

January 20, 2022

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lisa Jampetti present. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Mattia Brown, Steve Dash, Donna Heist, Kim Hesse, Robin Sefton and Karl Timbers.(Not present Scott Trythall and Mason Wright)

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

Council Pres. Ricci stated it was necessary for Common Council to hold an Executive Session at this time to discuss personnel matters. Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried, Resolution #28-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #28-2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried, Executive Session was adjourned. City Attorney Angela Costigan stated in Executive session Mayor and Council were updated on the City’s Layoff Plan submitted to New Jersey Civil Service Commission in August of 2021.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried, the December 15, 2021 “Special Meeting” minutes and the January 5, 2022 Reorganization meeting minutes were approved.

Council Pres. Ricci asked if there was any comment from the public on anything on the agenda. Nanette Galloway Buffalo Avenue asked for the NJ Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program Resolution be explained, and EHC CFO Jodi Kahn explained the resolution.

Mayor Presentation: Mayor Jampetti presented trophy’s and gift certificates to the winners of the 2021 Holiday Light Display Contest.

Mayor Jampetti gave a presentation on Strategic Planning in Egg Harbor City.
Mayor Report: Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the Wawa project in EHC. Mayor Jampetti stated she met with Hector Taverez to discuss bringing a PAL to EHC. Mayor Jampetti stated also in attendance at this meeting was Councilwoman Hesse, a representative of Key Rec, Candance Negron and the EHC Police Chief Aylwin. Mayor Jampetti stated Mr. Taverez would like to come to the February 24, 2022 Council meeting to address Council and the public regarding an EHC PAL.

Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHC Coalition for a Safe Community will be bringing a wrestling program to EHC Community School. Mayor Jiampetti stated the EHC Bowling Alley was sold. Mayor Jiampetti stated two new homes are going to be built on two City owned lots that were recently sold by George Frick. Mayor Jiampetti asked Council to consider adding a report by the Superintendent of Public Works to the Council Agenda, and Council agreed to add the report to the agenda.

The NPP Grant Coordinator, Candace Negron gave an update on the NPP Grant Program.

Committee Chair Reports: Councilman Timbers gave an update on the EHC Land Use Board and Eyren Hafen. Councilman Dash read the Code/Building Department Report. Dash stated there are 741 residential rental units registered in the City. Council Pres. Ricci stated he will be setting up a Finance Committee meeting, and he encouraged the other Committee Chairs to do the same with their committees. Councilman Trythall and Councilwoman Brow stated they will be setting up meeting in the near future.

Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police Marcell Aylwin gave an update on the EHCPD. Chief Aylwin mentioned a letter sent to the City from a resident regarding excessive speeding. Chief Aylwin stated the issue is being addressed.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan gave an update on Energime and the sale of the EHC Water Treatment Facility.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in the City. McGowan spoke on the possible need for waivers to be issued for Retail Cannabis on the WHP in the Lincoln Park area. McGowan stated you can not issue a blanket waiver, waivers to be considered in the retail commercial area of Lincoln Park must be on a site by site application basis.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #29-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #29-2022

AUTHORIZE THE LABOR COUSEL TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION OF ITS LAY OFF PLAN FROM CIVIL SERVICE

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #30-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #30-2022

SUPPORT DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #31-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #31-2022

**HIRE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT ASSISTANT
HANNAH HANSELMAN - \$2000.00 YEAR**

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #32-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #32-2022

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #33-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #33-2022

AUTHORIZING ACCUMULATED ABSENSE-TANYA HANCOCK

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #34-2022, attached here to and made a part of these minutes was approve.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #34-2022

AUTHORIZING REFUND LAKE DEPOSIT & EXCESS ELECTRIC REIMBERSEMENT

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #35-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #35-2022

AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Heist and carried, Resolution #36-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #36-2022

REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY 4TH QUARTER TAXES

Upon motion to Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #37-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #37-3033

APPOINTING THE ATTORNEY FOR THE EHC MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD YEAR 2022

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #38-2022, attached here to and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #38-2022

APPOINTING THE ENGINEER FOR THE EHC LAND USE BOARD YEAR 2022

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #39-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #39-2022
APPOINTING THE PLANNER FOR THE
EHC MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD YEAR 2022

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Sefton 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,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

Mayor and Council Comments:

Council Pres. Ricci stated he was looking forward to 2022, and hoped all of Council would work together. Mayor and Council thanked the Public Works Department. Public Comment: Gary Haes, 251 Havana Avenue thanked Public Works on the job they do cutting the grass at Key Rec. Markus King 331 Teamsters President spoke on the City's Lay Off Plan, asked the City to consider making title changes with certain employees and to consider compensating City employees with monies from the American Recovery Act. Tracey Mulherin, Arago Street asked why the City had different professionals for the EHC Land Use Board. City Attorney Costigan stated the professionals are mandated by statute for these positions. Nanette Galloway stated she agrees with the City creating a strategic plan. Ms. Galloway stated the City needs a vision for the future. Ms. Galloway encourage people to join the City's Green Team.

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