

January 18, 2024

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jampetti present. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Ingrid Nieves-Clark, Steve Dash, Nanette Galloway, Donna Heist, Kim Hesse, and Karl Timbers.(Mason Wright and Attianese were not present)

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 President Ricci stated 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, Channel 97 and Facebook.

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

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Heist and carried, the December 14, 2023 Council meeting minutes and January 4, 2024 Re Organization Minutes were approved.

Mayor Presentation: Mayor Jampetti announced the winners of the 2023 Holiday Light Display Contest. Mayor Jampetti presented the winners and honorable mentions in attendance with trophy's, and gift certificates.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jampetti asked Council to consider keeping the old water plant building. Mayor Jampetti stated currently the building is being used for storage. Councilwoman Galloway was in favor of saving the building. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated he will bring more information back to Council at a future meeting. Mayor Jampetti also asked Council to consider replacing the “Welcome to Egg Harbor City” sign at the west end of the City. The Mayor stated the sign is in poor condition. Mayor and Council agreed the sign needed to be replaced, and also agreed the “Welcome to Egg Harbor City” sign at the east end of the City should also be replaced. City Engineer McGowan stated the signs should stay in place. McGowan suggested painting the signs for now, until Council decides what they want to do with the signs. Mayor Jampetti stated the Bike Path is further delayed.

Committee Chair Reports: Council Pres. Ricci gave an update on the Finance and Redevelopment Committees and the Building and Code Enforcement Committee. Councilwoman Heist stated a new employee started in the Public Works Department. Councilwoman Hesse gave an update on the Rotary. Councilwoman Galloway gave an update on Sustainable EHC.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Aylwin gave an update on the EHCPD. Councilwoman Hesse had questions regarding training for the EHCPD Detective. Chief Aylwin answered Hesse questions regarding training.

CFO Report: EHC Jodi Kahn stated the new audio in the Council Room should be operating by the next meeting.

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan explained four (4) of the resolutions on the agenda.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in the City.

Council Pres. Ricci stated he heard from the Teamsters earlier today regarding something that was taken out of the new contract. Council Pres Ricci stated article 14.10 was removed from the contract. Mr. Ricci stated article 14.10 was for Utility Department Standby Pay. Council Pres. Ricci stated there is no longer a Utility Department, so therefore article 14.10 was removed. Council Pres. Ricci stated if something needs to be added later, it can be done as a Memorandum of Agreement.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Galloway and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #29-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-no,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #29-2023
APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR
2024-2026 TEAMSTERS CONTRACT

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Galloway and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #30-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-no,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #30-2024
APPROVING ENTERING INTO A COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT
WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL #331 FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024
TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK
TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Galloway and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #31-2024 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-abstain)

RESOLUTION #31-2023
APPROVING ACCUMULATED ABSENCE

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #32-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #32-2024
BUDGET TRANSFERS

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #33-2024 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #33-2024
AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC AUCTION-1100 DUERER STREET

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #34-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #34-2024

ACCEPTING THE FINAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #35-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #35-2024

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE BPU COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #36-2024, attached hereto and made a part of minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #36-2023

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NJDCA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PICKLEBALL COURTS ON BUFFALO AVENUE

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #37-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #37-2024

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR (“CITY”)AND ATLANTIC MOTION PICTURE STUDIOS LLC AND JONATHAN SACHAR (“REDEVELOPER”)

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #38-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #38-2024

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EXECUTE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWER SITE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON BEHALF OF ATLANTIC MOTION PICTURE STUDIOS LLC AND JONATHAN SACHAR

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #39-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #39-2024

AUTHORIZING ATHE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR REGARDING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FLASHING SIGNAL EQUIPMEENT

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #40-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #40-2024

REFUND \$7500.00 ESCROW DEPOSIT-1602 PIKE S LLC

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #41-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #41-2024

REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES-2777 GREEN BANK ROAD-\$\$11,208.00

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried, Resolution #42-2024 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #42-2024

PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER-RECONFIGURATION/EXPANSION OF LICENSED PREMISIES-SHORE BEVERAGE INC-LICENSE #0107-44-009-005

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

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the City's Strategic Planning initiative. Mayor and Council thanked the EHCDPW and the EHCPD for their efforts in the recent storm.

Public Comment: Bob Wolcott of 336 San Francisco Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Wolcott thanked the City for the House Lighting Contest and recognizing his house.

Public Comment: N/A

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