

January 21, 2021

The Remote Executive Session of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 5:30pm with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council President Joseph Ricci, Jr. opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Mattia Brown, Steve Dash, Donna Heist, Robin Sefton, Karl Timbers, Mason Wright, Scott Trythall and Ingrid Nieves Clark.

Council President Ricci called the meeting to order and made the following announcement:

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:

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Council President Ricci also stated due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements, the meeting is being conducted via Zoom and conference call. The meeting is also being recorded to air on the Egg Harbor City website ad Channel 97.

Council Pres. Ricci stated it was necessary to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual negotiations.

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Trythall and carried Resolution #28-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #28-2021
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Wright and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned.

City Attorney Angela Costigan stated in Executive Session potential contract negotiations.

The Remote Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00pm with Mayor Jiampetti present.

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Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Sefton and carried, the December 17, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Council President Ricci asked if anyone from the public had any comment on any item on the agenda. Nanette Galloway 349 Buffalo Avenue had questions regarding the ordinance on the agenda. Ms. Galloway questioned the stop sign at Arago street and New York Avenue. Ms Galloway stated there are two New York Avenues in that area and asked which New York Avenue would have stop sign. The City Attorney stated the ordinance would be revised to reflect which New York Avenue would have the stop sign.
Mayor Report:

Mayor Jiampetti asked Candace Negron to speak about the Rutgers Grant the EHC Coalition for Safe Community recently received. Candace Negron stated the grant was for \$50,000.00. Ms. Negron talked about different uses for the money. Ms. Negron stated they are going to use some of the grant money to build a greenhouse. Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #29-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #29-2021

AUTHORIZE THE EHC COALITON FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY TO USE
RUTGERS GRANT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT A GREENHOUSE

Ms. Negron also discussed possibly using some of the grant money to put a fence up by the playground at Claudius Street and London Avenue. Nanette Galloway 349 Buffalo Avenue asked if the grant funds could be used to purchase trash can for the EHC residents. After discussion and deliberation Council agreed this was something to look into. Mayor Jiampetti brought up the EHC Green Team and suggested reestablishing the green Team Advisory Committee. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Brown and carried, Resolution #30-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #30-2021

UPDATING GREEN TEAM

Committee Chair Reports:

Property, Parks and Playgrounds Chair Donna Heist stated a new paddle boat is being purchased for the lake. Councilwoman Heist suggested purchasing disposable trays to put in the grills at the lake. Councilwoman Heist stated the committee is looking to develop an ordinance for the use of Kerns Field. Councilwoman Heist stated the sheds at Kerns Field are in bad shape and has been speaking to the Superintendent of Public Works Keith Adams about getting them repaired.

Council President Ricci stated the Redevelopment Committee recently met to discuss the Tower Site and the Neighborhood's at Cedar Creek and the possibility of DR Horton building more homes. Council Pres. Ricci stated there is a add on resolution on tonight's agenda regarding making Energime University the Conditional Redeveloper of the Tower Sire Redevelopment Area.

Councilman Dash read the 4th Quarter Report for 2020 for the Construction and Code Enforcement Department.

Director of Public Safety Report: Director of Public Safety Mark Emmer gave an update on the EHCPD. Mr. Emmer stated he spoke to EHC resident Mary Campbell regarding a recent incident she experienced. Mr. Emmer stated, Ms. Campbell stated she was assaulted by a bicyclist while walking on Philadelphia Avenue. City Clerk Meg Steeb stated she emailed all of Council the letter that Mary Campbell dropped off today at City Hall. Councilman Wright stated Ocean City fines people who ride their bikes on the sidewalks. Mayor Jiampetti suggested allowing people to walk their bikes only on the sidewalks. After discussion and deliberation, Councilman Trythall, the Safety Committee Chair stated he would set up a committee meeting to discuss what the city could do to prevent future incidents like the one Ms. Campbell experienced. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated he would send Councilman Trythall some sample ordinances from other municipalities.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: City Clerk Meg Steeb stated the EHC Municipal Land Use Board had their Reorganization meeting on January 19, 2021 and have appointed their professionals for 2021. Ms. Steeb stated the appointments must be authorized by resolution.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution 31-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #31-2021
APPOINTING THE 2021 ATTORNEY FOR THE
EHC MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #32-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timber-yes,Trythall-abstain,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #32-2021
APPOINTING THE ENGINEER FOR THE
EHC MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Wright and carried by roll call vote, Resolution #33-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-abstain,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #33-2021
APPOINTING THE PLANNER FOR THE
EHC MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD 2021

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. Ms. Costigan spoke on the add on resolution designating Energime University the Conditional Redeveloper for the Tower site Redevelopment Area and authorizing entry into a MOU and

negotiation of a Redevelopment Agreement and agreement of Sale. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #24-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Browns-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-abstain,Trythall-no,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #34-2021

DESIGNATING ENERGIME UNIVERSITY AS CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR THE TOWER SITE REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND THE NEGOTIATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT OF SALE

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on the Wawa Project and other projects in the City. Council Pres. Ricci stated Bremen Avenue between the WHP and Atlantic Avenue on the EHC side of the road is in terrible condition. Council members agreed that something needed to be done immediately. Mayor Jiampetti and City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on why Bremen Avenue was in that condition in that location. Mr. McGowan stated the NJDOT is going to reconfigure the entire intersection at WHP and Bremen Avenue. Mr. McGowan stated he will get a cost estimate to repair temporarily until the road work is completed by NJDOT. Mr. McGowan stated he will also ask the contractor, who is doing the road work on WHP in that area, if they could put some patch in temporarily.

Mayor Jiampetti stated she would like to appoint Mark Emmer as the EHC Public Safety Director for an additional six (6) months. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #35-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #35-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH MARK EMMER AS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR SIX MONTHS UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #36-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #36-2020
EXTENDING FFCRA BENEFITS

Upon notion of Sefton, seconded by Heist and carried, Resolution #37-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #37-2021
2021 MUNICIPAL AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL AGREEMENT

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #38-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-ye,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #38-2021
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY 2ND QUARTER TAXES
1706 LONDON AVENUE

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #39-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #39-2021
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY 2ND QUARTER TAXES
1702 LIVERPOOL AVENUE

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #1-2021
AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR PART ii
GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 259, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE
II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Clark and carried(Timbers abstained), Ordinance #1-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Sefton and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on January 27, 2021 for a Public Hearing on February 11, 2021.
(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-abstain,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci-yes)

Upon motion of Sefton, 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,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Clark-yes,Ricci)

Public Comment: N/A

Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the Wawa Project.

Councilman Wright gave an update on the Crusaders. Wright stated all the Crusader sports are suffering right now due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Mayor Jiampetti stated she thought the City should revisit outdoor basket and Councilman Wright agreed.

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