

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**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 & Councilman Riordan

**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 Lettieri • Councilman Kane • Councilman Riordan **ABSENT** • Councilman Haney • Councilman Virgilio •

**PROFESSIONALS PRESENT** • Tige Platt, City Manager • John Doring, Superintendent of Public Works • Paul Fuller, Chief of Fire Department • Steve Ward, Acting Chief of Police Department • • George Morris, City Solicitor • Christine Murray, City Clerk •

**PRESENTATION– Jeanette Kessler, Green Team**

Ms. Kessler reported that Brigantine has received Urban & Community Forestry accreditation through 2028 and noted the volunteer work involved in completing the island-wide tree inventory. She announced upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival events scheduled for April 24–25, 2026, and introduced the 2026 Cherry Blossom Princesses. She also provided brief updates on the Farmers Market preparations and confirmed the date for Brig en Blanc for September 26, 2026

- **Deputy Mayor Bew** asked about the ticket sale date for Brig en Blanc, and
- **Ms. Kessler** stated that tickets are expected to go on sale the first week of August.
- **Mayor Sera** thanked Ms. Kessler for her presentation and acknowledged the work involved in the forestry accreditation and recent community events.
- **Councilman Riordan** also commended her and The Chamber of Commerce for the work and her participation in the recent parade.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **Mayor Sera** announced that Council would enter Executive Session for contract negotiations and asked the Clerk to read the resolution.
- **Christine Murray, City Clerk**, read the Executive Session resolution into the record.

A motion to enter Executive Session was made by **Councilman Lettieri**, seconded by **Deputy Mayor Bew**, and approved unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

A motion to return to regular session was made by **Councilman Kane**, seconded by **Councilman Riordan**, and **approved unanimously**.

Upon returning to open session, **George Morris, City Solicitor**, summarized that Council held a brief Executive Session regarding contract negotiations and that no action would be taken this evening, with the matter likely to appear on a future agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mayor Sera read the item as entitled. March 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes  
Motion: Deputy Mayor Bew / Second: Councilman Lettieri Roll Call Vote: All in favor

