

July 16, 2020

The Remote Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, July 16, 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, Robin Sefton, and Scott Trythall.

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 Brown, seconded by Sefton and carried, the July 17, 2020 Budget Workshop and June 25, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Jiampetti read the lake report. Mayor Jiampetti stated the fireworks held on July 11th at the EHC Lake were a huge success. Mayor Jiampetti stated the mural that hung at Rittenberg School will be placed on the old Weisbecker building on Philadelphia Avenue. Mayor Jiampetti stated there have been several complaints received regarding the group home located at 658 San Francisco Avenue. Mayor Jiampetti asked for an update on the status of the ordinance that was recently repealed regarding group homes. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated this is being addressed in the Master Plan review and the EHC Land Use Board is making recommendations.

Committee Chair Reports:

Councilman Ross stated the 2019 Audit Report was distributed to Council and gave an update on the Tower Site Project. Councilman Ross stated the City is waiting for the appraisal of the EHC Water and Sewer Treatment Facility to come back, so the City can begin negotiations to sell the facility. Councilman Ricci stated there will be a Safety Committee meeting on July 21st at City Hall at 6:30pm. Councilman Ricci stated the EHC National Night Out scheduled for August has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Crisis. Council Pres. Lello stated there will be a Highway Committee meeting on July 20th at City Hall at 6:30pm and an Ordinance Committee meeting on August 6th.

Councilwoman Heist stated the AC at City Hall is not working properly and there will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd at City Hall to discuss how to move forward with repairs. Council Pres. Lello read the Code Enforcement/Building Department 2nd Quarter Report for 2020. Councilman Dash stated there will be a Code Enforcement Committee meeting on August 5th at 6:30pm at City Hall. Councilman Trythall and Councilwoman Brown gave an update on the school board meetings they attended.

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan gave an update on the foreclosed properties.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #132-2020, 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 #132-2020

AUTHORIZING APPRAISALS AND PUBLIC AUCTION OF
FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #133-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-ys,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #133-2020

AUTHORIZING A TITLE SEARCH FOR REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 229
CHICAGO AVENUE, 1445-1456 NEW YORK AVENUE, 1501-1527 NEW YORK
AVENUE, 1553-1559 NEW YORK AVNEUE AND 1548-1558 HAMBURG AVENUE

Ms. Costigan stated there was an issue with 335 Boston and the settlement had to be postponed. There was discussion on 450 Philadelphia Avenue and possible obtaining a lowcost environmental study before the City considered foreclosing on or taking the property. Mayor Jiampetti stated thought she remembered if the City was given the property, the City would not be responsible for any clean up of the property. Council Pres. Lello stated Renault placed signs on the corener of Bremen and the White Horse Pike that may need to be removed since Renault does not own the property. There was discussion over NJDOT having jurisdiction over the signage. Mayor Jiampetti stated the City owns the property and should consider turning it over to Renault. City Attorney Ryan McGowan gave an update on the Solar RFQ.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #134-2020, 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 #134-2020

CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #135-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Seftion-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #135-2020

ALLOWING FIRST RESPONDERS (LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS) TO USE
THE FEDERAL PAID SICK LEAVE ACT

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Brown and carried, Resolution #136-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #136-2020
AUTHORIZING CEDAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL TO PLACE AN ENTRANCE SIGN
IN THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY AT
NEW YORK AVENUE AND MOSS MILL ROAD

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #137-2020, 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 #137-2020
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #138-2020, 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 #138-2020
APPOINTING STEVE HADLEY AS ZONING OFFICER AND
SETTING SALARY AT \$2,500.00

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #139-2020, 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 #139-2020
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PEROPERTY NO LONGER
NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #140-2020, 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 #140-2020
UTILITY REFUND FOR GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #141-2020, 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 #141-2020
AUTHORIZING WAIVING THE PLAN REVIEW FEE FOR GEHRHS

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #142-2020, 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 #142-2020
RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES FOR HULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Public Hearing:

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

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #15-2020, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried. Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Trythall made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Brown and carried. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #15-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 22, 2020.(Brown=yes,Dash=yes,Hesit=yes,Mays=yes,Ricci=yesSefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Ross=yes,Lello=yes)

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #16-2020

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

Brown made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-2020, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried. Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment and there was none. Trythall made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #16-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on July 22, 2020.(Brown=yes,Dash=yes,Heist=yes,Mays=yes,Ricci=yes,Sefton=yes,Trythall=yes,Ross=yes,Lello=yes)

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #143-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown=yes,Dash=yes,Heist=yes,Mays=yes,Sefton=yes,Ricci=yes,Trythall=yes,Ross=yes,Lello=yes)

RESOLUTION #143-2020

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Upon motion of Sefton, 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: Nanette Galloway of 349 Buffalo Avenue asked for an update on the work on the White Horse Pike. City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on the NJDOT Project on Rt.#30. Ms. Galloway asked if Steve Hadley was full time or part time and she was told part time. Ms. Galloway stated she forwarded an ordinance she found from another town on bamboo to the Ordinance Committee. Ms. Galloway asked

the committee to review this ordinance. Ms. Galloway stated she felt the City should ban the planting of bamboo. Ms. Galloway stated the public comment on agenda items needs to be placed back on Council Meeting agendas. Ms. Galloway stated the public should be able to comment on agenda items before they are voted on. Mayor and council agreed and said it would be back on agendas moving forward, even if the meetings are remote. Ms. Galloway asked if the City could be sited since the Renault signs are in the ROW. Ms. Galloway stated she thought the Clean Community Grant should be used differently. Ms. Galloway stated she did not think it should be used on the City Wide Clean Up, she thought a better use would be to buy trash cans for residents. Ms. Galloway stated the terrace behind her home is full of trash. Ms. Galloway stated she did not approve of the City waiving the plan review fee for GEHRHS. Ms. Galloway gave an update on the Green Team. Ms. Galloway stated if membership did not improve on the EHC Green Team, there will be no EHC Green Team.

Council Pres. Angelo Lello gave an update on the Peace Pilgrim Statue that was damaged in a recent storm.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Brown and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Meg Steeb/City Clerk, RMC