

March 26, 2018

The Budget Workshop Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue with the following Council Members present: Edward Dennis, Donna Heist, Carol Kienzle, Stefania Kuehner, Angelo Lello, Clifford Mays Jr., Albert "Pat" Moran, Mason Wright, and Mayor Lisa Jampetti.

Councilman Dennis called the meeting to order and made the following announcement:

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 Common Council was provided in the following manner:
 - a. Advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Egg Harbor City Hall Bulletin Board.
 - b. Advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Hammonton Gazette, the News, the Press and the Current
2. I direct the City Clerk (Chief Financial Officer filling in) to enter into these minutes this public announcement.

Chief Financial Officer Jodi Kahn took roll call.

Kahn reviewed the budget that was introduced at the last council meeting. Leon Costello, City auditor, explained that the tax reassessment affects what the tax rate increase looks like since you are not comparing numbers with the same assessment. He suggested looking at the actual percentage increase in the tax levy itself. Kahn reviewed some calculations for raising the deficit in the utility fund. Council decided to move forward with the option to add a flat fee for sewer billing. This will eliminate the uncertainty with usage billing. Kahn will prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting. The utility deficit appropriation that was being funded in the Current Fund will be removed. Council decided to leave in the extra surplus budgeted as revenue.

Council discussed if any services could be cut to allow for tax relief and Leon reminded them that at this point in the year, any savings would not be realized until 2019. Councilman Dennis recommended that some of the revenues be increased. There is \$140,000 of additional revenue that could be budgeted and he recommended that half of that be used. Council was in agreement. Kahn warned that some of these revenues may not be regenerated, the PILOTS we know for sure, and this could lead to a big hole in next year's budget and potentially a larger increase next year.

Councilman Dennis asked for any council member to reach out to Kahn if they think of anything additional before the budget is adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm with motion from Heist and second by Wright.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Kahn/CFO