

July 18, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue with Mayor Lisa Jampetti present. Council Pro Temp Stefania Kuehner opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Donna Heist, Carol Kienzle, Stefania Kuehner, Angelo Lello, Clifford Mays, Jr., Pat Moran, Joseph Ricci, Jr. and Robin Sefton.(not present was Robert Ross)

Council Pro Temp Stefania Kuehner 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 Pro Temp Stefania Kuehner stated the meeting is being videotaped to air on Channel 97 and the City Website.

Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Heist and carried, the Council Meeting minutes of June 27, 2019 were approved.

Presentation: Councilman Joseph Ricci, Jr. presented a check for \$125.00 to Egg Harbor City Neighborhood Watch representatives Reed Cramer and Tadeusz Wardencki III. The check was the enrollment fees paid by attendees at a CPR class that Councilman Ricci taught on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayors Report: Mayor and Council expressed their condolences to the family of the child who was killed on the WHP. Mayor Jampetti stated she sent a letter to the Governor requesting to have the speed reduced and better lighting installed on the WHP. Mayor and Council discussed other ways to improve pedestrian safety in EHC. Mayor Jampetti read the lake report. Mayor Jampetti stated the issue of service dogs at the asked City attorney James Carroll about the law regarding service dogs. Mayor Jampetti stated there was recently an incident at the lake regarding a service dog. Mr. Carroll stated there is State and Federal Laws on service dogs for the City to follow. Mayor Jampetti stated the fireworks held at the EHC Lake on July 13<sup>th</sup> were a success. Mayor Jampetti stated the owners of Renault have reached out to her and are interested in purchasing the property at the corner of WHP and Bremen Avenue. Mayor Jampetti stated the Redevelopment Committee has met with a potential developer who is interested in developing the EHC Tower Site. Mayor Jampetti stated the developer would be interested in paying \$13,900.00 an acre. Mayor Jampetti stated the proposed use would be for a medical facility. Mayor Jampetti stated Pastor Bruce of the EHC Moravian Church along with a volunteer group reached out and would like to paint the gazebo in Lincoln Park. Mayor Jampetti stated ACUA will hold a Wastewater Customer meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and asked if anyone from Council would be able to attend. Councilman Angelo Lello stated he would attend the meeting. Mayor Jampetti stated the EHC Coalition for Safe Community has visited the PVA on several occasions. Mayor Jampetti stated during these visits many violations were scene. Mayor Jampetti

stated EHC Code Enforcement Department is addressing the violations that were reported from these at visits. Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the Crusaders tennis court repairs. Mayor Jiampetti thanked Gary Haes and the volunteers who are working on that project. Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHC Community School lost the Century 21 Community Learning Grant. The program will end the end of August. Mayor Jiampetti stated she was contacted by Scott Parker from CCHS regarding installing five or six “Welcome to EHC” signs in EHC. Mayor Jiampetti the school will pay for these signs. Mayor Jiampetti stated Mr. Parker will submit the locations of the signs for approval. Mayor Jiampetti stated CCHS is also interested in purchasing land in EH North for additional athletic fields and will be submitting a request to the city. Mayor Jiampetti read the Tax Collectors Report and stated the EHC tax rate was announced and it went down 1 penny. Councilman Angelo Lello stated he would like Brain Sartorio, a member of the Greater Egg Harbor School Board to come to a council meeting and speak on the impact ACIT has on the community. Mayor Jiampetti stated County Executive Dennis Levinson sent a letter regarding a bill being introduced which would require NJ school districts to establish policies to permit graduates entering the military to wear items such as sashes at graduation ceremonies that denote their respective military branch. Mayor Jiampetti asked Council if they would pass a resolution supporting the bill. Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, Resolution #128-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

#### RESOLUTION #128-2019

#### SUPPORTING GRADUATES ENTERING THE MILITARY TO WEAR ITEMS SUCH AS SASHES AT GRADUATION CEREMONIES THAT DENOTE THEIR RESPECTIVE MILITARY BRANCH

##### Committee Chair Reports:

Police Department Report: Lt. Hutton gave an update on the EHCPD. Councilwoman Heist asked Lt Hutton if bike patrol had begun and Lt. Hutton stated no. Councilwoman Heist also inquired about a tent found in the woods by the lake. Ms. Heist stated her husband was fishing at the lake and came upon a tent. Ms. Heist stated it appeared someone was living in it. Mayor and Council had discussion over tents being allowed at the lake.

