

## CITY OF BRIGANTINE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 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 Lettieri • Councilman Kane • Councilman Riordan • Councilman Haney • Councilman Virgilio

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION 2026-107

- Council entered Executive Session for a litigation update and a personnel matter.
- **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 **Councilman Haney**, 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 Executive Session regarding a litigation update and a personnel matter. Rice Notice was provided and no action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mayor Sera read the item as entitled. April 1, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

## ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

### **Ordinance 2026-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105, “BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL AREAS,” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRIGANTINE**

Mayor Sera read the ordinance by title. **The ordinance was opened to a public hearing; no members of the public provided comment.**

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

## ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

### **Ordinance 2026-07 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CITY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO BLOCK 1701, LOT 7**

Mayor Sera read the ordinance by title.

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

## RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION 2026-108 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERAN — BLOCK 4303, LOT 47**

Mayor Sera read the resolution by title.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2026-109 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA, INC., FOR FIELD SERVICE AT 34TH STREET SOUTH & JENKINS FLOOD PUMPS**

Mayor Sera read the resolution by title.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2026-110 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ATLANTIC COAST ALARM, INC., FOR THE BRIGANTINE LIBRARY ELEVATOR FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT**

Mayor Sera read the resolution by title.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2026-111 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A BULKHEAD LOCATED WITHIN THE 14TH STREET SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY**

Mayor Sera read the resolution by title.

**Motion:** Councilman Riordan **Second:** Councilman Lettieri **Roll Call:** All in favor

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Brigantine Elks Drug Awareness 5K — **June 20**
- B. Surf n Land Sportsman's Team 36th Fishing Tournament — **May 16**
- C. Lions Club Classic Car Show — **June 14**
- D. Firecracker 5K — **June 28**
- E. Raffle #1150 — **May 22**

Mayor Sera read the Consent Agenda by title.

**Motion:** Councilman Kane **Second:** Deputy Mayor Bew **All in favor** All in favor

## COUNCIL / MANAGER / COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Deputy Mayor Bew** announced Opening Day on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. with the parade at 26th Street, and reminded the public of the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 25, including the 2:00–4:00 p.m. Tea at the VFW.
- **Councilman Haney** reported on the Recreation Board meeting and the upcoming baseball and softball parade, and acknowledged the Flyers.
- **Councilman Virgilio** thanked residents for supporting local charities, noted he looks forward to the parade, and announced a Beach Commission meeting on May 18.
- **Councilman Kane** thanked the Garden Club and encouraged recognition of its volunteers.
- **Councilman Riordan** thanked veterans and City committee volunteers, and reported that the Cultural Arts Commission will host a Frank Sinatra performance on April 25 at The Cove and is planning events for the nation's 250th and the City's 100th anniversaries.
- **Mayor Sera** reported that South Jersey Gas has contacted him to coordinate a response to the questions previously raised and will schedule a meeting or call to review the information. He notified Senator

Polistina's office, which requested to be kept updated. He also addressed concerns raised at the recent Planning Board meeting regarding flooding and debris near the former Rod & Reel property. The Superintendent of Public Works and the City Engineer inspected the site and gabion wall. He explained that staff are reviewing potential mitigation measures. An update will be sent to nearby residents.

## Public Comment

- **John Johnson**, 36 Coquille Beach Drive, reported that his water service line inspection confirmed copper piping and briefly commented on the improved appearance of the City Hall lobby renovations.
- **Garrison Brooks** raised concerns about the Rod & Reel site and the Planning Board-approved development, including the street vacation, stormwater management, public access, redevelopment plan compliance, setback issues, and the Public Trust Doctrine.
- **Mayor Sera** noted the limitations of Council authority over Planning Board decisions, reviewed the formal 45-day appeal process, and stated that several of the concerns fall under county or state jurisdiction. He added that the City will continue addressing site-related issues as previously committed.
- **Councilman Haney** offered a brief clarification related to earlier comments about Ocean Drive.
- **Nancy Pino** expressed ongoing concerns about significant flooding on 14th Street North, citing safety impacts, drainage limitations, and additional water flow from nearby activity, and urged the City to pursue a long-term fix.
- **Mayor Sera** stated that the Superintendent of Public Works and the City Engineer are reviewing the area and that the City will continue working through potential drainage solutions.
- **Dr. Michael Coast**, 208 15th Street North, stated that flooding on 14th Street North occurs during heavy rainfall regardless of tide conditions and referenced prior photographs documenting the issue.
- **Mayor Sera** requested current photographs from Ms. Pino and Dr. Coast to better assess the flooding and potential remedies. He then closed the public portion and asked for any Council comments.
- **Councilman Lettieri** asked questions regarding the sewer system and drainage.
- **John Doring, Superintendent of Public Works** provided a brief description of the area.
- **Mayor Sera** discussed the lingering consequences of Hurricane Sandy.
- **Tige Platt, City Manager** reported that homeowners on 20th Street have been notified and that work on Harbor Beach Boulevard is scheduled to begin on the 27th.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn: 6:38 PM Councilman Haney / Second: Councilman Lettieri All in favor Adjournment

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Respectfully submitted, Christine Murray, RMC City Clerk

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Approved: Vince Sera, Mayor