

September 20, 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, Kane, Riordan, Sera.

Absent: Haney, DeLucry.

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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 Linden Wineland, Elaine King and Liam Powers.

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Brigantine Beach Patrol Lifeguard Proclamation

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2023-181
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, 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 5:00 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:29 P.M.

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Municipal Attorney George Morris reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: personnel and protentional litigation.

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Presentation by William Reynolds, Atlantic County Prosecutor

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Councilman Lettieri moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 09/06/2023 Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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, 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 introduce the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-182

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE LABOR COUNSEL – BLANEY, DONOHUE &
WEINBERG, PC

City Manager, Tige Platt explained the need for this resolution is due to a recommendation stemming from the State audit that stated the City should have an outside council review certain issues.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2023-183

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT FOR BRIGANTINE
AND VENTNOR

Mayor Sera explained that this resolution is due to the negotiations between the City of Brigantine and the City of Ventnor due to Ventnor needing assistance after leaving the County Court System.

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-184

REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS

Roll Call: Bew, Lettieri, 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 2023-185

RENAMING OF THE BRIGANTINE SEA WALL

Mayor Sera stated that the State has funds that are available for the restoration and building of “promenades” and this resolution will allow for the City to qualify for both State and Federal funds.

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Marine Mammal Stranding Center Raffle License #1025
- B. Brigantine VFW Raffle License #1026
- C. Women’s Surf Fishing Club Raffle License #1027
- D. Women’s Surf Fishing Club Raffle License #1028
- E. Green Whales 2024 Triathlon Request

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: City Manager, Tige Platt gave an update on the beach replenishment project. Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring gave an update on the beaches. Mayor Sera spoke about jetty’s in reference to beach erosion. Councilwoman Bew

wished Councilman Haney a quick recovery after having surgery, reminded all of the recycling and yard waste pick up schedule, thanked Clean Communities and Public Works for the success of the shredding event, congratulated the Brigantine Rams on winning the home opener and spoke about Resolution 2023-179. Councilman Kane spoke about the success of the beach cleanup and praised the Fire Department for the 9/11 ceremony, Councilman Riordan spoke about the Cultural Arts Fine Arts Festival, gave an Economic Development Committee update, spoke of the success of the Chamber of Commerce tailgate event and announced the upcoming events and spoke about a Defend Brigantine Beach fundraising event. Mayor Sera stated that the Community School will be hosting a National Conference of Superintendents, gave a Short-Term Rental update stating that he has met with the association and gave an update on the Ocean Wind litigation.

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Public Comments.

Andrea Sullivan of 2000 Ocean Avenue spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

Dan Buckley of 315 20th Street South spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

A resident of Whalerman spoke about short-term rentals.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street spoke about short-term rentals.

Jim Coia of 305 20th Street spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

Louise Groeber of 301 20th Street spoke about short-term rentals.

George Groeber of 301 20th Street spoke about short-term rentals.

A resident of 21st Street spoke about short-term rental issues in their neighborhood.

Janice Sadargas of 463 West Sore Drive spoke about short-term rentals.

A resident of 4220 Atl-Brigantine Boulevard spoke about short term rentals.

Barbara McFarland of 600 W. Brigantine Avenue spoke about the beach replenishment project.

Close of Public Comment.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Riordan 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 7:33 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

City Clerk, Lynn Sweeney, RMC