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

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PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
21-01769	12/31/21	UTILI005	UTILITY SERVICE CO INC	WATER TOWER IWRPOV-BAYSHORE	Open	167,575.00	0.00 B
24-01022	06/24/24	SETTE005	SETTEBRINO ASSOCIATES	Window Replacement-City Hall	Open	2,950.00	0.00 B
24-01321	08/12/24	H2MAR005	H2M Associates Inc.	Lead Service Line Replacement	Open	765.00	0.00 B
24-01442	09/05/24	DEBLA005	DEBLASIO & ASSOCIATES PC	Design & Construction-Water	Open	138.75	0.00 B
24-01786	11/12/24	H2MAR005	H2M Associates Inc.	Lead Line Replacement Design	Open	975.00	0.00 B
24-01943	12/19/24	S0881	THYSSEN KRUPP ELEVATOR	MODERNIZATION, NEW CAR STATION	Open	38,900.00	0.00 B
25-00320	02/06/25	M5478	MATHIS CONSTRUCTION, INC.*	Sanitary Sewer Replacement	Open	77,238.56	0.00 B
25-00609	03/20/25	MARANDIN	CHARLES MARANDINO, LLC	Concrete Replacement & Drainag	Open	169,788.98	0.00 B
25-01092	05/23/25	GAUDE005	Gaudelli Bros Inc.	City Hall Complex HVAC System	Open	491,760.00	0.00 B
25-01221	06/06/25	TIFFA010	TIFFANY MORRISSEY	Professional Services	Open	2,550.00	0.00 B
25-01930	09/11/25	UTILI005	UTILITY SERVICE CO INC	14th Street Tower Maintenance	Open	2,680.25	0.00 B
25-01998	09/23/25	ODONNEL	ROBERT O'DONNELL	ED STINSON BOAT REPAIRS	Open	3,795.00	0.00
25-02068	10/01/25	MIDDE005	Middletown Sprinkler Company	Irrigation at Golf Links	Open	403,058.65	0.00 B
25-02145	10/09/25	RAYPE005	Raypella LLC	Beach Shirts for Taggers	Open	1,199.50	0.00
25-02242	10/27/25	TUCKA005	TUCKAHOE SAND & GRAVEL INC	NTE- 3/4 GREY STONE	Open	3,769.63	0.00
26-00028	01/09/26	BLANE005	Blaney, Weinberg & Curio PC	2026 Legal Services	Open	402.50	0.00 B
26-00030	01/09/26	BAKER005	Barker,Gelfand,James & Sarvas	2026 Legal Services	Open	1,350.00	0.00 B
26-00072	01/14/26	INSUR005	INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR OF	Vision Monthly	Open	844.82	0.00 B
26-00073	01/14/26	CASAPR	CASA PAYROLL SERVICE	Payroll	Open	530.75	0.00 B
26-00074	01/14/26	CASAR005	CASA REPORTING SERVICES LLC	ACA Reporting	Open	1,028.20	0.00 B
26-00075	01/14/26	OCABE005	O.C.A. BENEFIT SERVICES LLC	COBRA	Open	52.65	0.00 B
26-00076	01/14/26	S0009	SYMETRA LIFE INSURANCE	Benefits	Open	565.83	0.00 B
26-00083	01/20/26	FMAZZA	FRANK MAZZA & SONS	NEW CARPETING	Open	20,331.45	0.00
26-00108	01/20/26	DELLINGE	MARISELA B. DELLINGER	Winter Classes	Open	1,000.00	0.00
26-00109	01/20/26	LUGENE	LUGENE POLZELLA	Winter Classes	Open	4,000.00	0.00
26-00110	01/20/26	BARBARA	BARBARA ACKERMAN	Winter Classes	Open	750.00	0.00
26-00114	01/20/26	DEBOR010	Deborah A Gatto	Winter Classes	Open	1,000.00	0.00
26-00117	01/20/26	DIANE020	Diane Grill disantis	Winter Classes	Open	1,500.00	0.00
26-00118	01/20/26	DIANE010	DIANE RAMFTL	Winter Classes	Open	1,500.00	0.00
26-00120	01/20/26	JENFI010	JENNIFER D FISCHER	Winter Classes	Open	800.00	0.00
26-00121	01/20/26	KAY	FREDERICA K PAPANDREW	Winter Classes	Open	7,000.00	0.00
26-00122	01/20/26	LISAW005	Lisa Weick	Winter Classes	Open	2,000.00	0.00
26-00123	01/20/26	PATRI020	PATRICIA VIOLANTE-CASSETTA	Winter Classes	Open	400.00	0.00
26-00124	01/20/26	CELES005	CELESTE MOKRZYCKI	Winter Classes	Open	7,600.00	0.00
26-00128	01/20/26	RIVER005	Riverside Construction	ROAD SALT	Open	7,967.29	0.00
26-00149	01/21/26	RAYMO010	RAYMOND M. CULVER II	Website Maintenance	Open	360.00	0.00 B
26-00186	01/22/26	P0710	Bolster Hardware II LLC	690076- SIDEWALK SALT	Open	509.99	0.00
26-00194	01/22/26	AMAX005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC.	Blanket PO	Open	175.27	0.00 B
26-00208	01/23/26	SHIIN005	SHI International Corp	Install Outdoor/Indoor Cameras	Open	24,228.10	0.00 B
26-00209	01/23/26	SHIIN005	SHI International Corp	Install Outdoor/Indoor Cameras	Open	86,964.29	0.00 B
26-00210	01/23/26	SHIIN005	SHI International Corp	Install 32 Zone Alarm Panel	Open	17,141.30	0.00 B
26-00211	01/23/26	SHIIN005	SHI International Corp	Access Control Cards	Open	7,684.02	0.00 B
26-00216	01/23/26	POWER DM	POWER DMS, INC.	Inv-149279 2026 Maint	Open	6,942.45	0.00
26-00217	01/23/26	C4444	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	Blanket PO	Open	155.94	0.00 B
26-00236	01/27/26	FEDX	FEDEX	Transportation charges	Open	17.96	0.00 B
26-00237	01/27/26	STRYK005	Stryker Sales LLC	LUCAS Device	Open	23,070.24	0.00 B
26-00262	01/29/26	C4444	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	Blanket PO 2026	Open	12.73	0.00 B
26-00290	02/02/26	ACAMA005	ACADEMY BUS	CER Trip Bus	Open	1,852.85	0.00

