

February 11, 2021

The Remote and Partial in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00pm with Mayor Jiampetti (in person) present. Council President Ricci (in person) opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Mattia Brown (remote), Steve Dash (remote), Robin Sefton (in person), Karl Timbers (remote), Scott Trythall (remote), Mason Wright (in person), and Ingrid Nieves Clark (remote). (Not present Donna Heist)

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:

1. Advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Egg Harbor City Hall Bulletin Board.
2. Advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Egg Harbor City Website.
3. Advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Hammonton Gazette, the News, the AC Press and the Current.

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

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Sefton and carried, the January 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting Minutes and the January 21, 2021 were approved.

Council President Ricci asked if anyone from the public had any comment on any item on the agenda and there was no comment from the public.

Presentation: Michael Troncone of Consulting & Municipal Engineers gave an update on the Cedar Creek/EHC Lake Pedestrian Connection.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jiampetti thanked Mr. Troncone for his presentation and stated she is looking for to the Bike Path in EHC.

Council Committee Chair Reports: Councilman Trythall thanked the EHC Fire Department for the mutual aid they provided in a recent fire in Pleasantville. Trythall gave an update on a recent Safety Committee meeting. Trythall stated the committee was updated on the status of COVID vaccines for first responders and the PPE equipment for police and fire. Trythall stated the Fire Department recently received a AFG grant for air packs and should be receiving them in the next month. Trythall stated the Safety Committee is still doing research on the ordinance for bicycles riding on sidewalks and he will report back at a future meeting. Councilman Wright stated there was a Utility Committee meeting held this week with the Superintendent of Public Works, Keith Adams. Wright stated the Committee went over a few of Mr. Adams concerns regarding the sale of the water plant.

Director of Public Safety Report: Director of Public Safety Mark Emmer gave an update on the EHCPD. Emmer stated there will be another police officer graduating from the academy in April.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: City Clerk Meg Steeb stated the County has installed a drop box outside City Hall for mail in ballots. Ms. Steeb stated the City received a grant from the County to have cameras installed which allowed for the drop box to be installed at no cost to the City. Ms. Steeb stated the Egg Harbor City Municipal Building is now an approved drop off location for mail in ballots for future elections.

Engineer Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan explained why #14 on tonight's agenda (enter into an Agreement of Sale with NJAW for the sale of the Water and Wastewater Assests) should be tabled until the March 11, 2021 Council meeting. Mr. McGowan explained that Ordinance #2 should be adopted prior to the resolution being approved, after discussion and deliberation with the City Attorney, Angela Costigan, Ms. Costigan agreed the resolution should be tabled until March 11, 2021.

Mr. McGowan stated he was contacted by a developer named Patty Hydock, regarding three (3) individual lots, that are on a dirt section of Diesterweg Street. Mr. McGowan stated the developer is asking if she can build houses on the lots without improving the street. Mr. McGowan stated the City ordinance requires off-tract improvements such as roadway paving. Mr. McGowan stated these are typical requirements for lots that front dirt roads. Mayor Jiampetti stated she is not against new homes being built, but stated the City has never waived these requirements in the past. Mayor Jiampetti stated the City has lost developers in the past due to the requirement of street improvements, and if we start waiving these requirements, we will never see road improvements by developers. Mayor Jiampetti stated the City has no plans to improve Diesterweg Street at this time.

Councilman Wright stated developers are aware municipalities require off-tract improvements. Councilman Timbers asked if this request should be heard by the land use board. Mr. McGowan stated since it is only three (3) individual lots, it is not considered a major development, and would not go before the land use board. Mr. McGowan stated more than three (3) lots is considered a major development, and would go before the land use board for approvals. Councilman Dash asked if these types of requests were ever approved in the past and Mr. McGowan stated not that he is aware of. Councilman Trythall asked to table this discussion until the Council had more information. Councilman Ricci stated he will turn the request of the developer over to the Finance/Redevelopment Committee for discussion. Mr. McGowan gave an update on the solar project.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried, #14 on tonight's agenda was tabled. The resolution will be placed on the March 11th agenda for approval.

