

February 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, February 14, 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: Donna Heist, Carol Kienzle, Stefania Kuehner, Angelo Lello, Clifford Mays, Jr., Patrick Moran, Joseph Ricci, Jr. 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. Heist, seconded by Mr. Mays and carried, the Council Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019 were approved.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Jiampetti stated the City received a grant for \$10,000.00 to look into solar for the city. Mayor Jiampetti stated she would like the Chairperson of Parks and Playgrounds to schedule Parks & Playground Committee meeting and a meeting was scheduled for February 21st at 6:30pm. Mayor Jiampetti congratulated the Cedar Creek High School Boys Swim Team for their successful season.

Council Chair Reports: Safety N/A, Highway N/A, Code Enforcement N/A

Finance: Council President Ross stated the City will hold a Budget Workshop on February 21st at 7pm.

Property, Councilwoman Kienzle stated the Property Committee did hold a meeting.

Keith Mullineaux gave an update on the fire whistles. Utility, Council Pres. Ross stated he is recommending hiring James Sparano AS A part-time laborer in the in the Water & Sewer Department. Mr. Ross stated Mr. Sparano is retired from the Atlantic City Water Department where he worked for 33 years and will bring a lot of knowledge to the department. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #45-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #45-2019

PART-TIME WATER/SEWER LABORER

Council President Ross stated the shed out back where the Clerk and Tax Departments store their records is in poor condition. Mr. Ross suggested letting the Clerk and Tax Office store their records in the vacant office in the EHC Water Plant until another location is secured. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, Council agreed to allow the records to be stored at the EHC Water Department.

Ordinance, Councilwoman Heist stated the Ordinance Committee met and discussed updating the City Tow Ordinance. Mrs. Heist stated Ordinance #2-2019 on tonight's agenda is being tabled and the Committee is recommending not pursuing a vaping ordinance in the City at this time. Mrs. Heist stated the Committee feels the City should first start with trying to educate the public on vaping.

JIF Rep, Ms. Steeb stated the Quarterly Safety Meeting was cancelled due to weather and is rescheduled for March 4th.

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

CFO Report: Jodi Kahn gave an update on the Mercury Site.

City Clerk Report: Meg Steeb stated the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders would like to know if the City would be interested in hosting a freeholder meeting. Council Members were in agreement and thought a 6pm meeting would be better than a 4pm. Ms. Steeb stated she would reach out to the secretary of the freeholders to see what is available.

City Attorney Report: City Attorney James Carroll gave an update on Tax Appeals.

Engineer Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on projects in EHC.

Mr. McGowan reminded everyone that the WIPA Public Hearing will be held at the February 28, 2019 Council Meeting. Mr. McGowan stated the agreement for Raymond Persia and Stronghold, LLC has expired. Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #46-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #46-2019

EXTEND THE REDEVELOPER DESIGNATION FOR RAYMOND PERSIA AND STRONGHOLD, LLC AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #47-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #47-2019

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #48-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-no, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #48-2019

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1-FINAL CHALRES MARANDINO LLC
SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT
100 BLOCK LONDON AVNEUE RECONSTRUCTION**

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Kienzle and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #49-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #49-2019
RELIEVING THE TAX COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTION OF UNCOLLECTIBLE
PRELIMINARY 2019 TAXES

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, Resolution #50-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #50-2019
UPDATE BANK SIGNATURES

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, Resolution #51-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #51-2019
INCREASE SALARY OF FULL-TIME CLASS II OFFICER RICHARD CARPO

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, Resolution #52-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #52-2019
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1-CHARLES MARANDINO LLC
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
ATLANTIC AVENUE TRANSIT PATH EXTENSION

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, Resolution #43-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Heist-yes, Kienzle-yes, Kuehner-yes, Lello-yes, Mays-yes, Moran-yes, Ricci-yes, Seftonj-yes, Ross-yes)

RESOLUTION #53-2019
STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE FUND

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Kienzle and carried, Resolution #54-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #54-2019
AUTHORIZE 2019 MUNICIPAL MOSQUITO CONTROL AGREEMENT

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #1-2019
AMENDING SALARIES AND WAGES BARGAINING AND
NON BARGAINING PERSONNEL OF EHC

Mr. Lello made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #1-2019, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried. Council Pres. Ross asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was no comment from the public. Upon motion of

Mr. Lello, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #1-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on February 20, 2019.(Heist-yes,Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-abstain,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yesRoss-yes)

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, the Bill List attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Heist-yes,Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)Stefania Kuehner abstained from bills from the EHC Municipal Court and Mr. Moran abstained from bills from Lynkris Hardware and EHC Municipal Court)(Lello, Sefton and Ricci voted no on the payment for the plow box)

Mayor and Council Comments:

Mayor and council wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilman Ricci stated the City should look into the possibility of a shared service with the EHC Municipal Court. Mr. Ricci expressed concerned over the EHC Municipal Court's three year operating loss. Mayor Jiampetti stated a few years ago the City considered a shared service with Hamilton Twp., but it was ultimately voted down. Council Pres. Ross stated he would like the members of Council who are interested in a shared service to present a detailed plan to Council. Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mrs. Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Council agreed to look into a shared service with the EHC Municipal Court.(Heist-yes,Kienzle-no,Kuehner-abstain,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-abstain,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)

Councilwoman Kuehner gave an update on the Public Works Department regarding the recent snowstorm. Keith Mullineaux came before Council and spoke on the "Plow Box" and its use in the City.

Public Comment: Tracey Mulhern, 314 Arago sTreet came before Mayor and Council. Ms. Mulhern spoke on the benefits of trees. Council Pres. Dennis stated the city will no longer be removing trees unless it is necessary. Council Pres. Ross stated the City does not object to Ms. Mulhern replanting trees but asked her to first find out what trees are acceptable to plant in the City. Briar Gibbons a Team Member of New Day Family Success Center, Galloway, NJ came before Mayor and Council and distributed information on the center. Ms. Gibbons stated she would like to be a part of future events in Egg Harbor City. Debra Clark a resident of Rittenberg Manor came before Mayor and Council. Ms. Clark expressed her displeasure with no transportation from Rittenberg Manor to the stores in Egg Harbor City. Members of Council sympathized with Ms. Clarke but also stated the City was in no position to provide transportation to the Residents of Rittenberg Manor. Members of Council suggested Ms. Clarke contact the management at Rittenberg Manor and see if they could suggest something.

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