

February 8, 2024

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30pm with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Kasey Attianese, Ingrid Nieves-Clark, Steve Dash, Nanette Galloway, Donna Heist, Kim Hesse, and Mason Wright. (Karl Timbers was 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 stated Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried, Resolution #43-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #43-2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Wright and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned.

City Attorney Angela Costigan stated in Executive Session Mayor and Council were updated on potential litigation.

Councilman Karl Timbers was present for the regular scheduled Council meeting.

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

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Heist and carried, the January 18, 2024 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Presentation: Mayor Jiampetti recognized recently retired Egg Harbor City Employees Chet Wescoat and Sergeant Jennifer Hurley. Mayor and Council thanked them for their service to Egg Harbor City.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jiampetti stated there will be a Food Drive at City Hall on February 14th from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Mayor Jiampetti spoke on the CCHS Swim Teams success.

Committee Chair Reports: Council Pres. Ricci gave an update on the Redevelopment Committee and the Building and Code Enforcement Committee. Councilwoman Clark stated there will be an Ordinance Committee meeting on February 12, 2024.

Councilwoman Galloway gave an update on Sustainable EHC.

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

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan stated the bid opening for the Demolition of Weisbeckers was held today, and all bids came in over budget. Council will need to reject the bids.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan was not present at the meeting due to a death in his family.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #44-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #44-2024
BUDGET TRANSFERS

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #45-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #45-2024
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 Galloway, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #46-2024 attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #46-2024
AWARD CONTRACT TO HORIZON DENTAL WITH INCREASED
INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL MAXIMUM

Upon motion of Heist alloway, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #47-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #47-2024
ESTABLISH BUILDING DEPARTMENT CHANGE FUND

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #48-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #48-2024
FORMALLY REJECTING THE BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF WEISBECKER
CLEANERS-135 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #49-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #49-2024
ADOPT GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #50-2024, attached hereto and made a part of minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #50-2024
AUTHORIZE CITY ENGINEER TO ATTEND A PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #51-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #51-2024
REFUND OF PROPERTY 2ND QUARTER TAXES DUE TO
100% DISABLED VETERAN STATUS

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #52-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #52-2024
SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF A STATE LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESS
BY NICE DREAMS LLC

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #1-2024
AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR CHAPTER
159 AND ADDING ARTICLE V TITLED TRAFFIC CONTROLS FOR STREET AND
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Galloway and carried, Ordinance #1-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried, the Notice of Introduction of Ordinance #1-2024 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on February 14, 2024 for a Public Hearing on February 22, 2024.

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

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor and Council spoke on how proud they were of former CCHS Student Bo Melton for playing in the NFL. Mayor and Council

congratulated Chet Wescoat and Jennifer Hurley on their retirement and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Councilwoman Clark gave an update on the Crusaders. Councilwoman Galloway mentioned the new audio upgrades in the Council Room and stated Comcast paid for the upgrades.

Public Comment: Tracey Mulherin 314 Arago Street thanked Mayor and Council for all their hard work, and pursuing the new audio upgrades. Erica Rassmann the Vice President of Teamsters #331 came before Mayor and Council and thanked them for working with Teamsters #331 on the new contract. Thomas Ottombrino and Edward Lynn came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Ottombrino stated Mr. Lynn and himself represent Nice Dreams LLC. Mr. Ottombrino stated they are looking to open a cannabis retail business at 402 White Horse Pike. Mr. Ottombrino stated the City Clerk has made him aware that the City only allows one retail license in the Highway Commercial Zone, and that there are two (2) applicants ahead of him in the process. Mr. Ottombrino stated he looked forward to working with the City to develop their business. Glen Forman the owner of 402 White Horse Pike came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Forman gave an update on the status of 402 White Horse Pike and stated the building should be demolished soon. Ben Risley 2058 Liverpool Avenue came before Mayor and Council and expressed his concern with the EHC Lake Campground Management operation. Kuldip Vikani, the owner of Med Leaf Inc., 201 Philadelphia Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Vikani asked Mayor and Council to consider allowing a dedicated parking spot for his business. Mr. Vikani also asked Council to consider allowing him to open another business such as a lounge. Council Pres. Ricci asked Mr. Vikani to put his request in writing to the City Clerk. John Kulin the owner of High Grass Farms, LLC, 1520 Moss Mill Road came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Kulin stated he is a member of the New Jersey Cannabis Trade Association, and as a member there is a tool kit with a lot of valuable information in it. Mr. Kulin stated there is growing concerns with Delta 8 THC, which is being sold around the area at convenient stores and gas stations. Mr. Kulin stated if Council would like him to share the information in the tool kit regarding safeguarding the City against the growing issues with Delta 8 THC, he would be happy to do so at a future meeting.

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