December 7, 2016
Brigantine, New Jersey

A Council meeting was held this date in Council Chambers at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Guenther presiding.

Present: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther.
Absent: None.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-217

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: All "Yes".

Motion Carried.

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.

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Council returned from executive session.

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City Solicitor Fred Scerni reported that Council discussed the following topics in executive session: ongoing contract negotiations updates regarding various unions; such as the White Collar Workers, Teamsters, Life Guards, PBA and Dispatchers, contract matters regarding the ACUA, discussion regarding property acquisition, personnel matters regarding the construction office stating that Maria Marmorato is retiring and Ryan Hurst will be replacing her, discussion regarding shared services with Atlantic City, three matters of litigation; one matter involving special foreclosure counsel that is working with a particular property, Macnow vs City of Brigantine and Malone vs City of Brigantine and a discussion regarding a land sale.

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Mayor Guenther led the flag salute after which Councilman Sera read a prayer prepared by resident John Pucci and asked for a moment of silence for all the soldiers who lost their lives on the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Mayor Guenther read the statement pertaining to the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman DeLucry to Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 11/2/16.

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, Sera, Guenther: "Yes"
DeLucry: "Abstain" on #2650, "Yes" to balance.
Simpson: "Abstain" on #2535, # 2550 & #2657, "Yes" to the balance.

Motion Carried

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Public Comment on Agenda Items Only.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street asked for clarification of Resolution #2016-18.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-218

TAX ASSESSOR NOTIFICATION POLICY

Chief Financial Officer, Roxanne Tosto explained that this was a recommendation from the best practices worksheet.

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-219

AWARD OF CONTRACT – INCIDENT COMMAND VEHICLE

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-220

AWARD OF CONTRACT – PICKUP TRUCK

City Manager, Ed Stinson explained that this was a recommendation from Acting Fire Chief Platt.

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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Councilman DeLucry moved, seconded by Councilman Sera adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-221

AWARD OF CONTRACT – STONE, GRAVEL AND INFIELD MIX

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-222

AWARD OF CONTRACT – RENTAL OF HIGH VOLUME PUMPS

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-223

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN N.J. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Police Chief Jim Bennet explained the details of the program.

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-224

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER

Ms. Tosto explained that some of the items were general housekeeping and some were funds available for equipment and large purchases.

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-225

CHAPTER 159 : BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-226

REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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Councilman DeLucry moved, seconded by Council man to adopt the following resolution.

CITY OF BRIGANTINE
RESOLUTION 2016-227

BRIGANTINE C.E.R. OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Bew moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson to adopt the following requests.

A. Riptide Fall Striper/Bluefish Derby Request
B. Brigantine Elks Raffle License #2428

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion Carried.

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Council/Manager/Committee Discussion: Update on the Non Federal Cost Share Grant, reminded all of the Department Head Budget Meeting on December 19th at 10:00 am and a discussion regarding requiring beach badges at the Cove Beach.

Councilman Withers commented on the veteran's passes, suggesting they pay a discounted price instead of no cost.

By voice resolution, Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman DeLucry to provide two free beach passes with the purchase of a four wheel drive permit.

Roll Call: Bew, McClay, Withers, DeLucry, Sera, Simpson, Guenther: "Yes"

Motion carried.

Councilman Simpson asked Chief Bennett for some kind of study to monitor the traffic on Lafayette and Caverly; suggesting a speed bump or four way stop.

Councilwoman McClay asked if there were any electric charging stations in the Streetscape project and Mr. Stinson stated there were not and then asked for the status on the balloon release ordinance.

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Public Comment

John Pucci of 100 Sheridan Square asked if the budget hearing was open to the public and Mr. Stinson explained that is was and then stated that he is representing the Egg Harbor based Submarine Organization, thanking council for supporting the veterans.

Anne Phillips of 308 27th Street questioned why the police and fire departments increased by 2 members and asked for clarification on the Municipal Tax Decrease.

Shirley Morgan of 4800 Harbor Beach Blvd. thanked everyone on council for everything they've done.

Frank Gongemi of 605 West Shore Drive commented on the balloon ban.

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Council Comments

Councilwoman McClay stated that the City holiday decorations look great.

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Councilman DeLucry moved, seconded by Councilwoman Bew to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: All "Yes".

Motion Carried.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

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Mayor Philip Guenther

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Lynn Sweeney, RMC, City Clerk