

September 7, 2022
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. Councilwoman Bew asked for a moment of silence for Donald Jarvela.

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Ann Adams, Administrative Assistant read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Acknowledgment of Community Garden Volunteers

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE

RESOLUTION 2022-160
EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Open Public 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: All "Yes"

Motion Carried.

Council retired to executive session at 5:15 P.M.

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Council returned from executive session at 5:16 P.M.

Municipal Attorney Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: two matters of personnel and three matters of litigation.

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Councilman Riordan moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew approve the 08/17/2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion Carried.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to approval of Payroll, Requisition List and Operating Expenses.

Roll Call: “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 Riordan moved, seconded by Councilman Kane to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-184

AWARD OF CONTRACT – TWO DUMP TRUCKS

Superintendent of Public Works, John Doring stated that it will take 18 to 24 months for the trucks to come in.

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 2022-185

SUPPORT FOR ISSUANCE TO BRIGANTINE PADDLE CLUB OF A WAIVER OF
REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.A.C. 13:2 – 8.3 AND 8.4 BY DIRECTOR OF A.B.C.

Mayor Sera commented that there is a three-year waiting period for club licenses with the State, saying further that this resolution will be beneficial to the application process.

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-186

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

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

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2022-187

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

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

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Marine Mammal Stranding Center Pup Strut Request
- B. Atlantic County Surf Fishing Derby Request
- C. Chamber of Commerce Eagles Tailgate Request
- D. Vernon Place Block Party Request
- E. Brigantine P.B.A. Raffle License #978

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

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager Discussion: Acting Fire Chief, Paul Fuller reminded all of the 9/11 Ceremony on Sunday. Councilwoman Bew spoke about the Elder Fraud event and Police Chief Rich Casamento thanked all that attended, announced that she attended the Grand Opening of Shore Space and wished everyone a happy First Day of School and a Happy School Year. Councilman Lettieri thanked the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for their all their efforts this summer season. Councilman Haney commented on the success of the Elks Bayfest where he was a volunteer and asked for prayers for the family of Northfield Police Officer Jonathan Skull who passed away recently. Councilman DeLucry thanked all the departments for a successful summer. Councilman Kane thanked all the departments for their help during the busy summer season. Councilman Riordan reminded all of the Chamber of Commerce Tailgate Party on Sunday, spoke about the Cultural Arts Art Festival that starts Saturday, announced the Bridgefest event in October and spoke about the success of the Food Truck Festival. Mayor Sera spoke about an incident that involved antisemitic materials that were anonymously distributed saying that he and Councilman Riordan met with members of Temple Beth Shalom, The American Jewish Committee and the Antidefamation League regarding and stated that he will present a resolution to council that will address the specific actionable definition to antisemitism, announced that the Army Corps of Engineers approved the beach replenishment for the front beach, gave a Windmill Committee update and announced the Lighthouse Circle Agreement

details. City Manager, James Bennett commented on the plans and design for the Lighthouse Project.

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Public Comments.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street asked if there would be a public meeting regarding the Windmill Project and spoke about various Public Works issues that were brought to the attention of the Tax Payers Association.

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 6:20 P.M.

Mayor Vince Sera

Ann Adams, Administrative Secretary