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26-00297	02/05/26	C0847	CAPRIONI PORTABLE TOILET, INC	BLANKET- PORTABLE TOILETS	Open	264.00	0.00 B
26-00303	02/05/26	P0200	COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	SPACE RENTAL	Open	750.00	0.00
26-00323	02/06/26	B0023	VERIZON WIRELESS	Cradlepoint router	Open	80.02	0.00 B
26-00327	02/06/26	ATL PLUM	ATLANTIC CITY PLUMBING &	SLOAN G2/BRASS SPUD ASSY	Open	1,264.16	0.00
26-00343	02/09/26	R1115	RICH FIRE PROTECTION	ANNUAL INSPECTION/SUPPRESSION	Open	2,250.00	0.00 B
26-00345	02/09/26	AMAX005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC.	CHERRY BLOSSOM FEST. SUPPLIES	Open	338.87	0.00
26-00391	02/18/26	ACTION	ACTION UNIFORM CO LLC	Blanket PO	Open	3,345.00	0.00 B
26-00398	02/18/26	TREAS045	Treasurer State of NJ	Cal Pesticide License	Open	80.00	0.00
26-00406	02/18/26	P8050	PURDY COLLISION	B-12 DEDUCTIBLE	Open	1,000.00	0.00
26-00412	02/20/26	AMAX005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC.	Switch for Fire Prevention	Open	115.99	0.00
26-00430	02/26/26	FMAZZA	FRANK MAZZA & SONS	IRON PLY UNDERLAYMENT	Open	15,108.80	0.00
26-00431	02/26/26	ROBER095	Robert W Fulmer Jr.	Shuttle Substitute	Open	54.00	0.00
26-00441	02/27/26	BILLOWS	Cooper Electric Supply Inc.	LIGHT BULBS	Open	868.34	0.00
26-00450	03/05/26	C1389	CAM CO	REPAIR CALL #68994/PARTS	Open	936.39	0.00
26-00452	03/05/26	C4444	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	BLANKET- EYE WASH AGREEMENT	Open	99.18	0.00 B
26-00453	03/05/26	S0930	SOUTH JERSEY WELDING SUPPLY	CYLINDER RENTAL	Open	58.24	0.00
26-00454	03/05/26	A0200	ATLANTIC COAST ALARM, INC.	SERVICE CALLS# 13125, 131883	Open	198.00	0.00
26-00455	03/05/26	A0200	ATLANTIC COAST ALARM, INC.	ALARM REPLACEMENT	Open	950.00	0.00
26-00456	03/05/26	H0129	HACH COMPANY	SAMPLING SUPPLIES	Open	376.73	0.00
26-00458	03/05/26	M0198	STATE OF NJ-PWT	LATE PAYMENT	Open	54.58	0.00
26-00459	03/05/26	MAJESTIC	MAJESTIC OIL COMPANY, INC.	MULT. FUEL DELIVERS	Open	11,991.52	0.00
26-00460	03/05/26	A0381	ACUA/SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STAT	FEB. RECYCLING COLLECTION	Open	26,069.22	0.00
26-00461	03/05/26	TELES005	TELESYSTEM	Telephone billing	Open	7,877.89	0.00
26-00463	03/05/26	CEN J	CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIPMENT LLC	6130M JD REPAIRS	Open	4,597.46	0.00
26-00465	03/05/26	TURFE	TURF EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO	NOZZLE-AI TURBO	Open	460.32	0.00
26-00466	03/05/26	T0354	TCTA OF ATLANTIC COUNTY	2026 DUES ALBERTI/WILLIAMSON	Open	200.00	0.00
26-00467	03/05/26	C0847	CAPRIONI PORTABLE TOILET, INC	BLANKET- PORTABLE TOILETS	Open	461.00	0.00 B
