

February 27, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, located at 500 London Avenue with Mayor Lisa Jampetti 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., Robin Sefton, Scott Trythall and Robert Ross.

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 President Angelo Lello stated the meeting is being videotaped to air on Channel 97 and the City Website.

The Budget Workshop scheduled for February 27th at 6:00pm was cancelled. City Clerk Meg Steeb stated the CFO Jodi Kahn is ill and was unable to attend the meeting. The Budget Workshop is rescheduled for 6:00pm on March 12, 2020.

Upon motion of Mrs. Heist, seconded by Mrs. Sefton and carried, the February 13, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes were approved. Council Pres. Lello stated #18 on tonight's agenda, the Public Hearing on Ordinance #4-2020, needs to be tabled until the March 12, 2020 Council Meeting. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried, the Public Hearing on Ordinance #4-2020 was tabled until the 3/12/2020 Council Meeting. Presentation: EHC Tax Collector Laura Shaw gave a presentation on Tax Sale Basics, a copy of her presentation is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mayors Report and Comments:

Mayor Jampetti stated with the bike path coming, she sent a letter to Atlantic County requesting a speed limit reduction on Philadelphia Avenue. Mayor Jampetti stated she wrote a letter for Sustainable Projects Opportunity Zones. Mayor Jampetti stated she did a proclamation for Cedar Creek for winning the NJSSA Central Division Championship on December 30, 2019. Mayor Jampetti stated this was the 2nd State Title. Mayor Jampetti stated she attended the Cedar creek Student of the Month Luncheon this week. Mayor Jampetti stated the City's request for a Man Power Study to include an exploration of a Shared Service for the EHCPD was approved by the DCA. Mayor Jampetti stated there is a meeting with the DCA on March 6th. Mayor Jampetti stated Lou Joyce is working on the Cops Grant.

Mayor Jampetti stated the Redevelopment Committee met and there were two resolutions needed to move forward with the Wawa and Tower Site Projects.

Upon motion Sefton, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #64-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #64-2020

ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EHC LANDUSE BOARD AND
ADOPTION OF THE PLAN FOR THE WAWA PROJECT

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #65-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

REOSLUTION #65-2020

ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EHC LANDUSE BOARD AND
ADOPTION OF THE PLAN FOR THE TOWER SITE REDEVELOPMENT SITE

Mayor Jiampetti stated the NPP Grant was approved by the State. Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHCCS's play will be held on March 26, 2020. Mayor Jiampetti stated there was a meeting with NJDOT regarding pedestrian and vehicular safety. Mayor Jiampetti spoke on the different safety recommendations. Mayor Jiampetti expressed her displeasure with false posts on Facebook about her family. .

Council Chair Reports:

Councilman Ricci stated there was a Safety meeting held recently and Lt. Hutton and Sgt. Aylwin explained that bail reform is the reason why criminals are seen back on the streets so soon after they are arrested. Ricci stated by the end of 2021 officers will be trained in PTSD from the job. Ricci stated the PD should have three(3) additional full time officers by the end of the year and there are two (2) Class II Officers currently in the academy. Ricci stated the EHC Fire Department is in need of a new fire truck and Senator Van Drew wrote a letter of recommendation for the fire department. Ricci stated he is going to attempt to plan a National Night out this year in EHC and there will be a meeting on March 5th at 6:00pm at City Hall to begin organizing the event. Ricci encouraged residents to purchase the "Ring" doorbell cameras. Ricci stated they are inexpensive and they are a great tool to fight crime. Ricci also spoke about bringing bicycle patrol back to EHC. Mayor Jiampetti stated this has already been in the works. Mayor Jiampetti stated the equipment has been purchased and officers are trained. Mayor Jiampetti stated Sgt. Aylwin is trained as a trainer and is able to train new officers in house. Mayor Jiampetti stated as soon as the City has the appropriate man power, bicycle patrol will begin. Council President Lello stated the curbs are collapsing at Arago and 6th Terrace. Councilman Dash stated there will be a Code Enforcement Committee meeting on March 4th. Councilwoman Heist stated she is looking into holding movies in the park each month. Heist stated she would like to find out if volunteers would be able to help with the flower beds around City Hall. Councilman Ross gave an update on the EHC Municipal Land Use Board. Councilwoman Brown gave an update on the school board meetings she attended.

Council Comments:

Councilwomen Brown and Sefton stated their City emails were not working. Ms. Steeb stated she would see if she could find out why. Councilman Trythall asked if he could be more involved with the preparation of Ordinance #4. Councilman Dash stated Nanette Galloway asked him if the AC Humane Society could be involved at the City's Rabies Clinic. Dash stated it is too late for this year's rabies clinic but he would see what he could do for next year.

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

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: Meg Steeb stated the 1st Quarter Safety Meeting was held on March 9th.

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan stated she will meet with George Frick regarding the foreclosure properties. Ms. Costigan stated she will attend the 3/6/2020 meeting with the DCA regarding the man power study and she will also attend the meeting regarding the second amendment resolution on 3/16/2020.

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

Upon motion of Mays, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #66-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Brown-yes, Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Mays-no, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Trythall-yes, Ross-yes, Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #66-2020

AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #67-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Brown-yes, Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Mays-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Trythall-yes, Ross-yes, Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #67-2020

CANCELLATION OF REASSESSMENT RESERVE

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #68-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Brown-yes, Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Mays-yes, Ricci-yes, Sefton-yes, Trythall-yes, Ross-yes, Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #68-2019

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist 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, Sefton-yes, Trythall-yes, Ross-yes, Lello-yes)

Public Comment: Mary Campbell of Rittenberg Manor came before Mayor and Council. Ms. Campbell spoke on pedestrian safety and was grateful the City met with NJDOT

regarding pedestrian safety on Rt. #30. Steve Grabel of Buffalo Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Grabel suggested the City look into copy righting the name Egg Harbor City. Mr. Grabel suggested this may help with the negative EHC Facebook page that uses the City name. Mr. Grabel suggested contacting Facebook regarding this site. Mr. Grabel asked what could be done about the abandoned cars in the City and was told as long as the cars are registered there is nothing the police can do. Kim Hesse of New Orleans Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Ms. Hesse expressed concerns over Peace Pilgrim Park having many dogs wit out leashes running around in the park. Ms. Hesse asked if Peace Pilgrim Park was a dog park and she was told it was not a dog park. Ms. Hesse asked that something be done about the dogs running loose in the park.

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