew thanked Ms. Hurst, congratulated Mr. Platt, spoke about the Memorial Day Ceremony, commented on the Ambulance dedication ceremony, spoke about the success of the Lions Car Show, reminded all of the free concert series, stated the free community yard sale is this weekend and spoke about the success of the Links. Councilman Lettieri spoke about the Beach Replenishment Project. Councilman Haney spoke about the Beach Replenishment Project, thanked Ms. Hurst, spoke about the Offshore Wind project, commented on the Memorial Day Ceremony and reminded all of D-Day. Councilman Kane congratulated Mr. Platt, reminded all of the Community School Arts Night Event and spoke about the Beach Replenishment Project. Councilman Riordan thanked Ms. Hurst, spoke about the Ambulance Dedication Ceremony, gave a Cultural Arts Committee update, gave an Economic Development Meeting update mentioning various new businesses that have opened and commented on the success of the Lions Car Show. Mayor Sera thanked Ms. Hurst, thanked Mr. Doring for placing the flags on the poles, spoke about the Offshore Wind project, gave an update on the Beach Replenishment Project speaking about the importance and need for it and spoke about Short Term Rentals and the measures that the City will be taking to address issues.

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Public Comment.

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive asked about rules for Golf Carts on City streets and Police Chief Rich Casamento stated that they are known as "low speed vehicles" and they are not allowed on Brigantine Boulevard, spoke highly of Ms. Hurst and spoke about Resolution 2023-115.

Keith Moore of 403 26th Street spoke on behalf of the Defend Brigantine Beach Organization and spoke about the Offshore Windmill project.

Brooks Garrison of 204 15th Street North asked for clarification of the Beach Replenishment Project.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about Short Term Rental issues and asked about the status of the Short-Term Rental Committee.

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

Richard Decker of 1313 Ocean Avenue spoke about the bar on 15th Street and the Beach, stating that there is a structure being set up with the new owners and asked if it could be looked into as being allowed.

The owners of the Brigantine Paddle Club thanked all that were involved in assisting them and announced they are ready to open.

Louise Grober of 301 20th Street spoke about short term rental issues.

A resident of Sheridan Place spoke about short term rental issues.

Jonathan Plank of 402 21st Street spoke about short term rental issues.

Bonnie Atkinson of 1012 W. Brigantine Blvd spoke about short term rental issues.

Patty Delson of 313 16th Street spoke about short term rental issues.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about short term rental rules and the Offshore Windmill project.

Bruce Grober of 301 20th Street spoke about short term rental issues.

A resident spoke about short term rental issues.

Close of Public Comment.

Mayor Sera stated that there is work being done to deal with the issues brought to council.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Haney 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 7:20 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC