

August 2, 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, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera.
Absent: Haney.

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

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-155
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, 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 5:05 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:32 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney George Morris reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: one matter of personnel and two matters of litigation.

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Mayor Sera asked for a moment of silence for Edythe Dillon, the mother of Councilwoman Bew.

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilman DeLucry approve the 07/12/2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

Anne Phillip of 308 27th Street asked for clarification of Ordinance 8 of 2023.

Close of Public Comment.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 8 of 2023

Amending Chapter 6, Salaries and Compensation of The Code of The City of Brigantine

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 8 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 9 of 2023

Handicap Parking Space at 344 31st Street

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 9 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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

City of Brigantine
Ordinance 10 of 2023

Removal of “No Parking” Designation on Marsden Place

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 10 of 2023. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew 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 explained that the change to the Ordinance was to allow smoking on the golf course.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-156

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION FOR THE
LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Sera explained that this is in reference to the States mandate that is requiring all municipalities to update their water lines.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-157

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-158

AMENDING MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE –
ATLANTIC COUNTY SUMMER SHORE PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS GRANT

Police Chief Rich Casamento explained that this was in reference to crosswalks.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-159

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES WORK CHANGE ORDER # 4

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-160

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES WORK CHANGE ORDER NO. 2

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-161

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO
ARTHUR R. HENRY, INC. FOR A SEWER COLLAPSES AT 12TH STREET NORTH

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-162

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-163

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-164

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Vernon Place Block Party Request
- B. Shipmaster Block Party Request
- C. Elks Bayfest Noise Extension Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring reminded all of the Triathlon this weekend. Councilwoman Bew praised all that were involved in National Night Out, announced a Ward One and Ward Two meeting at The Links tomorrow night and wished luck to all the triathlon participants. Councilman Lettieri spoke about the beach replenishment project stating that it will be beginning soon and asked about the walkways to the beach from the Seawall and Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring stated that they will be opening the beach paths after the replenishment is finished in each area. Councilman Kane commended all that participated in National Night Out. Councilman Riordan commented on the success of National Night Out. Chief Casamento spoke about National Night Out thanking Council and the City Manager for all the support, praised Detective Powderly and Sergeant O'Donoghue for their hard work on the event, thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance and thanked the community for the support. Chief Casamento also praised Officer Rote, Officer Waszen and Sergeant O'Donoghue for using the new automated license reader to apprehend suspects in various stolen motor vehicle incidents. Councilman Riordan reminded all that the Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, August 12. Mayor Sera spoke about the success of National Night Out and thanked all that participated in the event, spoke about the beach replenishment project, congratulated the Beach Patrol for winning the championship races and spoke about short-term rentals stating that at the next council meeting there will be a discussion regarding the recommendations.

By voice resolution, Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to appoint to Dino Franzo the Planning Board.

Roll Call: All "Yes".

Motion carried.

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Public Comments.

Andrea Sullivan on 2000 Ocean Ave. asked for clarification on the short-term rental recommendations that are planned for the next meeting.

Louise Grober of 301 20th Street spoke about the recommendations and asked that certain council members should abstain from future votes regarding.

Ralph Atore of 800 West Shore Drive thanked council for Ordinance 10 of 2023.

Jim Coia of 305 20th Street asked for clarification of the recommendations regarding short-term rentals, asked about the qualifications of the newly appointed Planning Board Member, spoke about Resolution 2023-145 and spoke about short-term rental issues in his neighborhood.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke against short-term rentals, asked for clarification as to who was the construction code official and spoke about the number of short-term rentals in the town.

Close of Public Comment.

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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 6:21 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC