

August 16, 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 Jack Parker.

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Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officer Michael O’Hearn.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-165
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 5:10 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:40 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney Micheal Herbert reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter of personnel, one matter of shared services and matters of litigation.

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Mayor’s Proclamation: Brigantine Beach Patrol

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane approve the 08/02/2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 11 of 2023

Amending City Code Chapter 257-2, Smoking on City Property Prohibited

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 11 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-166

NAMING TIGE PLATT TO THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY
CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT
INSURANCE FUND

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 2023-167

AUTHORIZING GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT

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 2023-168

APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE NEW JERSEY
ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-169

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WELL #7 IMPROVEMENTS TO
AC SCHULTES, INCORPORATED

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 2023-170

AMENDING THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE 2023 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE
INSERTION OF S SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM STATE
OF NEW JERSEY DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND

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 2023-171

AMENDING 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WITH THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FOR STATE OF N.J. LABOR DAY DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2023-172

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WEST BAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS STORMWATER AND SANITARY SYSTEMS

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 2023-173

CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri adopt the following requests.

- A. Women’s Surf Fishing Club of NJ Fishing Tournament Request
- B. Atlantic County Surf Fishing Derby Request
- C. Vernon Place Block Party Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring reminded all that the Beach Cleanup is Saturday. Councilwoman Bew spoke about the success of the Farmers Market, and commented on the Butterfly Project. Councilman Lettieri spoke about the beach replenishment project. Councilman Haney congratulated the Beach Patrol, congratulated newly sworn in Police Officer Michael O’Hearn and spoke about a benefit that was held at the VFW for a local resident that is a cancer patient. Councilman DeLucry congratulated the Beach Patrol, congratulated Officer O’Hearn and spoke about the beach replenishment. Councilman Kane congratulated Officer O’Hearn and the Beach Patrol. Councilman Riordan spoke about the new businesses on the island, announced Rams Football has started and thanked Public Works for keeping the Island so clean this summer. Mayor Sera thanked all the departments that helped to make the Surf Jam event so successful, spoke about the potential litigation regarding the proposed offshore wind project and discussed the short-term rental committee recommendations.

Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Lettieri to appoint to Patricia Valenti & Joanne Shaley to the Cultural Arts Commission.

Roll Call: All “Yes”.

Motion carried.

Roll Call: All “Yes”.

Motion carried.

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Public Comments.

Dottie Bolinsky of 15 Lafayette Place spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Dan Belote of 4410 Whalerman Cove spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Nicole Votta of 101 6th Street South and owner of 300 W. Brigantine Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Larry Lepere of 215 27th Street spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Bonnie Nikituk of 810 Market Ave, in Depford spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Richard Decker of 1313 Ocean Ave spoke about issues with LaScallas Beach House Bar and the restrictions that were in place with the previous business.

Joe Goldberg of 1307 Ocean Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Patrick Costello of 4506 Whalerman Road spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Paul McGovern of 117 Shipmaster Dr. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Kyle Everly owner of 503 E. Beach Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Larry Kosta of 210 34th Street South spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Ilene Forst of 3200 Ocean Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Andrea Constantine of 214 2nd Street North spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Suzanne Phalines of 1314 Ocean Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Melissa Galli of 112 12th Street North spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Steven McWilliams of 322 Quimet Rd. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Marni O’Riordan of 1101 E. Brigantine Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Christy Keffer of 124 4th Street South spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Andrew Whitehead of 3319 Ocean Ave. spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

A resident of 37th Street spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Jack Tierney of 220 5th Street North spoke about the short-term rental recommendations.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilman DeLucry thanked all that spoke. Councilman Haney thanked all that spoke. Councilman Riordan thanked all that spoke. Mayor Sera thanked all that spoke and stated that council is working with both sides of the issue to come up with an arrangement that works for everyone.

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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 7:55 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC