

CITY OF BRIGANTINE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 5, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Vince Sera called the meeting to order at **5:00 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE & OPENING PRAYER Mayor Sera led the flag salute followed by an opening prayer by Deputy Mayor Bew

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT Christine Murray, City Clerk advised that the meeting notices covering this meeting have been sent and posted as required under the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

ROLL CALL – COUNCIL • Mayor Sera • Deputy Mayor Bew • Councilman Virgilio • Councilman Kane • Councilman Riordan • Councilman Lettieri **ABSENT** • Councilman Haney

PROFESSIONALS PRESENT • Tige Platt, City Manager • John Doring, Superintendent of Public Works • Kyle Driscoll, Battalion Chief • Steve Ward, Police Chief • Carl Taylor III, Esq. City Solicitor • Christine Murray, City Clerk

Recognition of the 12U Softball Holliday Architects Three-Year Championship Streak

- The Mayor commended the 12U Softball Holliday Architects on their three-year championship streak, noting the impressive dedication of the players, coaches, and parents. He spoke about the lifelong value of athletics, emphasizing the lessons of teamwork, winning and losing, and the work ethic instilled by coaches.
- Commissioner Tom Repici congratulated the 12U team on their dominant 14–1 season, thanked the coaches and parents for their support, and commended the players for their hard work.
- Coach Anthony Martella thanked everyone for a successful season, noting how beneficial the year was for the girls and how well they adjusted to the transition. He expressed appreciation to Public Works for their support.

Swearing In Ceremony –Law Enforcement Officers

- Officer Alvin Auyeung
- Sergeant Julianna Rote
- Lieutenant George O’Donoghue
- Mayor Sera highlighted the strong connection between the Police Department and the community, noting the outstanding engagement observed during National Night Out. He remarked on the positive interactions between officers and residents at community events, including the Farmers Market and during traffic details, and stated he is very proud of the department’s commitment to community involvement.
- Chief Ward spoke of each officer in high regard, highlighting their accomplishments and professional backgrounds, and Mayor Sera administered the oaths of office to each.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2026-185- Contract Negotiations & Potential Litigation

Returned to Open Session – 5:45 P.M. Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Councilman Riordan Roll Call Vote: All in favor

City Solicitor **Carl Taylor III, Esq** provided a summary, stating that Executive Session involved **contract matters & potential litigation**. No formal action was taken in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mayor Sera read the item as entitled. June 17, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes **Motion:** Councilman Virgilio / **Second:** Deputy Mayor Bew **Roll Call Vote:** All in favor

APPROVAL OF BILL REQUISITION LIST Mayor Sera read the item as entitled. Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Councilman Riordan Roll Call Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No public comments were made.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Ordinance 2026-13 – Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the City of Brigantine, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Appropriating \$16,999,750 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$16,150,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mayor Sera read the ordinance as entitled and **opened the public hearing. There were no public comments.**

Motion: Councilman Kane **Second:** Councilman Virgilio **Roll Call:** All in favor

Ordinance 2026-14 – Ordinance Amending Section 175-6(A), “Fire Official; Additional Inspectors and Staff,” of the City Code

Mayor Sera read the ordinance by title and **opened the public hearing. There were no public comments.**

Motion: Councilman Virgilio **Second:** Deputy Mayor Bew **Roll Call:** All in favor

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2026-15- An Ordinance Of The City Of Brigantine Amending And Supplementing Chapter 98 Of The City Code Currently Entitled “Bamboo” To Now Be Titled “Bamboo And Invasive Species” With Amendments Thereto

Mayor Sera read the ordinance as entitled

Motion: Councilman Riordan **Second:** Deputy Mayor Bew **Roll Call:** All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Sera read all Resolutions as entitled.

Resolution 2026-186 – A Resolution of the City of Brigantine, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Certifying Receipt of the 2025 City of Brigantine Municipal Audit

Motion: Councilman Riordan Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-187 – A Resolution Authorizing a Refund for an Overpayment of a Rental Registration Fee

Motion: Councilman Riordan Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-188 – A Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of a Contract with the International Association of Firefighters Local 2657

Motion: Councilman Riordan Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-189 – A Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of a Contract with Fire Department Deputy Chief Kyle Driscoll

Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Councilman Riordan Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-190 – A Resolution Authorizing Work Change Order #1 (Final) for CDBG Pedestrian Improvements to West Beach Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard

Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Councilman Riordan Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-191 – A Resolution Amending the 2026 Year Municipal Budget by the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation from the State of New Jersey Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Labor Day Grant

Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-192 – A Resolution Authorizing a Vehicle to Be Procured with Enterprise Fleet Management Brigantine, New Jersey

Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Councilman Riordan Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-193 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with L.B. Landgraf & Associates for Preparation of the Master Plan Reexamination Report

Motion: Councilman Riordan Second: Councilman Kane Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-194 – A Resolution Authorizing a Refund for a Special Events Permit Application

Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Councilman Riordan Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-195 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc.

Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Councilman Riordan Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-196 – A Resolution Authorizing Work Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Bike Lane Installation at Various Locations

Motion: Councilman Riordan Second: Councilman Kane Recorded Vote: All in favor

- The Mayor also thanked the City Manager for his work on the bike lane striping project and noted that many residents had requested the repainting.
- Councilman Bew asked whether additional markings could be added to the bike lanes to indicate that vehicles are not permitted, noting recent instances of carts and trucks driving in the lane. Tiger responded that paint can become slippery and that Brigantine Avenue is wide, stating he would speak with Chief Ward and recommending signage rather than paint.

