

April 25, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue with Mayor Lisa Jampetti present. Council President Robert Ross opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Donna Heist, Angelo Lello, Clifford Mays, Jr., Patrick Moran, Joseph Ricci, Jr., and Robin Sefton. (Stefania Kuehner and Carol Kienzle)

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mr. Mays and carried, the Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019 were approved.

Mayor Presentation: Mayor Jampetti presented Dave Aponte with the EHC Citizenship Award. Mayor Jampetti stated she met with Louis Joyce of SJEDD regarding the NPP Grant. Mayor Jampetti asked for Councils support for a strategic planning survey she is working on in conjunction with Stockton University. Mayor Jampetti stated the strategic plan will be distributed to the total population of stakeholders in EHC. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, Resolution #87-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

**RESOLUTION #87-2019**

**SUPPORTING THE MAYOR'S STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY CREATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH STOCKTON UNIVERSITY AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TOTAL POPULATION OF STAKEHOLDERS IN EHC**

Mayor Jampetti stated the City has met with TD Associates and they are interested in coming to Egg Harbor City. Mayor Jampetti stated the next step for the City is to pass a resolution requesting the EHC Land Use Board to undertake a preliminary investigation of an area in need of redevelopment. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #88-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-no, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-abstain, Ross-yes)

**RESOLUTION #88-2019**

**REQUESTING THE EHC LAND USE BOARD UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR TACKLE DIRECT – PORTION OF BLOCK 954, LOT 1.01(400 ACRE TRACT IN WHICH TD WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIRE 48 ACRES**

Mayor Jiampetti stated the City will need to do the same thin for Renault FBS , and that is #18 on tonight’s agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Ricci, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #89-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

(Heist-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)

**RESOLUTION #89-2019**

**REQUESTING THE EHC LAND USE BOARD UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR RENAULT FBS, LLC**

Mayor Jiampetti stated after conducting several interviews for the EHC Tax Collector position, it is recommended the City hire Laura Shaw. The City would like to hire Ms. Shaw as the part-time Tax/Utility Clerk immediately so she can begin to train in the office. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #90-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)

**RESOLUTION #90-2019**

**HIRE EMPLOYEE-LAURA SHAW**

Mayor Jiampetti stated Port Republic recently passed a resolution supporting Assembly Bill A4037 explaining the permitted duties of junior firefighters. Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHC Fire Chief supports this and asked Council to consider passing a resolution supporting this bill. Upon motion of Mrs. Sefton, seconded by Mrs. Sefton and carried, Resolution #91-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved

**RESOLUTION #91-2019**

**SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A4037 EXPLAINING THE PERMITTED DUTIES OF JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS**

Mayor Jiampetti stated she heard from Max Slusher the Director of Business Development, Atlantic County Economic Alliance, he told her that he has a potential developer for the EHC Tower Site. Mayor Jiampetti stated there will be a “Naturalization Ceremony” at the EHC Community School on May 2, 2019 at 12:30pm. Mayor Jiampetti stated EHC Annual City-Wide Clean Up Day is on May 4<sup>th</sup> and she encouraged everyone to participate. Mayor Jiampetti asked the City Engineer about subdividing the city owned property around the EHC Community School. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated he would get a quote for the cost of a subdivision. Mayor Jiampetti asked Reed Cramer to speak about the EHC Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Cramer distributed magnets to Mayor and Council. Mr. Cramer stated the magnets have the police dispatch telephone number on them. Mr. Cramer stated the EHC Neighborhood Watch would like to go door to door in EHC distributing the magnets and giving out information on the neighborhood watch. Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, Resolution #92-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

**RESOLUTION #92-2019**

**AUTHORIZING EHC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TO GO DOOR TO DOOR TO GIVE INFORMATION ON THE EHC NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Committee Chair Reports:

Councilwoman Heist stated the traffic pattern and all way stop ordinance is ready to introduce. Ordinance #8-2019 was distributed to Mayor and Council.

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #8-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 259 OF THE CODE OF THE CIDE OF EGG HARBOR TO ADD ADDITIONAL FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS, TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STREETS AS ONHE WAY, AND TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN CERTAIN AREAS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, Ordinance #8-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Mrs. Sefton, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, the Introduction of Ordinance #8-2019 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on May 1, 2019 for a Public Hearing on May 9, 2019.

Council Pres. Ross stated the Code Enforcement Department would like to hire two new Part-Time Code Enforcement Officers. Council Pres. Dennis stated the Code Enforcement Committee has conducted interviews and recommends hiring James Smith and Steven Hadley. Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #93-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #93-2019

HIRE EMPLOYEES – STEVEN HADLEY AND JAMES SMITH

Councilman Lello asked about hiring a realtor to market city owned property that is for sale. City Attorney James Carroll stated you would have to prepare an RFP for Realtor Services if you want to use a realtor to market city property.

Council Pres. Ross mentioned a letter the City received form the NJDEP regarding the demolition of the old water plant. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated a condition of approval for the new water plant was for the demolition of the old water plant in a certain time frame. Mr. McGowan stated he will reach out to the NJDEP for an extension and let them know we are in the process of trying to sell the water plant.

Councilman Lello stated there was a water main break in South Egg Harbor and as soon as that was repaired there was another break. Mr. Lello expressed concerns over the old fire hydrants and infrastructure.

Councilman Ricci stated there is a EHC School Board meeting on May1, 2019 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Police Department Report: Lt. Hutton gave an update on the EHCPD.

CFO Report: N/A Jodi Kahn on maternity leave.

City Clerk Report: Meg Steeb stated she received a request from the owner of the Strike Zone seeking permission to allow Keystone Fireworks to set up a tent on his property located at 1400 WHP temporarily to sell fireworks from June 21 through July 7, 2019. Michael Froumy the Regional Locations Manager for Keystone Fireworks came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Froumy explained the operation and stated if at any time the City is unhappy with the operation he will shut down. Mr. Froumy stated he would obtain all necessary permits and insurance. Council Pres. Ross asked Lt. Hutton if he had any objections and Lt. Hutton stated he did not have any objections.

Upon motion of Mrs. Sefton, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, Resolution #94-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #94-2019

AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY OPERATION OF A TENT SALE OF  
FIREWORKS-1400 WHP-JUNE 21 THROUGH JULY 7, 2019

City attorney Report: N/A

Engineer Report: EHC Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in the City. Mr. McGowan stated he is looking into a complaint from a resident in EHC North regarding drainage on their property. Mr. McGowan stated the City did not receive the NJDOT 2019 Bikeway Grant. Mr. McGowan stated he received an email late today from NJDEP stating the City was approved for the WIPA Process. Mr. McGowan stated the city can now move forward with the next step in selling the water plant. Mayor Jiampetti asked Mr. McGowan to remind the developer in EH North to remove the curb at the residents house who requested it and he said he would do it.

Motion to Approve:

Mr. Mays made a motion to allow the use of Peace Pilgrim Park for the Peace Pilgrim Birthday Celebration on July 18, 2019 from 5:30pm-8:15pm, the motion was seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried by all.

Mrs. Heist made a motion to allow the Boy Scouts of America-Jersey shore Council to use the EHC Lake Campground and Pavilion on the dates below, the motion was seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by all.

July 29-August 2, 2019 – Annual Cub Scout Day Camp

October 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Annual Autumn Adventure Camporee

January 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Annual Klondike Derby

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #95-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #95-2019

2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mr. Mays and carried, the 2019 Budget Adoption and the Local Exam of 2019 Budget were tabled.

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #96-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #96-2019

AWARD EHC LAKE CONCESSION STAND FOR THE 2019 SUMMER SEASON

Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mr. Heist and carried, Resolution #97-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #97-2019

REQUESTING BUS SHELTER

Upon motion of Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #98-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yesRicci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #98-2019  
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER TAXES

Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried by a roll call vote, the Bill List attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yesMoran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)Mr. Moran abstained from bills from Lynkris Hardware and EHC Municipal Court)

Mayor and Council Comments:

Mayor Jampetti stated she though a lot of positive things are happening in EHC. Councilman Ricci stated he will hold a CPR Class in June and will be donating any money received to the EHC Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Ricci state he will have the date and location soon. Council Pres. Ross stated he hoped the Western Gate of the City would begin developing.

Public Comment: Steve Grabel, 223 Buffalo Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Grabel complained about the trash on the corner of Buffalo and the WHP. Ms. Steeb said she would notify code enforcement. Reed Cramer came before Mayor and Council and asked if the EHC Coalition for Safe Community could paint the bell at the Lafayette Fire House. Mr. Cramer stated the bell is in need of new paint. Mayor and Council told Mr. Cramer to paint the bell.

Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Meg Steeb/City Clerk, RMC