26-00468	03/05/26	O7777	ONE CALL CONCEPT, INC.	FEB. MARKOUTS	Open	180.90	0.00
26-00469	03/05/26	UTILI005	UTILITY SERVICE CO INC	ROOSEVELT MONTHLY PEDISPHERE	Open	2,448.39	0.00
26-00470	03/05/26	AMAX005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC.	MIRCOFIBER TOWELS	Open	136.10	0.00
26-00474	03/06/26	DELLI	DELL MARKETING L.P.	4 Pcs for departments	Open	7,419.24	0.00
26-00479	03/09/26	UGIEN005	UGI ENERGY SERVICES	3rd party provider	Open	11.48	0.00
26-00483	03/09/26	CANN005	Canon Financial Services Inc.	Widetek 36CL wide Format	Open	217.23	0.00 B
26-00484	03/09/26	NDDOH	NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	February Dog	Open	12.00	0.00
26-00485	03/09/26	G0274	GENERAL CODE PUBLISHERS CORP.	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	Open	1,295.00	0.00
26-00487	03/09/26	SJCAM	SOUTH JERSEY COURT ADM.ASSOC	Dues, training	Open	150.00	0.00
26-00488	03/09/26	DAMNG005	DAMN GOTTARDI	Training Mileage	Open	94.30	0.00
26-00490	03/09/26	CM3BU005	CM3 Building Solutions Inc.	SERVICE CALL #12487601	Open	962.13	0.00
26-00492	03/09/26	L1136	LAWN & GOLF SUPPLY*	EQUIPMENT ROAD CALL	Open	595.00	0.00
26-00493	03/09/26	INDEP005	Independent Disposal &	FEBRUARY OPEN CONTAINERS	Open	7,525.00	0.00
26-00495	03/09/26	MCAA	MCAA OF NJ	NCAA Membership	Open	100.00	0.00
26-00496	03/09/26	H0097	HANCE C. JAQUETT LLC	PB FEBRUARY LEGAL	Open	3,460.00	0.00
26-00498	03/09/26	WALSH	KRISTOPHER WALSH	PESTICIDE TRAINING	Open	173.90	0.00
26-00503	03/09/26	P0810	Column Software PBC	LEGAL PB MARCH/BOARD APPT 2026	Open	96.92	0.00
26-00506	03/09/26	AMAX005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC.	BACKER ROD/DUAL MONITOR STAND	Open	87.97	0.00
26-00507	03/09/26	P0710	Bolster Hardware II LLC	#690079- FEB SUPPLY	Open	297.10	0.00
26-00508	03/09/26	P0710	Bolster Hardware II LLC	#690082- FEB SUPPLY	Open	152.44	0.00
26-00514	03/11/26	TM0BI005	T-MOBILE USA INC.	Telephone charges	Open	5,682.38	0.00
26-00515	03/11/26	BRIGA030	BRIGANTINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	AD FOR VISITOR GUIDE	Open	550.00	0.00
26-00520	03/11/26	A0381	ACUA/SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STAT	FEB. TRASH COLLECTION	Open	66,262.85	0.00
26-00521	03/11/26	A0381	ACUA/SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STAT	UNDERPAYMENT- 117	Open	15.10	0.00
26-00522	03/11/26	A0260	ACUA/SEWERAGE USAGE-WATER TST.	FEB. WATER TESTING	Open	2,037.93	0.00
26-00527	03/11/26	V1186	VAL-U-AUTO PARTS	FEB. AUTO PARTS	Open	2,153.88	0.00
26-00533	03/13/26	PENND005	Penn Power Group LLC	SERVICE CALL #4808688	Open	1,329.38	0.00

