

Thursday, December 27, 2007

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Egg Harbor City was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 500 London Avenue, with Mayor Joseph Kuehner, Jr. present. President Pro Temp Dennis presided the meeting and the following members of council were present Brian Beals, Douglas Dickinson, Lisa Jampetti, Tom Penza, Betty Schoenstein and Terri Cantz. Council members Carol Kienzle and Jack Peterson were absent.

Also present were Thomas Henshaw, Administrator, Betty Wenzel, Chief Financial Officer and David Bernstein, Esq. standing in for James Carroll, Attorney.

President Pro Temp Dennis called the meeting to order and made the following statement:

1. In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this meeting of the Egg Harbor City Council was provided in the following manner:

(a) Advance written notice of this meeting was posted at the Egg Harbor City Hall Bulletin Board.

(b) Advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to:

The News
P.O. Box 596
Hammonton, NJ 08037
and
The Press
1000 Washington Avenue
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

2. I direct the City Clerk to enter into these minutes this public announcement.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mr. Beals and carried, the minutes of the December 6, 2007 were approved.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Dennis introduced Tim Michel, Planner who went over the meeting that the committee had with Jay Adamson, Developer and the proposed changes that need to be made to the City's Redevelopment Plan to conform with the developers plan. Mr. Michel stated that he will prepare the ordinance for introduction on these changes at the second meeting in January.

Mrs. Schoenstein gave the following report for the Ambulance Squad - total calls for 2007 743 and total missed calls 238 for a total percentage of missed calls at 32%.

Mr. Henshaw, Administrator gave the following report:

1. Received a letter from Ms. Jessica Moll from the MS Bike-a-thon and they want to know if next year they can put up a banner on Philadelphia Avenue for their event.

Mr. Dickinson said didn't we specify that it had to be community related organizations

only.

The Administrator said then he will tell them they cannot place a banner across Philadelphia Avenue.

2. Contract for Paul Schairer – every three years he comes in to get extension on his contract to go through the City’s property to harvest cedar off of his property. The attorney reviewed it and everything is fine, we added a couple of things in it to protect the City and to have our legal fees paid for.

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to approve the contract, Mrs. Schoenstein seconded the motion and was carried by all.

3. Need to remove two properties from the Accelerated Tax Sale Block 86, Lot 25 and Block 121, Lots 26 & 27.01, took the liberty to remove them because we are buying them for the Egg Harbor City High School and need a motion for the approval.

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to approve, Mr. Beals seconded the motion and was carried by all.

4. Received an e-mail from John D’Agostino and the City received \$2,275.00 this year for our 2008 Budget for Safety.

Mr. Dickerson made a motion to have it received and filed for next year’s Budget, Mrs. Jiampetti seconded the motion and was carried by all.

5. Have a resolution authorizing the organizing of a three member Board of Appeals for the Code Enforcement Department, this is something new instead of using the BOCA Code we use the International Code.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mr. Beals and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

R-142-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR AUTHORIZING THE ORGANIZING OF A THREE MEMBER BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Egg Harbor has incorporated the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code into City Ordinance to be used as a tool for Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Appeals has to be established for this Ordinance for the purpose of hearing appeals of the Code Enforcement Office; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Appeals shall consist of three members and two alternates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that a Board of Appeals is established for the purpose of hearing appeals which are generated from the Code Enforcement Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Appeals shall consist of three sitting members and two alternates.

6. Have a resolution requesting Atlantic County further review opportunities for shared services through a study.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Jiampetti and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

R-143-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR REQUESTING
ATLANTIC COUNTY FURTHER REVIEW OPPORTUNITES FOR
SHARED SERVICES THROUGH A STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Egg Harbor is desirous of sharing services to save money while supplying services to the City; and

WHEREAS, this shared service study provided through the Government of Atlantic County will pinpoint the feasibility of what services to share; and

WEHREAS, the City of Egg Harbor is requesting this study include Animal Control, Emergency Medical Services, and Fleet Maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that the County of Atlantic should apply for funding to proceed with this feasibility study.

7. Have a resolution from the Utility Department that needs to be approved changing the due dates for the bills so it conforms with the Ordinance.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Jiampetti and carried, Resolution #144-07, attached hereto and made part of these minutes, was approved.

8. Have another resolution authorizing the participation with Atlantic County in the pre-disaster mitigation plan.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mr. Beals and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

R-145-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR AUTHORIZING THE
PARTICIPATION WITH ATLANTIC COUNTY IN THE PRE-DISASTER
MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Egg Harbor wants to participate in the Atlantic County Pre-Disaster Plan; and

WHEREAS, by participating in this plan it ensures the City of Egg Harbor to be able to receive funding and immediate support should an emergency arise through nature or other means.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the City of Egg Harbor will participate with Atlantic County in the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

9. Have a salary resolution for non-bargaining personnel for 2008.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Jiampetti and carried with a roll call vote, Resolution #146-07, attached hereto and made part of these minutes, was adopted. (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-yes, Dickinson-yes, Jiampetti-yes, Penza-yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

Mr. Dickinson said Agenda Item #8 it would give him pleasure to make the motion to appoint Crystal Czerwinski as the new Court Administrator for Egg Harbor City, Mrs. Schoenstein seconded the motion and was carried by a roll call vote. (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-would like to vote for Crystal but have to abstain, Dickinson-yes, Jiampetti-yes, Penza-

yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

Crystal Czerwinski was sworn in as the new Municipal Court Administrator by Mayor Kuehner.

