

August 7, 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, DeLucry, Kane, Riordan, Sera.  
Absent:

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

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, Kane, Riordan, Sera: "Yes".  
DeLucry: "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, 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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Councilman Kane moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to adopt 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

Mayor Sera called for the public hearing of Ordinance 11 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilman Haney moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to adopt 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 called for the public hearing of Ordinance 12 of 2024. The Ordinance was read by title by the Mayor.

No public comments were made.

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 2024-138

AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF NJ AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-139

AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF NJ SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-140

AUTHORIZING CBIZ BENEFITS & INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS TO THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE EMPLOYEES

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-141

AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH H2M ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PHASE 9 & 10 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND RANDOM SAMPLING PLAN

Mayor Sera commented that a part of this goes toward public education, stating that the City is applying for State of NJ grant monies and was told that if the City hires a company to do the public outreach the City will have a higher standing or a better opportunity for State funding.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE  
RESOLUTION 2024-142

AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH ARTHUR CHEW CONSULTING FOR DESIGN AND CM SERVICE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 45TH STREET COVE AND 45TH STREET

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-143

AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH PROPERTY PILOT, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS GOVPILOT BUILDING, CODE ENFORCEMENT, FIRE PREVENTION, DOG LICENSING, LAND USE SOFTWARE AND INSTALLATION

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-144

AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR A POLE BARN FOR POLICE  
AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-145

CER CAMP BRIGANTINE REFUND

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, Haney, DeLucry, 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 2024-146

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Marine Mammal Stranding Center Raffle License #1075
- B. Marine Mammal Stranding Center Raffle License #1076
- C. 100 Block of 20<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council Manager Discussion: Police Chief Rich Casamento spoke of the success of National Night Out and thanked all that participated and volunteered. Mayor Sera stated it was one of the best Nights Out and thanked the Police Department and all who made it so successful. Councilwoman Bew spoke of the success of National Night Out thanking all who worked to make it so successful, wished good luck to the Beach Patrol at the South Jerseys on Monday night, announced the CER concert event on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, reminded all of the Farmers Market on Saturday, announced a Beach Clean Up for Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and stated there will be a ceremony for Joe Campitelli to celebrate his many years of volunteerism. Councilman Lettieri thanked all who were in attendance at the meeting and who were watching at home, thanked Chief Casamento and the Police Department for the success of National Night Out, spoke about the need for another Lifeguard Stand at the Promenade or having the current one moved down the beach due to the amount of swimmers in that area and Mayor Sera stated that the Lifeguard Chief explained that they could move down as far as 11-11½ Street, but no further due to old pilings in the water in that area that would cause a swimming hazard. Councilman Haney thanked the Elks for all they do and spoke about the scholarship recipients, announced

that the South Jersey Cancer Fund had its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary saying that it started in Brigantine and praised Katie Finigan for all she does as the main organizer for the organization and thanked all who participated in National Night Out. Councilman DeLucry spoke of the success of National Night Out thanking all who participated in the event and thanked the Police Department for the Electronic Sign at the bottom of the bridge encouraging drivers to slow down. Councilman Kane spoke of the success of the events this summer and spoke of the success of National Night Out. Councilman Riordan spoke about the Cultural Arts Festival in September and stated that there will be Economic Development Meetings with speakers in the near future. Mayor Sera reminded all that the Triathlon was moved to next Saturday and the Lifeguard Races were moved to Monday due to inclement weather, stated that an ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting that will allow for the permit fees to be waived for the homeowners on Ocean Drive West who apply for a bulkhead permit, announced that the beach at and around the Cove Beach was closed due to issues with erosion and debris in the water, stated that he spoke with Senator Polistina & Congressman Van Drew regarding the erosion issue and stated the City Engineer is in constant contact with the DEP.

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#### Public Comment:

Kim DeLaney of 16 Ocean Drive West spoke about the beach erosion issue asking if a bulkhead could be put at the street end.

John Johnson of 36 Coquille Beach Drive asked for clarification of Resolution 2024-141 and Mayor Sera explained that the project is broken up into ten phases and phase 9 & 10 reference sampling that needs to be done and City Manager, Tige Platt clarified that they are starting with the older homes first.

Len Gatti of 45 Ocean Drive West asked for a timeline for the bulkhead at Pepper Cove and asked if the jetty would be expanded. Mayor Sera stated that the Jetty has settled and that he was in talks with the Army Corps and the DEP regarding the possibly of raising and capping the Jetty but commented that all of these things take time when dealing with the Federal Government. Mr. Gatti asked if the DEP permits would also be waved and Mayor Sera stated that the DEP stated they would expedite the process but not wave the fees.

John Boyle of 20 Ocean Drive West asked for an open meeting with the City Engineer and the residents to discuss the issues and questions they have with the process of bulkheads and erosion and Mayor Sera stated that the Army Corps would be the agency to speak to regarding because they are the ones that make the final decisions, but he understands the issues they have.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue asked for the short-term rental stay to be increased to 7 days and mentioned that there is a dormant dumpster in the alley between 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> street.

A resident of 35 Beacon Lane spoke about how she feels Brigantine is a great town, commented on the negativity of the public comments at the meetings and thanked Mayor and Council for all they do.

Mark Virgilio of 4028 Atl-Brigantine Boulevard thanked Mayor Sera for appointing him to the Recreation Commission and commented that he recently attended the Sea Grant Consortium and announced that Brigantine was awarded #2 Beach in Atlantic County.

Anne Phillips of 308 27<sup>th</sup> Street asked what the City's position regarding the Atlantic County Board of Commissioners non action regarding the Proposed Wind Turbine Project and Mayor Sera stated that the County Executive has stated that he wants to hear from every Municipality before he takes action, so Mayor Sera is going to each Municipality to talk about adopting the Resolution against the project and announced that Congressman Van Drew will be hosting a congressional hearing in Brigantine regarding Ocean Wind on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Community School. Ms. Phillips then spoke about short-term rentals being classified as commercial use in a residential zone and Mayor Sera stated that the State of New Jersey defines short-term rentals as non-commercial.

Bob Solari of 9 Cummings Place asked if the City could put curb cuts in the sidewalks along the Country Club to assist the turtles and spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

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Mayor Sera gave an update on the abandoned gas station and the steps the City has done to clean it up.

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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 6:15 P.M.

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Mayor Vince Sera

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City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC