

October 15, 2020

The Remote Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council President Angelo Lello opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Mattia Brown, Clifford Mays, Jr., Joseph Ricci, Jr., Robin Sefton and Scott Trythall. (Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements, the meeting was held via zoom, call in and in person, the Governing Body and invited guests could attend in person. Clifford Mays, Jr. attended via conference call and Councilwoman Brown attended via Zoom. Council Members not in attendance were Dash, Heist and Ross. Also in attendance in person were the City Clerk, Deputy Clerk, CFO, Engineer, City Attorney and cameraman.)

Council President Angelo Lello 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 Ricci stated the Remote Council Meeting is necessary do to the Covid-19 Crisis.

Upon motion of Ricci seconded by Trythall and carried, the September 24, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes was approved.

Council President Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment on any item on the agenda and there was no comment from the public.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Jiampetti stated the City was the recipient of the Atlantic City Electric Sustainable Resiliency Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Mayor Jiampetti stated the funds will be used to repair the dam at the EHC Lake. Mayor Jiampetti stated SJ Gas is giving away Free Energy-Saving Kits. Mayor Jiampetti encouraged SJ Gas customers to visit the South Jersey Gas website to claim their free kits. Mary Jiampetti introduced Phil Sartorio the NPP Grant Coordinator. Mr. Sartorio stated the City received the COVID-19 Relief Program Grant. Mr. Sartorio explained how the funds could be spent.

Committee Chair Reports:

City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated the Finance Committee met with the Tower site Developer and gave an update on the project. Councilman Ricci spoke on the EHC Halloween Parade and Trick or treat in the City. The City Clerk stated the sponsor of the EHC Halloween Parade, the Rotary of Mays Landing-EHC, dropped off a letter to the Clerk's Office late this afternoon stating they were withdrawing from this year's parade due to liability concerns due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Deputy Clerk Jacki Young read the letter submitted by the Rotary, a copy of the letter is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. City Attorney Angela Costigan spoke on the liability concerns the City will face by moving forward with the parade. Ms. Costigan stated she has spoke to the Public Safety Director Mark Emmer and he is not in favor of holding the parade in

EHC. Ms. Costigan stated Mr. Emmer stated the EHCPD will be unable to enforce the mandates put in place by the Governor for parades. Council Pres. Lello stated he would like a straw vote from Council regarding holding this year's Halloween Parade and the straw vote was as follows:(Trythall-no,Sefton-no,Ricci-no.Brown-no,Mays-no,Lello-no) Council Pres. Ello stated the EHC 2020 Halloween Parade will be cancelled this year due to liability concerns due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Councilman Ricci asked about Trick or Treat in the City. The City Clerk stated the City has never gotten involved in determining when Trick or Treat takes place in the City. Council members agreed that Trick or Treat should be held on October 31, 2020 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Councilman Mays was opposed to having Trick or Treat due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Council President Lello stated he was not in attendance at the last Council meeting. Council Pres. Lello wanted to put on the record that the Highway Committee did conduct interviews for the Part Time/Temporary Laborer in Public Works and it was determined Kyle Adams was the most qualified for the job. Mayor Jiampetti read the EHC Code Enforcement Report submitted by the EHC Building Department Secretary Donna Heffley, and a copy of the report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Council Pres. Lello stated the Ordinance Committee will meet next week to discuss taking steps to repeal the tax abatement ordinance for newly constructed single-family dwellings.

Director of Public Safety Report: The City Clerk stated the Director of Public Safety Mark Emmer is on vacation, but he asked that Council discuss the Traffic Study he submitted to Council on September 30 a copy of the Traffic Study is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Council Pres Lello stated the discussion on the Traffic Study will be postponed until Mr. Emmer was present.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: The City Clerk stated EHC resident Donald Milne, 420 Campe Street has submitted a request to Council for a sewer credit. Ms. Steeb stated a tree fell on Mr. Milne's home during a recent storm and the utility main line going into the home broke. Ms. Steeb stated the utility line has been repaired and the Utility Clerk has reviewed Mr. Milne's account and has calculated a sewer credit of \$82.50. Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Mays and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #174-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #174-2020
SEWER CREDIT REFUND-420 CAMPE STREET

