

**BOROUGH OF BUENA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:31 P.M.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:40 P.M.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Flag Salute**

**ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:**

Council Member	Present	Absent
ALVAREZ	X	
ADAMS	X	
BARSUGLIA	X	
ANDALORO	X	
FABRIZIO	X	

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Pamela Johnston Acting Clerk, Solicitor Richard Tonetta, Maryann Coraluzzo Administrator

**SUNSHINE LAW:** The special meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena was held November 29, 2023 commencing at 7:06 p.m. at the Borough Hall with Council President Adams presiding. Councilman Adams announced that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and notices of this meeting have been provided, via email, to the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal on November 18, 2022 AS well as being posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

**RESOLUTION 172-23      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD GIOVINAZZI TO THE POSITION OF COUNCILPERSON OF BUENA BOROUGH TO FILL A VACANCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5 b**

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
ALVAREZ			X				
ADAMS			X				
BARSUGLIA		X	X				
ANDALORO	X		X				
FABRIZIO			X				

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2023, an election took place to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Councilwoman Gina Andaloro, which was previously filled in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 by Councilman Ernie Merighi; and

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**WHEREAS**, as a result of the election on November 7, 2023, Richard Giovinazzi was certified the winner of the vacant seat on Borough Council and has otherwise qualified to serve; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 16-21 Richard Giovinazzi is to take the office immediately upon certification of the results.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Buena that Richard Giovinazzi shall, upon taking the oath of office, immediately fill the vacant seat of Council for the Borough of Buena commencing November 29, 2023 and for the balance of the unexpired term of Gina Andalaro.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO INFORM THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY ABOUT THEIR VIEWS. THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY PRESCRIBES TO COUNCIL'S BY-LAWS AND THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS WHEN ENGAGING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. AS SUCH, EACH INDIVIDUAL SHALL HAVE A 5 MINUTE LIMIT TO COMMENT; AN INDIVIDUAL CANNOT YIELD TIME TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL; AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ONLY APPROACH THE PODIUM ONCE DURING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY ONE TOPIC; VULGAR OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IS PROHIBITED AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL NOT ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE PUBLIC DURING THIS TIME. THE GOVERNING BODY MAINTAINS MODEL COURTESY AND RESPECT AND REQUIRES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DO THE SAME.

Joseph J Girola, Atlantic County Clerk, had sworn in Richard Giovinazzi as councilman. Councilman Giovinazzi was congratulated by council and took his seat at the dais.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

**MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI			X				
ALVAREZ	X		X				
ADAMS			X				
BARSUGLIA		X	X				
ANDALORO			X				
FABRIZIO			X				

Anyone wishing to address Mayor and Council please step forward and state your name for the record.

**MOTIONED TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION:**

Council Member	By	2nd	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
GIOVINAZZI			X				
ALVAREZ			X				
ADAMS			X				
BARSUGLIA		X	X				
ANDALORO	X		X				
FABRIZIO			X				

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**NEXT MEETING:** WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 6:30 PM AND 7:00 PM

**MEETING ADJOURNED: M/ ALVAREZ   S/ BARSUGLIA   RCVU**

*Pamela Johnston*

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Pamela Johnston  
Acting Borough Clerk