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #2-2021

GRANTING CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO NEW JERSEY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO FURNISH POTABLE WATER AND WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE IN THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR CITY, NEW JERSEY

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried, Ordinance #2-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Sefton and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on February 17, 2021 for a Public Hearing on March 11, 2021.

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Sefton and carried, Resolution #40-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #40-2021
SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF FEASIBILITY FOR A SHARED
MUNICIPAL COURT

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Brown and carried, Resolution #41-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #41-2021
APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Trythall and carried, Resolution #42-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #42-2021
UPDATE BANK SIGNERS – CITY ACCOUNTS

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried, Resolution #43-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #43-2021
UPDATE BANK SIGNER – TTL ACCOUNT

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Mason and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #44-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #44-2021
RELEASE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE

Upon notion of Sefton, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #45-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #45-2021
SEWER CREDIT REFUND - 215 BOSTON AVENUE

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #46-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Sefton-abstain,Timbers-yes,Trythall-ye,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #46-2021
SEWER CREDIT REFUND-400 PHILDAELPHIA AVENUE

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #47-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #47-2021
SEWER CREDIT REFUND-1706 LONDON AVENUE

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #3-2021
UPDATE MASTER PLAN-SPECIAL EMERGENCY

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Trythall and carried, Ordinance #3-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Clark and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on February 17, 2021 for a Public Hearing on February 25, 2021.

Public Hearing:

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

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #1-2021, the motion was seconded by Dash and carried. Council Pres. Ricci 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 Wright and carried. Timbers asked if it could be added to the ordinance, that the City Engineer reviewed the "Traffic Study" submitted by the Director of Public Safety and the City Engineer agrees that there are safety concerns and the new ordinance falls in line with the state statutes. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated the Director of Public Safety submitted the "Traffic Study" and he is permitted to do so per statute. Ms. Costigan stated the "Traffic Study" was submitted last year and it is not necessary or appropriate to add the City Engineers review to the ordinance. Ms. Costigan stated she did take Ms. Galloways advice and added to the ordinance, the New York Avenue Easterly Side. Ms. Costigan thanked Ms. Galloway for her input. Council Pres. Ricci asked if there were any further questions or concerns and there was none. Upon motion of Trythall seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #1-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on February 17, 2021.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-abstain,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

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

Mayor Comments: N/A

Council Comments: Dash thanked the City Engineer Ryan McGowan, Keith Adams and the others for all their hard work in getting the information to Council regarding the sale of the water plant. Dash stated selling the water plant is not an easy decision and it was helpful having more data to look at. Trythall stated he agreed with Dash and he also wanted to commend the EHCPD for all their improvements.

Public Comment: Nanette Galloway of 349 Buffalo Avenue asked the City Engineer if the solar project he mentioned earlier his report, at the train station parking lot area, could be done as a community project, where low to moderate income residents could share in a discount on their bill. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated he was not sure, but he didn't think the projects could be combined. Mr. McGowan stated he was trying to get

the City solar needs met first. Ms. Galloway stated she received a document from Sustainable New Jersey regarding "Community Solar" and she would forward it to the City Engineer. Teamsters 331 President Marcus King stated the current contract with the City has expired. Mr. King stated he sent the proposed new contract to the CFO, Jodi Kahn. Mr. King asked what the City was going to do about the employees impacted by the sale of the water plant. Trythall stated he has had discussions with Keith Adams regarding the impacted employees. Mr. King asked for a meeting with the City and Council Pres. Ricci stated a meeting would be set up with the appropriate committee. Kim Hesse of 236 New Orleans stated she had a question on the resolution authorized for a shared County-Wide shared municipal court system. Ms. Hesse asked how it would work, since we are already joined with another court. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated this is a feasibility study conducted by Atlantic County and hopefully all questions, like this, will be answered in the study.

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