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 is on vacation. Council Pro. Temp Stefania Kuehner stated Mr. McGowan submitted the NJDOT State Aid applications.

Public Auction – Sale of Municipal Land

335 Boston Avenue / Block 523, Lot 8.03

City Attorney James Carroll asked if anyone was present at the meeting to bid on the property and there was no one. Mr. Carroll stated he thought Council may want to reconsider the minimum bid. Mr. Carroll stated it is better to start off low to have bidders compete. Council members debated on what to set the minimum bid at, suggestions ranged from \$100,000.00 to \$130,000.00. Councilwoman Heist stated she agreed the minimum bid should be lowered. Mrs. Heist stated the city needed to sell the property. Councilman Ricci thought the best way to sell the property is to set a reserve price.

Councilman Clifford Mays, Jr. suggested waiting until the next meeting to decide on a minimum bid and Council agreed.

Mayor Jiampetti excused herself from the meeting and did not return.

Upon motion of Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, Resolution #129-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #129-2019  
RENEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mr. Mays and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #130-2019, 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 #130-2019  
TURN 1983 CHEVY FIRE TRUCK OVER TO THE  
EHC FIRE DEPT. FOR DISPOSITION

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, Resolution #131-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #131-2019  
COUNCIL OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS  
EHC MUNICIPAL COURT

Introduce Ordinance:

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

Upon motion of Mr. Ricci, seconded by Mr. Mays and carried, Ordinance #10-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, the Introduction of Ordinance #10-2019 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 24, 2019 for a Public Hearing on August 8, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE #9-2019  
AMENDING EGG HARBOR CITY CODE CHAPTER 213 ENTITLED "PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE". ARTICLE III ENTITLED "MAINTENANCE OF  
VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES"

Mr. Lello made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #9-2019, the motion was seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried. Council Pro Temp Kuehner asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mr. Ricci and carried, the public hearing was closed. Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mrs. Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #9-2019,

attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 24, 2019.

Upon motion of Mr. Mays, seconded by Mrs. Heist 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,Sefton-yes,Ricci-yes)(Mr. Moran abstained from bills from Lynkris Hardware and EHC Municipal Court and Mrs. Kuehner abstained from EHC Municipal Court)

Council Comments: Councilman Ricci stated he would like to work with the community to educate the public on pedestrian safety. Councilman Ricci stated he will reach out to the Mayor and Police Department to see about holding a class on pedestrian safety.

Councilwoman Kienzle reminded everyone about the EHC Volunteer Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner on August 3 from 4pm-7pm. Councilman Mays thanked Councilwoman Sefton and Senator Van Drew for helping his church with a problem they had recently.

Public Comment: Reed Cramer of 137 Chicago Avenue came before Council. Mr. Cramer gave an update on the EHC Neighborhood Watch. Marie John's of 425 Liverpool Avenue came before Council. Ms. John's inquired about the gutter falling off the log cabin on Philadelphia Avenue and asked when the property owner next to the log cabin is going to repair the fence. Ms. Steeb stated she would contact public works about the gutter and ask Code Enforcement about the fence. Ammee Cramer of 137 Chicago Avenue came before Council. Mrs. Cramer had questions regarding approvals for the business known as Adult World. Mrs. Cramer was told the Adult World business was litigated years ago and received approvals to operate. Tracey Mulherin of 314 Arago Street came before Council. Ms. Mulherin stated pedestrian safety for children should be addressed in school. Ms. Mulherin spoke about the trees she wished to plant in the right of way by her property. Ms. Mulherin stated she would send the information to the City Clerk to share with Council for their approval. Scott Trythall of 741 Baltimore Avenue came before Council. Mr. Trythall spoke on pedestrian safety and ways to improve it.

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