The City Clerk stated there has been a resolution on the agenda at previous Council meetings for a sewer credit for 427 St. Louis Avenue. Ms. Steeb stated the resolution has been held over due to concerns of the EHC Tax Payers having to cover the credit. The EHC CFO Jodi Kahn explained how the City Tax Payers would not be paying for this cred. Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #175-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yesSefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #175-2020
SEWER CRET – 427 ST. LOUIS AVENUE

Ms. Steeb stated a resident overpaid on their taxes and is requesting a refund. Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #176-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown=yes,Mays=yes,Ricci=yes,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Lello=yes)

RESOLUTION #176-2020
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF 3RD QUARTERLY PROPERTY TAXES
SAMANTHA FORD - \$2062.89

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan gave an update on property for sale in EHC and stated an agreement was recently signed by the Mayor and George Frick to allow Mr. Frick can begin actively trying to sell the properties. Mayor Jiampetti asked why a specific property was removed from the list. Council Pres. Lello stated that specific property was removed so that the City could look into other ways to use the property to generate money for the City. Mayor Jiampetti expressed her displeasure with not being made aware of the property being removed from the list. Ms. Costigan gave an update on the WIPA process. Ms. Costigan stated she is preparing the new ordinance regarding property abatements and also working on the group home ordinance. City Engineer Ryan McGowan went over the Engineer Report, a copy of the report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Mr. McGowan stated the Atlantic Avenue Pedestrian Improvement-Phase II Project has gone out to bid and the bids will be received on October 27, 2020. Mr. McGowan stated the project must be awarded before November. Mr. McGowan stated it is necessary to hold a Special council meeting on October 29, 2020 at 7:00pm for the purpose of awarding the bid. Mayor and Council agreed to hold the Special Council meeting. The City Clerk stated the meeting will be held on October 29, 2020 at 7:00pm via conference call. Ms. Steeb stated she will email all of Council the information on the special meeting. Mr. McGowan stated a developer is proposing to build a house at 201 New York Avenue and has asked that Council consider waiving the requirement for curbs and sidewalks. Mr. McGowan stated a similar request went before Council and approval was given. Mr. McGowan stated 201 New York Avenue is a corner property. Mr. McGowan stated the City could waive the curbs and sidewalks along Arago Street frontage but require them along New York Avenue. Mr. McGowan stated that matches the development pattern in the surrounding neighborhood. Councilman Mays was against granting the waiver. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #177-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown=yes,Mays=no,Ricci=yes,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Lello=yes)

RESOLUTION #177-2020
AUTHORIZING CURBS AND SIDEWALKS BE WAIVED ALONG ARAGO
STREET FRONTAGE - 201 NEW YORK AVENUE

Upon notion of Ricci, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call, Resolution #178-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown=yes,Mays=yes,Ricci=yes,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Lello=yes)

RESOLUTION #178-2020
APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM-\$10,000.00

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #179-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #179-2020

APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87
STATE OF NJ NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM CONVID RELIEF
AND RECOVERY-\$85,000.00

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #180-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #180-2020

HIRE TEMPORARY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT
ASSISTANT

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #181-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #181-2020

APPROVING ACCUMULATED ABSENCE-RICK DEBIASE-\$1,762.40

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Mays and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #182-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #182-2020

AUTHORIZATION PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTRONIC
TAX SALE PROGRAM

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #183-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #183-2020

AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF BUILDING AND ELECTRIC PERMIT FEES
TELSA ENERGY OPERATIONS. INC

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #184-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #184-2020

AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT-1300-1308 WHP

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #185-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #185-2020
HIRE EMPLOYEE
UTILITY REPAIRER-PART TIME LICENSE STIPEND
JOANTHON MORATELLI-\$3600.00 ANNUAL

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Mays and carried by a roll call vote, the Bill List attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Lello-yes)

Public Comment: N/A

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