

June 11, 2020

The Remote Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, June 1, 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, Clifford Mays, Jr., Joseph Ricci, Jr., Robert Ross, Robin Sefton, and Scott Trythall.(not present Donna Heist)

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 May 28, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the EHC Lake. Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the Covid 19 Pandemic and the opening of City Hall. Mayor Jampetti stated she received a letter from Mary DePutter, the owner of 229 Chicago Avenue. Mary Jampetti stated Ms. DePutter states in her letter that she inherited the property and would like to turn the property over to the City. Mayor Jampetti stated there are municipal liens on the property. Mayor Jampetti asked the Tax Collector and City Attorney to look into the matter. I can reopen. Mayor Jampetti stated a resident on Washington Avenue is having trouble with a lot next to her flooding into her property and she asked Council to look into the matter. Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the Tower Site Project and stated the WHP Project Preconstruction meeting is next week.

Committee Chair Reports:

Councilman Ricci stated there will be a Safety meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Council Pres. Lello stated the ordinance to create the position of Public Works Superintendent is on tonight’s agenda. Council Pres. Lello gave an update on the condition of the City’s dump truck. Council Pres Lello gave an update on the cleanup from the recent storm and stated the City may need to consider no dogs in Peace Pilgrim Park. Councilman Ross stated he would like to schedule a meeting as soon as we can have them at City Hall.

City Clerk Meg Steeb gave an update on EHC Polling locations for the 2020 Primary to be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Steeb stated the two polling locations picked by Atlantic County to serve as polling locations on July 7<sup>th</sup> in EHC will be the Teamsters Hall and the American Legion. Ms. Steeb also stated there will be several drop off boxes around the County for people to drop their completed ballots.

City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on the WIPA process and stated the next step will be to set up a meeting with the Utility Committee and NJAW to begin negotiation discussions. Mayor Jampetti asked for an update on the drainage problem on the property next to the Tinsley residence that is flooding. Council Pres. Lello stated he

spoke to Code Enforcement and the property is in foreclosure and the City could foreclose on the property and take ownership. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated she will prepare the resolution for the next meeting.

#### Public Hearing – 2020 EHC Municipal Budget

Councilman Mays made a motion to open the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Brown and carried. EHC CFO Jodi Kahn went over the budget and gave an update on any changes since the budget was introduced. Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone from the public had comment. Jack Peterson, 158 Baltimore Avenue expressed concerns over hiring additional employees and wanted to know how they would be paid. Mr. Peterson suggested a hiring freeze. Council Pres. Lello stated the Part Time Public Safety Director position would run through December 31<sup>st</sup> and would be reconsidered at that time. Mayor Jampetti asked Ms. Kahn to explain the levy breakdown. Ms. Kahn went over the levy breakdown. Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone else from the public had any comment and there was none. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried, the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Ross and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #115-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

#### RESOLUTION #115-2020 AMEND THE 2020 EHC MUNICIPAL BUDGET

EHC Auditor Leon spoke about the possible sale of the EHC Utility and it's affects on the budget.

#### EHC Auditor Leon Costello spoke about the sale of the City Utility System

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #116-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was NOT approved. (Brown-no,Dash-yes,Mays-no,Ricc-no,Sefton-no,Trythall-no,Ross-no,Lello-yes)

#### RESOLUTION #116-2020 ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council Lello stated their will be a Budget Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00pm. Councilman Ross stated he would like the meeting to be at City Hall. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated the Council Members could meet in Council Chambers but the public would need to dial in remotely due to social distancing requirements.

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution 117-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ricci-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

#### RESOLUTION #117-2020 SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION

Upon motion of Ricci, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #118-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-no,Dash-yes,Mays-yes,Sefton-no,Trythall-no,Ricci-no,Ross-yes,Lello-yes)

RESOLUTION #118-2020  
UTILITY CREDIT FOR SECOND QUARTER 2020

Upon motion of Ross, seconded by Ricci and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #119-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Mays-yes,Ricci-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Ross-yes,Lello-yes0

RESOLUTION #119-2020  
SETTING BID THRESHOLD

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #11-2020  
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 POSTION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Brown made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #11-2020, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried, Council Pres. Lello asked if anyone from the public had any comment. Jack Peterson, 158 Baltimore Avenue stated the ordinance reads a minimum of 20 hours a week for the position and a maximum of 29 hours. Mr. Peterson thought that was a big difference and felt that should be narrowed down to a number. Mr. Peterson expressed concerns over creating the position and questioned the need for the position. Amy Cramer, 137 Chicago Avenue stated she has been to and listened to previous Budget Workshops where the CFO Jodi Kahn stated there was no money in the budget for the position. Ms. Cramer stated at a previous council meeting, when it was discussed to create the position of Public Safety Director, the City Attorney stated it was a long process. Ms. Cramer stated she did not feel this was a long process at all. Nanette Galloway, 349 Buffalo Avenue asked if the Mayor was in favor of the position of Public Safety Director and why the City was now moving in the direction to hire a Public safety Director. Council Pres. Lello stated it is cheaper to hire a Part Time Public Safety Director part time for 6 months. Nanette Galloway asked who would be the head of the police department. City Attorney Angela Costigan explained the chain of command with a Part Time Public Safety Director. Mayor Jiampetti stated the ordinance does not reflect what Ms. Costigan has explained. Councilman Mays stated he felt the ordinance should be tabled. Councilman Ross stated the reason he voted no on the budget was because he did not agree with the Part Time Public Safety position. Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Ross and carried, the Public Hearing on Ordinance #11-2020, the Public Hearing on Ordinance #12-2020 and the resolution authorizing the appointment of a Director of Public Safety were all tabled, copies of the Ordinances and the resolution are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Introduce Ordinance:

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

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Trythall and carried, Ordinance #13-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Brown and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on June 17, 2020 for a Public Hearing on June 25, 2020.

Introduce Ordinance:

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

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried, Ordinance 14-2020, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Trythall and carried, the notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on June 17, 2020 fr a Public Hearing on June 25, 2020.

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

Public Comment: Kyle Chatten, 215 Claudius Street stated he felt Code Enforcement should not be sending violations to people for high grass during these tough times. Mayor Jiampetti stated if anyone is having difficulties cutting the grass due to these tough times to contact her. Mrs. Jiampetti stated there are many churches in the City that are always asking to help residents in need. Nanette Galloway, 349 Buffalo Avenue asked for an update on the Peace Pilgrim Statue. Council Pres. Lello stated he would reach out to the artist to check on the status of the statue. Reed Cramer 137 Chicago Avenue stated he felt the City needed a Chief of Police no a Public Safety Director.

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