

March 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue. 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. (Not present Mayor Lisa Jampetti)

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. Lello and carried, the Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2019 were approved.

Council Chair Reports:

Finance: Council President Ross stated there is City owned land around the middle school that the City could possibly develop and asked Council to consider allowing the City Engineer to sketch up a potential sub division plan to evaluate what city property is developable. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried, council agreed to have the City Engineer sketch a potential sub division plan for the area. Council Pres. Dennis stated he would like to set up a Code Enforcement Committee meeting next week. Council Pres. Ross stated the City Tax Collector gave everyone a copy of properties in EHC to be that could be foreclosed on. Council Pres. Ross stated one of the properties on the list has someone interested in buying it. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried by all, Council agreed to begin the foreclosure process. City Attorney James Carroll stated Property Chair Carol Kienzle stated the Mercury Clean Up Site is finally completed and the roof will be repaired on the old jail. Ms. Kienzle asked Council if they would consider allowing Candace Negron of the Coalition for a Safe Community to use the old jail building for storage for her garden supplies. Upon motion of Mrs. Kienzle, seconded by Mrs. Kuehner and carried, Council agreed to allow Ms. Negron to use the old jail for storage for garden supplies.

Ordinance Committee Chair Donna Heist stated she met with the committee, the City Engineer and Lt. Hutton before tonight's meeting to discuss the new traffic pattern around Spragg School and asked the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting. Ms. Heist stated the situation is very dangerous and something needs to be done with the traffic flow around the Spragg School. Rep. of the School Boards Joseph Ricci gave an update on the school boards. Mr. Ricci stated the local school board is looking at a zero increase and the regional a possible decrease.

EHC Police Department: Lt. Hutton gave an update on the EHCPD. Council Members expressed concerns with vehicles not stopping at the stop sign at Havana and Diesterweg, speeding on Arago Street, trash in Rotary Park and questionable activity in Lincoln Park in the morning.

CFO Report: Jodi Kahn stated the budget is being introduced tonight and there were a few changes from what was discussed. Ms. Kahn went over the changes with council.

City Clerk Report: Meg Steeb stated EHC with host the Atlantic County Freeholder Meeting on June 18, 2019 at 4pm. Ms. Steeb made Council aware of a resolution that is being authorized in surrounding municipalities in regards to when the Governor of NJ declares a "State of Emergency" that he or she does so via County and not state-wide in the event a certain County may not be affected. After discussion and deliberation, upon motion of Mrs. Kienzle, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, Resolution #60-2019 was approved.

RESOLUTION #60-2019  
STATE OF EMERGENCY

City Attorney Report:

Engineer Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on City Projects. Mr. McGowan spoke about ways to alleviate vehicles from speeding on Irving Street. Mr. McGowan stated speed pumps and all way stops are a possible solution to ensure pedestrian safety. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, council agreed to have the four way stops incorporated into the new traffic ordinance being prepared by the City Attorney.

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #4-2019  
EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Upon motion of Mr. Lello, seconded by Mrs. Kienzle and carried, Ordinance #4-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, the Introduction of Ordinance #4-2019 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on March 20, 2019 for a Public Hearing on March 28, 2019.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #61-2019, 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 #61-2019  
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES APPROPRIATION THREE-YEAR  
AVERAGE COLLECTION ATE-2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Kienzle and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #62-2019, 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 #62-2019  
INTRODUCE THE 2019 BUDGET

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #63-2019 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 #63-2019  
AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR  
MUNICIPAL WATER VALVE EXERCISING

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mrs. Kuehner and carried, Resolution #64-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #64-2019  
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES 2019  
STANDARD BUSINESS MILEAGE OF 58 CENTS PER MILE

Upon motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, Resolution #65-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #65-2019  
AUTHORIZING ROADWAY SOLICITATION EHC FIRE DEPT. LADIES AUX

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried, Resolution #66-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #66-2019  
AUTHORIZING ROADWAY SOLICITATION EHC FIRE DEPT.

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mrs. Kuehner and carried, Resolution #67-2019 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #67-2019  
AUTHORIZING ROADWAY SOLICITATION EHC FIRE DEPT.

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #5-2019  
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 255 SECTION 14 ENTITLED  
"CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES" OF THE CODE OF EHC

Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mrs. Heist and carried, Ordinance #5-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Mrs. Kuehner, seconded by Mr. Moran and carried, the Introduction of Ordinance #5-2019 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on March 20, 2019 for a Public Hearing on March 28, 2019.

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #3-2019  
SALARY ORDINANCE RANGE AMENDMENT

Mrs. Kuehner made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #3-2019, the motion was seconded by Mr. Moran 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. Mays, seconded by Mr. Lello and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #3-2019, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on March 20, 2019.(Heist-yes,Kienzle-yes,Kuehner-yes,Lello-yes,Mays-yes,Moran-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Ross-yes)

Upon motion of Mr. Moran, 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,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)

Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilman Ricci expressed concerns over wasting brine and asked who makes the decision to put brine down on the roads in EHC. Highway Dept. Chair Stefania Kuehner stated the Superintendent of Public Works Jerry Gleason makes the decision. Council Pres. Ross stated it is always better to error on the side of caution and it is left to the discretion of the supervisor. Councilwoman Heist stated the Moravian Church is having a “Coffee House” on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public Hearing:

Anne Tinsley, 440 Washington Avenue came before Council to express concern with the lot across the terrace from her. Ms. Tinsley stated the lot floods into her yard. Council stated they would be sending Public Works over to address the situation.

Mari Johns, 425 Liverpool asked for an explanation of the resolution for “Reserve for Uncollected Taxes” and CFO Jodi Kahn explained the resolution.

Anila Patel, 112 Philadelphia Avenue came before Council. Ms. Patel stated she needs two parking spaces with 15 minute parking in front of her store. Council Pres. Ross stated the request was addressed before and the city cannot police 15 minute parking on Philadelphia Avenue. Steve Dash, 418 Chicago Avenue came before Council. Mr. Dash thanked Council for taking care of his complaint regarding the old jail and also stated he thought the community garden on the site was a good idea.

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