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26-00539	03/13/26	H0839	THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	LINKS KITCHEN	Open	1,509.75	0.00
26-00540	03/13/26	PACEA001	PACE ANALYTICAL LLC	1ST QUATER SAMPLES	Open	1,708.00	0.00
26-00541	03/13/26	A0200	ATLANTIC COAST ALARM, INC.	SERVICE CALL #132185	Open	200.00	0.00
26-00545	03/13/26	H0839	THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	RENTAL- 18IN TRENCHER	Open	300.00	0.00
26-00546	03/16/26	C4444	CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	First Aid Supplies	Open	99.35	0.00
26-00547	03/16/26	BARBE005	Barber Consulting Services LLC	Emergency Services-Police Dept	Open	540.00	0.00
26-00570	03/16/26	S0902	INSURANCE AGENCIES INC.	Flood Policy Reimbursement	Open	21,440.00	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 110					Total P.O. Line Items: 0	Total List Amount: 1,807,513.52	Total void Amount: 0.00

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Totals by Year-Fund Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	5-01	8,764.13	0.00	0.00	8,764.13
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	6-01	175,080.67	0.00	0.00	175,080.67
UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATIO	6-09	21,696.45	0.00	0.00	21,696.45
Year Total:		196,777.12	0.00	0.00	196,777.12
GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	C-04	1,309,942.21	0.00	0.00	1,309,942.21
UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	C-06	250,080.95	0.00	0.00	250,080.95
Year Total:		1,560,023.16	0.00	0.00	1,560,023.16
	T-03	41,949.11	0.00	0.00	41,949.11
Total of All Funds:		1,807,513.52	0.00	0.00	1,807,513.52

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2026-86 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Multiple Vendors for Herbicides, Fungicides, Insecticides, Fertilizers, Seed, and Golf Course Supplies**

Mayor Sera read Resolution 2026-86 as entitled above. Motion **Deputy Mayor Bew**, second **Councilman Lettieri**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-87 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Finch Turf, Incorporated for Mowers for the Brigantine Golf Links, Brigantine, NJ**

Mayor Sera read Resolution 2026-87 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Kane**, second **Councilman Lettieri**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-88 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Finch Turf, Incorporated for a Grinder for the Brigantine Golf Links, Brigantine, NJ**

Mayor Sera read Resolution 2026-88 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Kane**, second **Deputy Mayor Bew**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-89 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Lawn and Golf Supply Co., Inc. for a Top Dresser Tractor for the Brigantine Golf Links, Brigantine, New Jersey**

Mayor Sera read Resolution 2026-89 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Kane**, second **Deputy Mayor Bew**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-90 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Side Pony Printshop for Beach Patrol Uniforms**

Mayor Sera read Resolution 2026-90 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Riordan**, second **Councilman Kane**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-91 – State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program – Enabling Resolution**

**Mayor Sera** read Resolution 2026-91 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Kane**, second **Councilman Riordan**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-92 – A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Polistina & Associates for Design, Permitting, Construction Management and Inspections for the Replacement of the Elevated Boardwalk at Ross Drive, Brigantine, New Jersey**

**Mayor Sera** read Resolution 2026-92 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Riordan**, second **Councilman Lettieri**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Mayor Sera** stated that the project has been a significant request from residents in the area and expressed support for moving it forward.

**Resolution 2026-93 – Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and Execute any Documents Necessary for the Reconstruction of the Dock Located Adjacent to 4125 Atlantic Brigantine Boulevard**

**Mayor Sera** read Resolution 2026-93 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Kane**, second **Councilman Riordan**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Resolution 2026-94 – Supporting the Community Project Funding Application for North End Seawall Expansion**

**Mayor Sera** read Resolution 2026-94 as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Riordan**, second **Deputy Mayor Bew**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Mayor Sera** noted that Resolution 2026-94 advances the process for pursuing an extension of the Seawall and Promenade and that a Tiger Dam system is being explored while federal work progresses. He further noted that the USACE CAP 103 study is required for the Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate need and benefit, and that both Congressman Van Drew and the State of New Jersey are supporting the project. He expressed that this is an important step forward for the community.

**Resolution 2026-95 – Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with My Beach Mobile**

**Mayor Sera** read Resolution 2026-95 as entitled above. Motion **Deputy Mayor Bew**, second **Councilman Riordan**. Roll Call Vote: **All in favor**.

**Mayor Sera** noted that Resolution 2026-95 relates to the digital beach tag system, including the app and program used to operate it

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Beach Soccer Brigantine — August 8 B. American Legion Raffle #1146 — June 15 C. Elks Raffle #1147 & #1148 — April 17

**Mayor Sera** read the Consent Agenda as entitled above. Motion **Councilman Kane**, second **Councilman Lettieri**. **All in favor**.

**COUNCIL / MANAGER / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Deputy Mayor Bew** noted that she was unable to attend the Shake the Shamrock weekend but commented that it appeared to be a successful and well-attended event.
- **Councilman Kane** commented that it was an honor to serve as a Grand Marshal during the St. Patrick's Day festivities and noted that it was a strong weekend for the community.
- **Councilman Lettieri** reported that work continues on the Promenade and noted that the lights were blinking the previous evening. He added that the contractor has been removing and replacing the collapsed handicap ramp in that area.
- **City Manager Platt** stated that the City is aware of the blinking lights near 10th Street and that the contractor has been notified. He noted that the issue had been reported earlier in the week and is being addressed.
- **Mayor Sera** noted that the ramp work is expected to be completed before the season.
- **Councilman Riordan** reported that the Cultural Arts Commission is preparing for an upcoming Frank Sinatra dinner show, with additional details to be provided at the first meeting in April. He stated that the Economic Development Committee met to discuss planning for the nation's 250th anniversary,

Brigantine’s 100th anniversary, and post-Labor Day activities. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Police, Fire, Public Works, and all involved for their work on the Shake the Shamrock parade and noted strong participation from local businesses and community groups.

- **Mayor Sera** noted that this year’s St. Patrick’s Day parade was one of the most successful to date and thanked the Chamber of Commerce and all City departments for their efforts. He stated that local businesses reported strong activity during the event. He provided an update on South Jersey Gas, noting that residents have expressed concern about rising delivery and rider charges despite lower gas commodity costs. He stated that the City is working with Senator Polistina, South Jersey Gas, and the BPU to obtain clear information on what is driving the increases. He noted that the City has requested real-number breakdowns to better understand the impact on ratepayers and that similar inquiries may be made regarding Atlantic City Electric once the gas review is complete. He further noted that the City continues to make significant capital investments, including improvements at the golf course, new equipment, and extensive road paving. He thanked Public Works for recent repairs on Bayshore Avenue and acknowledged the work being done across the island.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Frank Pugliese**, 433 Lafayette Boulevard, addressed Council with three items. He thanked **Councilman Kane** for his participation in the St. Patrick’s Day parade and for remaining through the conclusion of the event. He also thanked **Councilman Riordan** for directing him to the Economic Development Committee, noting that he attended the recent meeting and found the group to be active and engaged. Mr. Pugliese referenced a proposal he previously raised regarding an “adopt-a-hydrant” concept. He stated that several Council members had encouraged him to develop the idea further, and he prepared a written outline for consideration. He noted that a similar program may have existed approximately a decade ago and expressed that any new version should be coordinated carefully so as not to conflict with responsibilities of the Fire Department, Public Works, or other departments. He summarized several considerations, including timing the implementation for the fall to avoid the busy summer season; keeping costs minimal for items such as data entry and certificates; ensuring that participation would be voluntary to avoid liability concerns; and confirming that the program would not conflict with collective bargaining agreements. He stated that he would be willing to assist further if the City chose to pursue the concept.
- **Chief Paul Fuller** stated that he reviewed Mr. Pugliese’s adopt-a-hydrant concept and agreed it was a good idea. He encouraged Mr. Pugliese to maintain open dialogue with the Fire Department as the program is explored.
- **Deputy Mayor Bew** noted that later the same day Mr. Pugliese presented the idea, a 2015 Brigantine Fire Department post appeared in her social media memories promoting an informal “adopt-a-hydrant” effort. She commented that the timing was notable given the current discussion.
- **Councilman Riordan** added that involving middle-school and high-school students could help build neighborhood pride and support community engagement.
- **Mayor Sera** stated that the concept was a good idea and thanked Mr. Pugliese for bringing it forward. With no further public comment, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn: Councilman Kane / Second: Deputy Mayor Bew Roll Call Vote: All in favor Adjournment **5:41**

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Respectfully submitted, Christine Murray, RMC City Clerk

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Approved: Vince Sera, Mayor