

July 10, 2024
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, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: DeLucry.

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Mayor Sera led the flag salute and Councilwoman Bew offered a prayer.

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City Clerk Lynn Sweeney read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Acknowledgement of Brigantine Softball and Baseball Championship Teams

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to approve the 06/19/2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to approve the requisition list, operating expenses and payroll.

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 Kane to introduce the following ordinance.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 11 OF 2024

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, APPROPRIATING \$8,960,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,960,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE 12 OF 2024

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
IN AND BY THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE, APPROPRIATING \$17,218,800
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,357,860 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Sera commented that this was for reinvesting back into the City, to improve various City buildings and grounds, recreational facilities and beach parking lots.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, 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 2024-130

AWARD OF CONTRACT – CELL TOWER LEASE

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 2024-131

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH CAN OF WORMS, LLC
FOR TRASH REMOVAL

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 2024-132

. AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DORAN ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PREPARE GIS BASED MAP OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayor Sera stated that this was to update the maps for the City's infrastructure.

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 2024-133

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICE FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT WELLS 5, 6 AND FORMER WELL 3

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2024-134

AMENDING THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE'S 2024 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM ATLANTIC COUNTY FOR SUMMER SHORE PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS GRANT

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 2024-135

AMENDING THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE'S 2024 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP 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 2024-136

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS FUND

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approve the following requests:

- A. 29th Street Block Party Request
- B. 7th Street South Block Party Request
- C. Fall NJ Jeep Invasion

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: Police Chief Rich Casamento thanked Council for Resolution 2024-134 stating that it allows for an officer that will concentrate on Crosswalks. Councilwoman Bew commented how nice it was to see the Baseball/Softball teams in attendance, spoke about the success of Family Fun Weekend, reminded all of the Brians Wood Walk this Saturday and spoke about the Summers Concert Program. Councilman Lettieri congratulated the baseball/softball players and thanked all who participated in Family Fun Weekend. Councilman Haney congratulated the baseball/softball players and wished everyone a safe summer. Councilman Kane spoke about the success of all the events that have been held in last few weeks, congratulated the baseball/softball players and praised the Garden Club for all they do. Councilman Riordan praised all who were involved with the success of Family Fun Weekend, thanked the Chamber of Commerce for all their work on Family Fun Weekend and announced a Chamber of Commerce Movies on the Beach event. Mayor Sera spoke about the Lifeguard Races reminding all that Brigantine will be hosting the South Jersey Championship on August 9th, praised the success of the Family Fun Weekend thanking all who were involved and gave a short-term rental update stating that the code enforcement staff are working weekends, the administrative personnel will be working Sunday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, gave out the email for people to report code violations as codeenforcement@brigantinebeachnj.com, reminded all to report violations on street or safety issues to the Police Department by calling 609-266-7414 and for emergencies call 911.

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By voice resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint Paul Amalfitano as Alternate 4 on the Planning Board.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment:

Anita Coia of 305 20th Street stated that on Saturday, July 6th the police came to her house to ask her if the cones in front of her house were hers and she responded that they were hers and that she uses them due to parking issues with the abundance of cars due to short-term rentals in the neighborhood and asked for permit parking in her neighborhood to assist with the parking issues that are due to short-term rentals.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue asked if the meeting and public comment were governed by Roberts Rules of Order, stating that at a previous meeting a person at public comment spoke

about her and she felt that this type of behavior should not be permitted and spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street commended the City and the Water Department for the article in paper regarding “consumer confidence”, spoke about short-term rentals that she feels are operating as a business in a residential zone and asked Mayor Sera if the County Board of Commissioners has taken a stand on opposing the proposed offshore wind turbines.

Close of Public Comment.

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Mayor Sera stated that the County Executive is against them 100% and he asked Vince to speak to the 23 Municipalities regarding the Resolution the City passed, stated that he has been able to speak to ten of them so far and stated that nine of them have passed Resolutions to oppose the Windmills and one is going to pass a Resolution soon, further stating that he will continue to speak to all 23 Municipalities and said that the momentum is in our favor with support on the local level all the way up to Presidential Candidates. Mayor Sera then commented on short-term rentals stating that the State of New Jersey designates Short-Term Rentals as Residential, not Commercial so they cannot be labeled as a “business”, further stated that they will continue to do everything in our power to address the issues.

Police Chief Rich Casamento reminded all of the National Night Out Event on August 6.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew 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 6:13 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC