

August 8, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council President Robert Ross opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Carol Kienzle, Stefania Kuehner, Angelo Lello, Clifford Mays, Jr., Pat Moran and Joseph Ricci, Jr.. (Not present were Donna Heist and Robin Sefton)

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. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, the Council Meeting minutes of July 18, 2019 were approved.

Presentation: Tony Marchionne a representative from MS 150 Bike Tour came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Marchionne thanked the City for their continued support each year. Mr. Marchionne stated this year's event will be September 21 and 22.

Mayors Presentation: Mayor Jiampetti gave the Oath of Office to Nicholas Erman. Mr. Erman was sworn in as a SLEO II-Administrative Assistant Egg Harbor City Police Department. Mayor Jiampetti introduced Chief Atlantic County Prosecutor's Officer Bruce DeShield's, who held the bible for Mr. Erman during his swearing in. Mayor Jiampetti also introduced Atlantic County Detective's Courtney Melano and Gary Clune.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jiampetti introduced Egg Harbor City Resident Angel Rodriguez, 1001 Buffalo Avenue, Apt. 12D. Mayor Jiampetti stated Mr. Rodriguez contacted her regarding his need for a handicap parking spot at his residence. Mr. Rodriguez stated he lost his eye sight in 2016. Mr. Rodriguez stated sometimes his wife has to park a block or more away from their apartment. Council members were sympathetic to his cause. City Attorney James Carroll stated the City can pass an ordinance to create a personalized handicap space. Mr. Carroll stated the ordinance would state a sign must be placed with the license plate number signifying that is the only car permitted in that space. Council also suggested an annual registration. Mayor Jiampetti asked if #15 on tonight's agenda could be addressed at this time. Council Pres. Ross agreed.

Mayor Jiampetti introduced Phil Sartorio to Council. Mayor Jiampetti stated Mr. Sartorio has agreed to administer the Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #132-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #132-2019  
GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
PHIL SARTORIO-NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the EHC Lake.

Mayor Jiampetti mentioned the possibility of the State Police TAC PAC assisting EHCPD with patrolling the WHP.

Mayor Jiampetti stated she attended a recent meeting where Judge Julio Mendez, the Assignment Judge/Superior Court of Atlantic County Vicinage I, informed the attendees that a state mandate for smaller courts to merge is about to be enforced. Mayor Jiampetti stated the City needs to act now, to speak with other communities before a state makes a determination for the City. Council Pres. Ross agreed. Councilman Mays was against merging with another court. Mr. Mays stated EHC should have our own court for our residents. The City Attorney suggested the possibility that other courts would come to EHC. Mayor Jiampetti stated the judge said that the EHC Court would need too many upgrades and it would not be feasible. Councilman Ricci stated EHC court is projected to have a \$95,000.00 loss this year and the EHC tax payers have to make up the difference. Council agreed to meet with representatives from other towns about possible mergers.

Mayor Jiampetti stated the City received a letter from a resident on the 600 block of Liverpool Avenue who is interested in purchasing the property next to their home that is City owned. Mayor Jiampetti read the information she received on the property from the Tax Assessor. City Attorney James Carroll stated if the City is interested in selling the property, the City can approach the two adjacent property owners to see if they are interested and ask them to make an offer. Council Pres. Ross asked for a straw vote to proceed with the sale of the City owned land. (Kienzle-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-no, Kuehner-yes, Ross-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes) Mayor Jiampetti stated she would reach out to the adjacent property owners. Mayor Jiampetti stated the Tower Site project is still moving on and they should be making an offer next week. Mayor Jiampetti stated the Redevelopment Committee will be meeting with Max Slusher regarding Opportunity Zone Challenge Applications on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Mayor Jiampetti thanked Councilwoman Kuehner for having the shrubs removed from the front of City Hall. Mayor and Council expressed their sympathy to the Cantz Family for the recent loss of Riky Cantz. Mayor Jiampetti stated Riky Cantz was a police officer in EHC for 24 years.

Committee Chair Reports:

Code Enforcement Committee Chair Ross stated one of the part time code enforcement officers in the department resigned. Council Pres. Ross also stated there will be a Special EHC Land Use Board meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Police Department Report: N/A

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

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: Mr. Carroll reminded everyone about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Truck Festival in EHC on August 17, 2019.

Engineer Report: EHC Engineer Ryan McGowan updated Mayor and Council on ongoing projects in EHC. Mr. McGowan spoke about the cost of painting the crosswalks to code. Mayor and Council agreed to solicit quotes for painting the crosswalks in various locations in EHC. Mr. McGowan spoke about the new traffic pattern around Spragg School and stated the signs will be going up next week. Mr. Ryan McGowan

discussed ways to improve safety on Rt. 30 in EHC. Mr. McGowan spoke on a design called Road Diet. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, approval was given to Mr. McGowan to approach DOT for their thoughts on the Road Diet Design.

Mr. McGowan gave an update on the WIPA process. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #133-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #133-2019

AUTHORIZE REMINGTON AND VERNICK ENGINEERS TO ADVERTISE  
AN RFQ TO POTENTIALLY SELL THE  
EGG HARBOR CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Mr. McGowan gave an update on the 100 block of Washington Avenue CDBG application. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried, approval was given to advertise for a Public Hearing for the 100 block of Washington Avenue CDBG application.

City Clerk Meg Steeb stated #14 on tonight's agenda, the certification of the annual audit, needs to be table. Ms. Steeb stated all the members of the governing body have not received a copy of the annual audit and in order to pass the resolution they all must receive a copy. Ms. Steeb stated she would but the resolution on the August 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, Resolution #134-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #134-2019

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR TO ENTER INTO INTER-LOCAL  
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT  
AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE HOUSING  
REHABILITATION GRANT

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #135-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Kienzle-abstain,Kuehner-abstain,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes)

RESOLUTION #135-2019

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EHC AND EHC PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICT FOR CLASS III POLICE OFFICERS

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #136-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #136-2019

RELEASE SURETY DEPOSIT-SJ HAUCK-\$500.00

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #137-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #137-2019

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF OCCUPANCY TRANSFER INSPECTION FEE TO WEISSNER REALTY-\$75.00

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #138-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #138-2019

AUTHORZIE THE REFUND OF ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEE TO VELOCITEL, LLC-\$585.00

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #139-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #139-2019

RELIEVING TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTION OF UNCOLLECTIBLE/PRELIMINARY 2020 TAXES

Upon motion of Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #140-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #140-2019

RELIEVING TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTION OF UNCOLLECTIBLE FINAL 2019/PRELIMINARY 2020 TAXES

Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mrs. Kuehner and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #141-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Kienzle-ys,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #141-2019

EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THIRD QUARTER 2019 PAYMENT OF TAXES

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #10-2019

SETTING LICENSING FEES FOR PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION AND PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR 2020 THROUGH 2024

Mrs. Kuehner made a motion to open the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Mr. Moran and carried by all. Council Pres. Robert Ross asked in anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mr. Ricci, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried, Ordinance #10-2019, attached hereto and made a

part of these minutes was adopted and Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on August 14, 2019.

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

Council Comments: Mayor Jiampetti stated the new WaWa in EHC should be completed by 2021. Councilwoman Kienzle expressed concerns over the hiring of the EHC Police Department Administrative Assistant. Councilman Lello stated he is unable to attend the meeting at ACUA on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Kuehner asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the two recent mass shootings.

Public Comment: Mary Campbell of Rittenberg Manor came before Council. Ms. Campbell spoke about pedestrian safety in EHC. Tracey Mulherin of 314 Arago Street came before Council. Ms. Mulherin asked if Council members had a chance to review the information she sent out regarding the trees she would like to plant. The Engineer addressed any concerns from Council, Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the planting of the Crape Myrtles, the motion was seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by all.

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