

April 26, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue. Council Pro Temp Stefania Kuehner opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Donna Heist, Angelo Lello, Clifford Mays, Jr., Pat Moran Robert Ross and Mason Wright.(Not present were Mayor Lisa Jiampetti, Edward Dennis and Carol Kienzle)

Council President Ed 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 to enter into these minutes this public announcement.

Council President Dennis stated the meeting is being videotaped to air on Channel 97 and the City Website.

Upon motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, the Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2018 were approved.

Committee Reports & Comment:

Councilman Robert Ross stated the Code Enforcement Committee met and would like to recommend Code Enforcement Officer Doug MacClean receive a pay increase or \$1 per hour. Councilman Ross stated Mr. McClean has been working for the City for a year and has done a good job. Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried by a roll call vote, approval was given to give Code Enforcement Officer Doug Maclean an additional \$1 an hour.(Heist-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ross-yes,Wright-yes)

Councilman Angelo Lello stated he received a letter from Atlantic County regarding the guardrail at the lake.

EHC Police Department: Lieutenant Hutton gave an update on the EHCPD. Lt. Hutton stated EHC Police recruit Nicholas Mangold has received a waiver from the Atlantic County Police Academy and he can start as early as next week working in EHC.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney James Carroll stated the City was served a lawsuit regarding a trip and fall on the 200 block of Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Carroll stated the incident happened in April of 2016.

Mr. Carroll updated everyone on the progress of the Food Truck Festival and stated there will be a meeting on Thursday, May 3rd at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Engineer Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in the City. Mr. McGowan stated the City does qualify to proceed with selling the water sewer treatment facility under WIPA (Water Infrastructure Protection Act), which allows the sale without referendum. Mr. McGowan stated to proceed under WIPA, system

owners are required to submit resolutions of their Emergent Condition certification to the DEP for approval or rejection.

Upon motion of Mr. Wright, seconded Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #70-2018, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ross-yes,Wright-yes)

RESOLUTION #70-2018

AUTHORIZE SELLING THE WATER & SEWER TREATMENT PLANT
THROUGH THE WIPA PROCESS

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #5-2018

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 255 SECTION 14 ENTITLED
“CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE”
OF THE CODE OF EGG HARBOR CITY

Mr. Lello made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #5-2018, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried. Council Pro Temp Stefania Kuehner asked if anyone from the public had any comment. Betsy Surpless, 546 Philadelphia Avenue asked for the Ordinance to be explained. EHC CFO Jodi Kahn went over the ordinance. Virgil Banks, 252 Liverpool Avenue came before Council. Mr. Banks had questions regarding the short fall in the budget. Janet Reinhard of Washington Avenue inquired about the old water plant. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated the old plant will be torn down. Ms. Reinhard asked if the new plant was built because of the EH North Project and the new high school. EHC Engineer Ryan McGowan stated the new plant was not built because of the North Project or the high school. Mr. McGowan explained why the new plant was necessary. Mr. Geiger of Philadelphia Avenue came before Council and asked for the WIPA process to be explained. EHC Engineer Ryan explained what the Water Infrastructure Protection Act (WIPA). Mr. Wright made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Mr. Wright and carried. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #5-2018, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on May 2, 2018.(Heist-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-no,Moran-yes,Ross-yes,Wright-yes)

Public Hearing:

2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Wright made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget, the motion was seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by all. Council Pro temp Stefania Kuehner asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried, the Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget was closed.

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #71-2018, attached hereto and made apart of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,.Ross-yes,Wright-yes)

RESOLUTION #71-2018
AMEND BUDGET

EHC CFO Jodi Kahn explained the Budget Amendment.

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried, the Budget Amendment will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on May 2, 2018 for a Public Hearing on May 10, 2018.

Upon motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, Resolution #72-2018, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #72-2018
CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #73-2018, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ross-yes, Wright-yes)

RESOLUTION #73-2018
AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT
PENNONI ASSOCIATES

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #4-2018

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF EGG
HARBOR AND THE RECISSION OF A REDEVELOPERS AGREEMENT

Mr. Wright made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #4-2018, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried. Council Pro Temp Stefania Kuehner asked if anyone from the public had a comment and there was no comment from the public. Upon motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #4-2018, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ross-yes, mWright-yes)

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Wright and carried by a roll call vote, the Bill List attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Dennis-yes, Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ross-yes, Wright-yes) (Mr. Moran abstained from EHC Municipal Court and Mr. Dennis abstained from bills from Remington & Vernick.)

Mayor Comments: N/A

Council Comments: Councilwoman Donna Heist asked when the City Wide Yard Sale would be and Ms. Steeb stated the City Wide is typically the first Saturday in August.

Councilman Robert Ross stated he thought the City should have planted Bradford Pears on Philadelphia Avenue. Councilman Ross stated they are a much better looking tree. Councilman Lello stated May 2nd is the EHC Board of Education Meeting and May 7th is the Greater Egg Harbor Board of Education Meeting and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilman Wright stated Gavin's Day is May 5th and the Crusaders will be holding a Beef and Beer at Crossroads on May 19th.

Councilwoman Kuehner stated the Annual EHC City Wide Clean Up Day is May 5th.
Public Comment: Marie Johns, Liverpool Avenue expressed her displeasure over the condition of the property where the log cabin is. Ms. Johns stated the fence is falling down again.

Janet Reinhard of Washington Avenue stated she agreed the Bradford Pear trees are much nicer.

Betsy Surpluss, 546 Philadelphia Avenue expressed her concern over the condition of the rental property next to her. Councilman Robert Ross stated he would notify Code Enforcement in the morning.

Hazel Mueller, 436 Hamburg Avenue stated she too agreed Bradford Pear Trees are nicer. Ms. Mueller updated everyone on the EHC Latino Parade & Festival and asked Council to continue to consider this event a City Event. Ms. Mueller stated the EHC Kiwanis Club is having a Beef & Beer on Sunday, April 29th 4pm-7pm.

Upon motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Meg Steeb/City Clerk, RMC