

June 25, 2020

The Remote Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:00pm 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., Robert Ross, Robin Sefton, and Scott Trythall.(not present Joseph Ricci, Jr.)

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 Pres. Lello stated the Remove Council Meeting is necessary do to the Covid-19 Crisis.

Upon motion of Sefton seconded by Trythall and carried, the June 11, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jampetti asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former EHC Police Officer Michael Luko who was killed in a car accident this past weekend. Mayor Jampetti asked Council to consider Fireworks at the Lake on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the Citywide Yard Sale on August 1, 2020. Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Trythall and carried approval was given for the Fireworks and Citywide Yard Sale. Mayor Jampetti stated the EHC Labor Attorney will be sponsoring the fireworks again this year. Mayor Jampetti stated she received word that Wells Fargo would be closing their branch in EHC. Mayor Jampetti sated Wells Fargo will still have their drive thru. Mayor Jampetti stated she has a conference call with a representative from Wells Fargo on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am and if anyone is interested in participating in the call she can give them the contact information. Mayor Jampetti stated the City qualified for a CDBG Covid Funding. Mayor Jampetti stated EHC was one of two municipalities that qualified for the funding.

Councilman Ross gave an update on the sale of the EHC Water Plant and the WIPA process. Councilman Ross stated the Utility Committee met with NJ American Water. City Clerk Meg Steeb stated she had three add on resolutions for tonight’s agenda.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Mays and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #120-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

**RESOLUTION #120-2020  
AUTHORIZE USE OF CITY PROPERTY DUE TO THE  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS**

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #121-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #121-2020

AUTHORIZING NPP SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EHC AND EHCEDC

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #121-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #122-2020

AUTHORIZE CLOSURE OF THE 300 BLOCK OF 6<sup>TH</sup> TERRACE AND WAIVE ANY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE

Discussion: Lauren Lock of Boston Avenue spoke about a violation she received from the EHC Code Enforcement for having sheep on her property. Ms. Lock explained she has had the sheep for many years and she's never had any complaints. Ms. Lock spoke about her two rescue sheep and pleaded to Council to reconsider their position on allowing sheep. Ms. Lock stated if Council does not reconsider can they give her additional time to relocated because sheep cannot be transported in extreme heat. Ms. Lock stated her sheep are no larger than a large dog and asked Council to consider an exemption for sheep. Councilman Dash and Councilwoman Brown stated Council should consider a case by case determination. Council Pres. Lello stated Council could consider a 60 days for relocation. Councilman Trythall suggested suspending the violation until an agreement. After discussion and deliberation, Council agreed to relook at the ordinance regarding farm animals.

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #123-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #123-2020

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2020 BUDGET

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution 124-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #124-2020

2020 BUDGET ADOPTION

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #125-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #125-2020

REFUND STREET OPENING-ADAM STRAND

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #126-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #126-2020

AUTHORIZE WAIVING \$2000.00 FEE FOR LEASE OF BLOCK 206, LOT 30 DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #127-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #127-2020

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

Upon motion of ross, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #128-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #128-2020

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SURVEY & DESIGN WORK FROM REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #129-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-no)

RESOLUTION #129-2020

SUPPORTING THE NJDOT PROJECT ON ROUTE 30 TO INCLUDE THE NEW PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROUTE 30 IN EHC

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #15-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR, PART I ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 52, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND CREATING ARTICLE XXXII, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried, Ordinance #15-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Sefton and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 1, 2020, for a Public Hearing on July 16, 2020.

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #16-2020

AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF NON -BARGAINING PERSONNEL OF EGG HARBOR CITY

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried, Ordinance 16-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon

motion of Dash, seconded by Sefton and carried, the notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 1, 2020 a Public Hearing on July 16, 2020.

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #13-2020  
AMENDING CHAPTER 52, ARTICLE V, SECTION 12 OF THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF EGG HARBOR PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL  
POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #13-2020, the motion was seconded by Dash and carried. Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Ross made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Trythall and carried. Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Ross and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #13-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 1, 2020.(Brown=yes,Dash=yes,Heist=yes,Mays=yes,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Ross=yes,Lello=yes)

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #14-2020  
AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF  
BARGAINING PERSONNEL OF EHC

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #14-2020, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried. Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Dash made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Trythall and carried. Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #14-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 1, 2020.

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #130-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown=yes,Dash=yes,Heist=yes,Mays=yes,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Ross=yes,Lello=yes)

RESOLUTION #130-2020  
APPROVE TEAMSTERS CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Sefton 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,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Ross=yes,Lello=yes)

Mayor and council expressed their condolences to the family of former EHC Police Officer Michael Luko.

Council Pres. Lello asked Council to consider authorizing AC & Sons Tree Removal to remove a very large dead tree in the City Right of Way on the unit block of London Avenue. Council Pres. Lello stated it is very unsafe. Council Pres. Lello stated AC & Sons Tree Removal gave a price of \$700.00 to remove the tree. Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #131-2020, attached hereto

and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #131-2020

AUTHORIZE AC & SONS TO REMOVE TREE FOR \$700.00-51 LONDON AVENUE

Public Comment: Mark Emmer asked why the Public safety Director position was pushed back. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated the ordinance was tabled at the last Council meeting and there were changes made in the ordinance, therefore it needed the ordinance needed to be introduced again. Lynn Kienzel of St. Louis Avenue asked for guidelines for planting bamboo in EHC. Ms. Kienzle expressed concerns over a neighbor planting bamboo and not following proper planting procedures for bamboo. Ms. Kienzl stated bamboo is very aggressive. Mayor Jiampetti stated she felt the City should not allow bamboo to be planted in EHC, other members of Council did not agree, several members of Council felt as long as the homeowner is maintaining the bamboo it should be allowed. After discussion and deliberation, the City attorney stated there is an ordinance in EHC already regarding bamboo. Ms. Costigan stated the homeowner is responsible for growth that may intrude into the neighbor's property or harm or destroy the neighbor's structures or site improve improvements. Ms. Costigan stated Code Enforcement may require complete or partial removal of all bamboo stands if the intrusion recurs or harm/destruction occurs. Ms. Costigan stated she would contact the Code Enforcement office to let them know what they can do regarding bamboo in EHC. Ammee Cramer of Chicago Avenue expressed her concerns over how the budget proceeding where handled. Ms. Cramer questioned why a meeting would be changed because one member of Council was unable to attend. Ms. Cramer stated she felt the auditor is very important part of the budget proceedings and thought he should have been present. Ms. Cramer stated she did not agree with pluggin holes with one time fixe and expressed her concerns with the budget that was adopted.

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