Resolution 2026-197 – A Resolution Authorizing Work Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Parking Lot Repairs and Line Striping at Various Locations

Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-198 – A Resolution Authorizing Work Change Order No. 1 (Final) for Concrete Replacement and Drainage Improvements at Various Locations

Motion: Councilman Kane Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-199 – A Resolution Authorizing Work Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the Reconstruction of a Portion of Harbor Beach Boulevard

Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

- Mayor Sera stated that additional drainage work was identified and added into the project to address the issue.

Resolution 2026-200 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Arthur Chew Consulting LLC for Planning, Permitting and Design for Proposed Improvements to the 26th Street City Dock

- Mayor Sera stated that the City Dock project has been underway for some time and that rehabilitation is needed. He explained that dredging is required and the dock must be redesigned to meet current state compliance. He added that a new bulkhead will help reduce flooding and noted that Beach Patrol, the engineer, and Public Works have been coordinating the work.

Motion: Councilman Riordan Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-201 – Amended Vehicle Lease – Fire Department (Enterprise Fleet Management)

Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Councilman Kane Recorded Vote: All in favor

- Mayor Sera explained that leasing vehicles through Enterprise Fleet Management has proven to be a significant cost savings for the City. He stated that this approach has worked well for Beach Patrol and will continue to save taxpayers money over time.

Resolution 2026-202 – Agreement with the NJDEP and Award of Contracts for the Construction of a Playground

Motion: Councilman Virgilio Second: Councilman Kane Recorded Vote: All in favor

- City Manager Tige Platt reported that the East Shore Drive playground project is moving forward, with materials being ordered and construction expected in the fall.
- Mayor Sera noted that the playground equipment is so old that replacement parts are no longer available and stated that the new, fully ADA-compliant playground will be a major improvement for the area.

Resolution 2026-203 – Authorizing a Refund for a Farmers Market Vendor Space Fee Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Lettieri Recorded Vote: All in favor

Resolution 2026-204 – Authorizing Public Contract for Demolition to American Demolition on an Emergency Basis Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew Second: Councilman Virgilio Recorded Vote: All in favor

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sera read the Consent Agenda as entitled.

Motion: Councilman Kane **Second:** Councilman Virgilio **Roll Call Vote:** All in favor

1. **Brigantine Surf Jam**
2. **BBSA Wiffle Ball Home Run Derby**
3. **Raffle License #1167 – AtlantiCare Foundation**
4. **Raffle License #1168 – South Jersey Cancer Fund**
5. **Raffle License #1169 – South Jersey Cancer Fund**
6. **Raffle License #1170 – VFW**

COUNCIL / MANAGER / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

City Manager Platt thanked the PBA for hosting a successful National Night Out and recognized Fire, Public Works, Beach Patrol, and local businesses for their support. He commended the golf course team for improvements, including rebuilding the bridge on Hole 11, and noted Deputy Manager Ryan Hurst completion of the Lake Placid Ironman.

Deputy Mayor Bew Deputy Mayor Bew congratulated the police officers on their promotions and hiring, recognized Bob Riley on his retirement, and thanked everyone involved in National Night Out. She announced a senior event in September with county and state officials, including Senator Polistina and Assemblyman Guardian, to provide security and fraud updates and assist with Anchor and senior tax forms.

Councilman Lettieri reported that the City is making headway in regards to the Promenade and congratulated the police officers on their promotions as well as the 12U softball team on their championship.

Councilman Virgilio reported that he and Councilman Haney hosted their ward meeting, noting that attendance remained strong despite the storms. He thanked residents for participating and said they are available to attend association meetings throughout the fall. He highlighted National Night Out and encouraged support for local businesses. He also reminded everyone to continue supporting the island's charities.

Councilman Riordan thanked residents for attending and reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet next week to finalize plans for the White House 100th anniversary celebration. He noted upcoming community events, including the Arts Festival on September 19, the triathlon on August 8, Movies on the Beach on August 11, and the Eagles tailgate on September 20. He thanked Public Works for recent assistance and encouraged residents to reach out with any concerns.

Mayor Sera praised the Police, Fire, Beach Patrol, and Public Works departments for an outstanding National Night Out and thanked Public Works staff for their continued dedication. He noted the upcoming Surf Jam and highlighted county partnership on the Promenade and Lighthouse Circle redesign, emphasizing safety, drainage improvements, and beautification. He provided updates on state and federal coordination regarding the seawall extension, beach replenishment, and rehabilitation of the south-end jetty. He stated that these projects continue to move forward with support from county and state officials.

Mario Perruci, 2005 Revere Boulevard, Commander of All-American Post VFW 6964 and District Commander for Atlantic County, thanked City Manager Tiger Platt and Public Works Director John Doring for establishing the veterans banner program. He noted that Post 6964 has earned All-American status for the fifth

consecutive year. He also praised the City’s Veterans Park, stating it is among the best in Atlantic County, and expressed gratitude for the City’s continued support of veterans.

Jaqueline Martin, Kirkwood Circle, reported ongoing golf balls striking her home and property, causing damage and safety concerns. City Manager Platt stated that the matter is being reviewed and that the golf superintendent and general manager are working with the City’s golf architect on potential design changes. He noted prior mitigation efforts and said additional options are under evaluation. Platt will obtain an update from the architect and share proposed plans with affected residents.

Frank Congemi, 605 West Shore Drive, stated that he serves on the Elks Veteran Service Committee and noted that the committee collects golf balls and sends them to military personnel across the country and overseas. He offered to take any excess golf balls residents may have.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn: 6:55 PM Deputy Mayor Bew / Second: Councilman Kane All in favor. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Christine Murray, RMC City Clerk

Approved: Vince Sera, Mayor