May 13, 2021

The Remote and Partial in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00pm with Mayor Jiampetti present. Council Pres. Joseph Ricci, Jr.(in person)opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Mattia Brown(remote), Ingrid Clark(in person), Steve Dash(in person), Donna Heist(in person),Robin Sefton(in person), Karl Timbers(in person), Scott Trythall(in person) and Mason Wright(remote).

Council Pres. 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 Pres. 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 Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried, the April 22, 2021 minutes were approved.

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

Mayor Presentation: Mayor Jiampetti presented "Certificate of Achievements" to the following:

Natasha Collier
John Rupp
Teamsters Local #331 Marcus King and Erica Rassman
Kim and Rich Hesse

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHC Fire Department was the recipient of a $2000.00 grant from American Water. Mayor Jiampetti thanked the County and Erin Hyfen for the Clean Up at Gloucester Landing. Mayor Jiampetti stated there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at the EHC Cemetery on May 31st. Mayor Jiampetti stated Chef Andrea will be returning to Lincoln Park soon to give out food. Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the EHC Lake and stated the two grants on tonight's agenda are seeking funds for improvements to the Lake and campground.

Committee Chair Reports: Councilwoman Heist gave an update on Property and Parks and Playgrounds. Pres. Ricci gave an update on the Teamsters contract and stated the Redevelopment Committee will meet soon. Councilwoman Heist gave and update on Highway, Parks and Playgrounds, DPW and the EHC Lake. Egg Harbor City resident Nanette Galloway stated she was against a dog park in PPP. Ms. Galloway stated at dog park at PPP would be bad for storm water. Egg Harbor City resident Kim Hesse also thought a dog park at PPP was not a good idea.

Director of Public Safety Report: PSD Mark Emmer gave an update on the EHCPD.
CFO Report: EHCCFO Jodi Kahn read her CFO Report. Ms. Kahn stated she had an add on resolution and explained the resolution. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #77-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes0

RESOLUTION #77-2021

PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND UPDATE OF THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATON PLAN

City Clerk Report: City Clerk Meg Steeb stated the Atlantic County Ballot Box at City Hall is now open and the County checks the box for ballots on a daily basis.
City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan stated she was asked to review EHC Charter and she discussed her findings and made recommendations to the Governing Body. EHC resident Mike Jiampetti expressed his concerns over why this was being discussed. After discussion and deliberation, the City Attorney recommended the City form a committee of Mayor, Council Members and the public to discuss the different forms of government and report back to the Governing Body.
Engineer Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on projects in the City. Mr. McGowan gave an update on the City's Solar initiative.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #78-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #78-2021

AUTHORZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A 15 YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL ENERY PARTNERS

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #79-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #79-2021

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #80-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #80-2021

AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #81-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Calrk-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #81-2021
APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO NJDCA FOR LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT 2021

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #82-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #82-2021
APPROVE APPLICATION TO NJDEP FOR NEW JERSEY URBAN PARKS GRANT

NPP Grant Coordinator Phil Sartorio gave an update on the NPP Gant.
Upon motion Trythall, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #83-2021, attached hereto and made a part these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-no.Trythall-no,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #83-2021
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR THE YEAR 2 NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried, resolution #84-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #84-2021
PERSON TO PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Introduce Ordinance:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE #6-2021
CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF EGG HARBOR CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSSEY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $30,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried, Ordinance #6-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Clark, seconded by Trythall and carried, the Notice of Introduction of Ordinance #6-2021 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on May 19, 2021 for a Public Hearing on May 27, 2021.

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

Mayor and Council Comments:

Mayor Jiampetti stated the Fireworks at the EHC lake will be on July 17, 2021 and the Foot Truck Festival on Philadelphia Avenue is scheduled for August 14, 2021. Mayor Jiampetti stated THERE IS AN arT Work and Poetry Contest going on right now in EHC. The Art Work and Poetry of the students of Charles L. Spragg School and CCHS are on display in the Council Room at City Hall. Mayor Jiampetti encouraged everyone to come in a view the work and vote. Councilman Dash thanked the EHC employees for their hard work.

Students have their art work on display at City Hall.

Councilman Trythall gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccine.

Public Comment:

Mike Jiampetti 208 New Orleans Avenue asked why the form of government in EHC is being discussed. EHC Attorney Angela Costigan stated she was asked to look into it by several Council members. Councilman Trythall stated he had asked about the City's form of government. Egg Harbor City resident Mike Jiampetti expressed his concerns over questioning the City's form of government and why this was happening now. Former Mayor Joe Kuehner, Jr. 802 Campe Street called in remotely and explained what form of government he thought the City was operating under. Councilwoman Brown stated she has been asked by residents about the City's form of government. Rich Hesse 236 New Orleans Avenue stated he didn't understand why the form of government of EHC was being discussed. Nanette Galloway 349 Buffalo Avenue stated she thought nine members of Council was too many and thought a committee to look into the form of governments, should be a committee of the people. Ms. Galloway stated the Log Cabin on Philadelphia Avenue is finished and the Green Team is working on a rain barrel to place at the log cabin. Ms. Galloway mentioned the grading on Hay Road. Ms. Galloway questioned why the City was applying for two grants for the EHC Lake Campground area. City Engineer Ryan McGowan explained the two grants. Ms. Galloway stated the City should look into a pickle ball court. EHC resident Stefania Kuehner had questions on road reconstruction in EHC. City Engineer Ryan McGowan addressed the questions. Ms. Kuehner questioned the conditions on a property on the 200 block of Cincinnati Avenue. Councilman Dash stated EHC Code Enforcement is addressing the property. Kim Hesse 236 New Orleans Avenue asked about the subdivision on New Orleans Avenue. City Engineer Ryan McGowan explained the subdivision location. Tracey Mulherin of 314 Arago expressed her appreciation for the NPP Grant.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Meg Steeb/City Clerk, RMC