Administrator Henshaw said the salary for Crystal is set at \$32,401.60 until she gets all the certificates for Municipal Court Administrator and upon completion would be the normal 8th year in the Union Contract.

Mr. Dickinson made a motion to approve the salary, Mrs. Schoenstein seconded the motion and was carried by a roll call vote. (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-abstain, Dickinson-yes, Jiampetti-yes, Penza-yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

Administrator Henshaw said he would like to hire a full time Violations Clerk, it would be a new title in the Union Contract and starting salary will be \$23,709.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Schoenstein and carried, approval was given to hire a full time Violations Clerk with a starting salary of \$23,709.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Jiampetti and carried with a roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-yes, Dickinson-yes, Jiampetti-yes, Penza-yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

R-147-07

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-10 provides that appropriation transfers may be made during the last two months of the current year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following appropriation transfers are made:

CURRENT FUND	TO	FROM
Administrator S&W	1,330.00	
Finance, S&W	750.00	
Right to Know S&W	195.00	
Construction S&W	6,500.00	
Natural Gas	2,100.00	
Firemen's Insurance	1,101.00	
Group Insurance	2,000.00	
Police S&W		\$13,976.00
Total	13,976.00	13,976.00

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Schoenstein and carried with a roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted: (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-yes, Dickinson-yes, Jiampetti-yes, Penza-yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

R-148-07

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-10 provides that appropriation transfers may be made during the last two months of the present year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following appropriation transfers are made:

UTILITY FUND	TO	FROM
Utility OE		2,057.00
Utility S&W	2,057.00	

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Schoenstein and carried with a roll call vote, Change Order #1, AC & Sons Tree Service for the Curb & Sidewalk Tree Removal, attached hereto and made part of these minutes, was approved. (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-yes, Dickinson-yes, Jiampetti-yes, Penza-yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

Mrs. Wenzle, Chief Financial Officer said we are going to add to the Bill List the bill for AC & Sons Tree Service for \$13,800 contingent upon DCA approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Dickinson seconded by Mrs. Schoenstein and carried with a roll call vote, the Bill List with the amendment, attached hereto and made part of these minutes, was approved. (Roll Call Vote Beals-yes, Dennis-yes except RV&W, Dickinson-yes except employees reimbursement, Jiampetti-yes with exception of Crusader's bills, Penza-yes, Schoenstein-yes and Duran-yes)

Mayor Kuehner received a letter from DOT stating that Egg Harbor City has received our grant for the NJDOT Fiscal Year Municipal Aid Program for the resurfacing of the last two blocks of St. Louis Avenue in the amount of \$150,000.

He would like to set a date for next year's meeting in February since the second Thursday is Valentine's Day. Council agreed to tentatively schedule one meeting for February on the 21st.

Would like to publicly acknowledge the passing away of Barbara Dickinson our Municipal Court Administrator and thank Doug Dickinson for being here tonight, she will be sadly missed by all, she did a great job for the City.

He had a meeting today with our Director of Public Safety and discussed with him my intention of promoting a Chief of Police for the first week of January. His contract is done with the City December 31st, 2007 and he knows what are intention is. Have talked to the Captain and official offered him position of Chief of Police. On January 3rd, 2008 at the Re-organization would like to do the swearing in of John McColgan as Chief of Police. Thanked Mark Emmer for his six years of service as Director of the City, he has done a great job.

Would like to have Mr. Penza to please stand up, Tom has been a friend, he has been a great council person, this time and the last time he was here and will miss him and would like to present him with a plaque stating the City's appreciation for his years of outstanding service, leadership, commitment and devoted service as Councilman of Egg Harbor City.

Mrs. Schoenstein wished everyone a happy, health and prosperous New Year and wished Crystal Czerwinki much success as Municipal Court Administrator, it will be hard to fill Barbara's shoes.

Mrs. Duran wished everyone Happy New Year.

Mr. Penza thanked everybody, he worked with everybody in City Hall and will miss everyone.

Mr. Dickinson thanked City Council, City Hall Members and all his friends in Egg

Harbor City, cannot believe the prayers, the cards, the well being, the thoughts, everything that he has received. Somebody said why would you want to live in Egg Harbor City, well that is where the good people are, they are with you in the good times and they are also there to support you when you are at your lowest end. Would especially like to thank Lisa Jiampetti, Betty Schoenstein, Stefanie Kuehner and the Administrator and really appreciate all they have done.

Mr. Dennis said he does not think anybody can say the right words Doug to what you must be feeling at this time and how much Barb will be missed, she did a tremendous job and will be tough shoes for anyone to fill.

Everyone received a copy of a proposal for insurance and would suggest everyone take a look at it and read, the later of part of January be appointing someone to representatives us for the insurance, we will be receiving two more proposals basically on the same insurance, from two different companies.

Mayor Kuehner said he received a letter from the ACIA and there was a pooled loan program that they administered the Variable Rate Pooled Loan Program from 1986 to the present. During that time they purchased over \$140 million dollars of variable rate municipal obligations in seventeen municipalities, two school districts and three authorities within Atlantic County. The original loan document specified that any surplus funds generated by the pool would be distributed to the participants and we were one of those participants. The amount the City is entitled to received is based on the amount of interest paid for obligations purchased by the ACIA which was a check for \$60,201.65. They talked to Bob Swartz and he recommended to place that money in the General Fund.

Mr. Dennis asked everybody to check their calendars we will be scheduling budget meetings and would ask that each of the committees for next year sit down with their respective departments and go over the budgets and come prepared to discuss with council the numbers.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Schoenstein seconded by Mrs. Jiampetti and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian DeBow, RMC
City Clerk