

April 7, 2022

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jampetti present. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Steve Dash, Donna Heist, Kim Hesse, Robin Sefton, Karl Timbers, Scott Trythall and Mason Wright.(Not present Mattia Brown)

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.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Timbers and carried, the March 24, 2022 Council meeting minutes were approved.

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

Dominic Brankin and Jim Casis of EHT urged Mayor and Council to consider supporting the resolution on the agenda regarding “Expressing Opposition to any Legislation that Infringes Upon an Individual’s Second Amendment Rights”.

Presentation: Steve Fiedler, the Coordinator of Friends Along the Mullica Project and Chairman of the Galloway Township Environmental Commission presented the “Collaboration Award” to Mayor Lisa Jampetti. Mr. Fiedler recognized EHC residents Richard Colby, Rick Dovey and Hazel Muller who are active in protecting and preserving the Mullica River Watershed.

Mayor Report: Mayor Jampetti mentioned tonight was EHC Tax Assessor Bill Johnson’s last day working for EHC, and thanked him for his 15 years of service to EHC. Mayor Jampetti spoke on agenda item #23, a resolution urging the swift passage of S-330/A3804, which restores the Energy Tax Receipts to Municipalities. Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the Bike Path. Mayor Jampetti stated Galloway Twp. will be having a RUK at the EHC Lake on June 11th, 2022. Mayor Jampetti stated OHS has requested to hold their senior picnic at the EHC Lake on June 13th, with a rain date of June 14th. Dash made a motion to approve the request, the motion was seconded by wright and carried.

Mayor Jampetti stated the county approved the City’s request for a pedestrian crosswalk at Philadelphia Avenue and Diesterweg Street as part of the City’s plans for a public walking route included in the Mayors Wellness Initiative. Mayor Jampetti stated the Rotary Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00am in Rotary Park.

Committee Chair Reports: Council Pres. Ricci gave an update on Finance and Re Development, specifically the ACME and Tower Site. Councilman Dash read the quarterly report for Code Enforcement/Building Department. Councilman Wright read

the Utility Report. Councilwoman Hesse gave an update on the Rotary, the Nature Trail, Sustainable EHC and the EHC Garden Club.

Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police Marcell Aylwin gave an update on the EHCPD.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan gave an update on agenda items.

Engineer's Report: The City Engineer gave an update on project in the City.

Supervisor of Public Works Report: N/A

Motion to Approve: Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Wright and carried, approval was given for Emmanuel Church to close 4th Terrace for an event on April 9th from 8:00am-2:00pm.

Council Pres. Ricci stated the Comcast public hearing has been postponed until the May 12th Council meeting.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #76-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #76-2022

AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND PROCUREMENT
OFFERS FOR REAL PROPERTY

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #77-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #77-2022

RESCIND RESOLUTION #143-2021 SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF THE VACANT ABANDONED PROPERTY ORDINANCE IN
THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #78-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #78-2022

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH
ANTONIO ROMAN-FIRE HOUSE PUB & GRILL

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #79-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #79-2022

RESOLUTION TO HIRE N EMPLOYEE-TAX ASSESSOR-MICHAEL STOCKLOS

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #80-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #80-2022

AWARD EHC LAKE CONCESSION STAND FOR 2022 SUMMER SEASON

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #81-2022, attached here to and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-ys,Wright-yes,Rcci-yes)

RESOLUTION #81-2022

REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES-452 LONDON AVENUE

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Trythall and carried, Resolution #82-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #82-2022

TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Sefton and carried, Resolution #83-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #83-2022

URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-330/A3804 WHICH SHAL RESTORE THE ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Heist and carried, Resolution #84-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #84-2022

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR STREAM CLEAN UP

City Attorney Angela Costigan stated EHC resident Nanette Galloway sent an email to Mayor and Council opposing the resolution expressing opposition to any legislation that infringes upon an individual's second amendment rights, a copy of Ms. Galloways email is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Trythall and carried, Resolution #85-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-No,Trythall-yes,Wright-No,Ricci-yes)(Five (5) Yes/Two (2)No)

RESOLUTION #85-2022

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ANY LEGISLATION THAT INFRINGES UPON AN INDIVIDUAL'S SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Trythall and carried, Resolution #86-2022, attached hereto and made apart of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #86-2022

SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF A STATE LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESS BY MARY'S TREE MARKET, LLC

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Trythall and carried, Resolution #87-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #87-2022

SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF A STATE LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESS JERZEY GROWN LLC

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #2-2022

AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR CHAPTER 259 AND
ADDING SECTION 17 PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS, K-TURNS AND U-
TURNS ACROSS DOUBLE YELLOW LINES INTO PARKING PLACES ON
PHILADELPHIA AVENUE

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2-2022, the motion was seconded by Wright 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. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #2-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted, and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on April 13, 2022. (Dash-yes, Heist-yes, Hesse-yes, Timbers-yes, Trythall-yes, Wright-yes, Ricci-yes)

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #3-2022

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF
EGG HARBOR ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND
LANDLORD RENTAL RESPONSIBILITY" BY CREATING CHAPTER 267
ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #3-2022, the motion was seconded by Heist 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 Hesse and carried. Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #3-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on April 12, 2022.

ORDINANCE #4-2022

AMENDING CHAPTER 170 OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Trythall and carried, Ordinance #4-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Wright, seconded Hesse and carried, the Notice of Introduction of Ordinance #4-2022 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette for a Public Hearing on April 7, 2022.

Trythall made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #4-2022, the motion was seconded by carried. Council Pres. Ricci asked if there was any public comment and there was no public comment. Mayor Lisa Jampetti of 208 New Orleans Avenue spoke out against the ordinance. Mayor Jampetti stated the city currently has approximately 744 rental units, and should not be encouraging people to rent their properties. Mayor

Jiampetti stated she has spoken to Mayors of other municipalities who have similar ordinance on their books, and they are not happy with the ordinance. Mayor Jiampetti stated the ordinance would cause a burden to the EHC Police and Code Enforcement Departments. Mayor Jiampetti stated the “Short Term Rentals” should not be regulated, the City can ban “Short Term Rentals” in the City. Hesse and Dash spoke out against the ordinance. After discussion and deliberation, Mayor and council decided to vote on the ordinance as written. Upon motion of Trythall, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #4-2022, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was NOT adopted.(Dash-no,Heist-Abstain,Hesse-no,Timbers-no,Trythall-no,Wright-no,Ricci-yes)(Four(4)-No,One(1)-Abstain,One(1)Yes)

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

Council Comments: Mayor Jiampett reminded everyone about the Clean Up Day on May 7th. Mayor and Council wished everyone a Happy Easter. Mayor and Council expressed their condolences to Ed Dennis and family. Wright gave an update on the EHC Crusaders.

Public Comment: N/A

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