

December 17, 2020

The Remote Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, December 17, 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, Steve Dash, Donna Heist, Clifford Mays, Jr., Joseph Ricci, Jr., Robert Ross and Robin Sefton. (Not present Councilman Scott Trythall) Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements, the meeting was held via zoom, call in and in person. Mayor Jiampetti, Councilman Ross and Councilwoman Sefton appeared in person. Councilwoman Brown and Councilmen Dash, Clifford Mays, Jr. Joseph Ricci, Jr., and Angelo Lello attended via conference call or via Zoom. (not in attendance Scott Trythall) Also, in attendance in person were the City Clerk, the Deputy Clerk, CFO, Engineer, City Attorney. Hometown Hero Awards were given out and the recipients were invited into the Council Room individually to receive their award.

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

Mayor Presentation: Mayor Jiampetti presented the Hometown Hero Awards to The Emmanuel Church, EHC resident Anne Tinsley, EHC Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Ade and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Barbara Adams.

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Brown and carried, the November 19, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes were 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 asked for a moment of silence to remember EHC resident Jon Senn who recently passed away.

Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHC Tree Lighting was held virtually and can be viewed on the EHC Facebook Page. Mayor Jiampetti thanked everyone who participated in the Tree Lighting and contributed to the successful event. Mayor Jiampetti stated EHC resident Brenda Ruth is organizing a car parade for December 19, 2020 with line up at City Hall at 5:30pm and step off at 6:00pm. Mayor Jiampetti stated Domino's Pizza will be opening in EHC. Mayor Jiampetti also mentioned the old bowling lanes in the Central Glass Building are being salvaged.

Committee Chair Reports:

Councilman Ross the Finance Committee Chair spoke the Teamster Contract negotiations and stated no agreement has been reached. Councilman Dash the Code Enforcement Chair read the Code Enforcement Report submitted by Code Enforcement

Officer Steve Hadley. Property, Parks and Playgrounds Chair Donna Heist stated she received a request from the Mays Landing – EHC Rotary Club to install a new piece of playground equipment in Rotary Park to honor Jon Senn. Councilwoman Heist stated there will be a fence installed in Rotary Park at London Avenue and Claudius Street due to safety concerns with the stream that runs along the playground.

Director of Public Safety Report: Director of Public Safety Mark Emmer gave an update on the EHCPD.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: The City Clerk Meg Steeb stated the 2021 Reorg. meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Ms. Steeb stated more information will be sent out regarding the meeting. Ms. Steeb stated the Camillo Family has contacted her regarding benches they donated to the City in honor of their mother a few years ago. Ms. Steeb stated the benches were placed in Lincoln Park and the family stated the benches have been vandalized many times and this is very upsetting to the family. Ms. Steeb stated the family would like to remove the benches from Lincoln Park and place them in Peace Pilgrim Park in the Spring of 2021. Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, approval was given to move the benches to Peace Pilgrim Park. (Brown-yes, Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Mays-yes, Ricci-yes, Ross-yes, Sefton-yes, Lello-yes)

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan gave an update on property for sale in EHC and gave an update on the sale of the EHC Water Plant.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on the Wawa Project.

Council Pres. Lello stated #14 on tonight's agenda, appointing someone to his unexpired term, has been tabled.

Phil Sartorio the NPP Grant Coordinator gave any update on the NPP Grant and explained the Amendment to the NPP COVID-19 Relief Program Grant. Mr. Sartorio went over the businesses that are money from the grant. Mr. Sartorio stated the NPP Grant Committee has also agreed to move forward with the quote received from Posty's Electric to install electric in the cabin on the 300 block of Philadelphia Avenue. Upon motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #205-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #206-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Brown-yes, Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Mays-yes, Ricci-yes, Ross-yes, Sefton-yes, Lello-yes)

#### RESOLUTION #205-2020

#### WAIVE CITY PERMIT FEE FOR ELECTRICAL PERMIT FOR LOG CABIN

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call, Resolution #192-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Brown-yes, Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Mays-yes, Ricci-yes, Ross-yes, Sefton-yes, Trythall-abstain, Lello-yes)

#### RESOLUTION #206-2020

#### AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NPP COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAM GRANT

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #207-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-Dash-yes,Heist-yes, yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes,Sefton-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #207-2020  
BUDGET TRANSFER

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #208-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes,Sefton-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #208-2020  
CHAPTER 159-LGEF CARES ACT GRANT

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Ross and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #209-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes,Sefton-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #209-2020  
AWARD 2021-2022 ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT  
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL-NON-FAIR & OPEN

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #210-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes,Sefton-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #210-2020  
SEWER CREDIT REFUND FOR 243-245 CINCINNATI AVENUE

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #211-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes,Sefton-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #211-2020  
LIEN PREMIUM TO ESCHEAT TO EHC

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #18-2020  
RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 3-2002 AND ORDINANCE NO. 13-2012 AND  
ORDINANCE #18-2011 AND IMPLEMENTING A NEW TAX EXEMPTION AND  
TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE “FIVE YEAR TAX  
EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW” NJSA 40A:21-1 ET SEQ FOR THE  
ENTIRETY OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Ricci made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #18-2020, the motion was seconded by Brown and carried. Council Pres. Lello asked if there was any comment from the public. Nanette Galloway of Buffalo Avenue requested the ordinance be tabled until there was more information or at least wait until the Master Plan is redone. Ms. Galloway stated the ordinance references zones that do not exist in the City. Councilwoman Heist stated the ordinance should be tabled. Councilwoman Heist stated she has done some research and the abatements do not affect the City adversely and Councilman Ross agreed. There was discussion and deliberation over who pays the share

of the property owner while they are under the abatement. Ms. Galloway stated she felt Council was voting on something they are not clear on. Councilwoman Brown stated she did not think it was fair for other tax payers to have to pay the taxes for new homes. Ms. Galloway stated you have to do something to entice builders to build in the City. After discussion and deliberation, Councilwoman Brown made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried. Councilwoman Heist made a motion to table Ordinance #18-2020, the motion was seconded by Councilman Ross and carried by a roll call vote.(Brown-no,Dash,no,Heisst=yes,Mays-no,Ricci-no,Ross=yes,Sefton-no,Lello-no) The vote was two (2) yes and five (5) no, the ordinance was not tabled. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #18-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on December 23, 2020.(Brown=yes,Dash=yes,Heist=yes,Mays=yes,Ricci=yes,Ross=yes,Sefton=yes,Lello=yes)

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #19-2020  
RESCINDING ORDINANCE #19-2019 (Amending Chapter 161  
"Community Residences")

Sefton made a motion to open the Public hearing on Ordinance #19-2020, the motion was seconded by Brown and carried. Council President Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment. City Attorney Angela Costigan explained the ordinance. Nanette Galloway of Buffalo Avenue asked if this would be handled when the Master Plan is worked and the City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated yes. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Brown and carried, the Public Hearing was closed. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Ross and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #19-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on December 23, 2020.

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

Public Comment: N/A

Mayor and Council wished everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Pres. Lello thanked everyone for working together and asked that they continue to do so. Council Pres. Lello stated he has enjoyed his time serving on EHC and he will miss everyone. Councilman Dash stated he looks forward to working with the newly elected members of Council in the new year.

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