

June 22, 2023

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jampetti 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, Karl Timbers and Mason Wright.(Timbers arrived at the meeting after all resolutions were voted on, Wright and Heist were not present)

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 and the Press.

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

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Attianese and carried, the June 8, 2023 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jampetti stated Brandon Duran, the son of past Councilwoman Ina Duran, who recently passed away, contacted the City regarding using Lincoln Park for a memorial service for his mother on June 24, 2023 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Mr. Duran asked if the City could waive the \$350.00 fee for use of facilities for Lincoln Park. Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #119-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #119-2023

WAIVE FEE FOR USE OF LINCOLN PARK FOR A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR  
PAST COUNCILWOMAN INA DURAN

Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the billing transition since New Jersey American Water purchased the EHC Water Treatment Facility.

Mayor and Council expressed their condolences to the Duran Family for the recent passing of Ina Duran.

Committee Chair Reports: Attianese gave the EHC Lake report. Hesse gave an update on the Rotary, and stated the Rotary needs members. Galloway gave an update on the EHC Sustainable, and spoke on a new letter which will be funded by a grant. Galloway stated the news letter will be monthly.

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 gave an update on the ordinance on the agenda for Public Hearing. Ms. Costigan spoke on a recent Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Costigan stated at the meeting there was discussion on trash pick-up for commercial properties, Tower Site Property, World Class Flowers Parking Lot Lease, Teamsters Contract and the recent shooting at Beacon Hall on Saint Louis Avenue. Ms. Costigan stated the Resolution on tonight's agenda to extend the World Class Flower Parking Lot Lease was being tabled.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in EHC. Topics discussed were Washington Avenue paving, solar, New Orleans Subdivision and the Tower Site. Hesse asked when Ordinance #12-2023, on tonight's agenda is adopted, who will update Council on progress of the Tower Site Development. Jen Heller of Polistina & Assoc, the EHC Planner, explained the process, and stated this is the beginning step. The Tower Site Project will go back to the EHC LUB. Galloway asked who will be handling the legal work, and Costigan stated she would be handling the legal work. Galloway asked who was cheaper, the Re Development Attorney or the City Attorney, and Costigan stated she was cheaper.

McGowan stated he would like to add a resolution to tonight's agenda. McGowan stated the resolution would be for approval to submit a grant application to the NJDOT for the reconstruction of the 400/500 Blocks of Buffalo Avenue. Galloway asked how much would the City receive, and McGowan stated in the past the City has received from 270,000.00 to 290,000.00. McGowan stated that amount would cover not quite two blocks and that is with scaling back. McGowan stated 10 years ago the amount would cover a full reconstruction of two blocks with sidewalks.

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #120-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-ys,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

**RESOLUTION #120-2023**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
CONTRACT WITH NJDOT FOR MA-2024  
RECONSTRUCTION OF BUFFALO AVENUE - 00263**

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #121-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

**RESOLUTION #121-2023**

**HIRE PART-TIME FINANCE ASSISTANT**

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #122-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

**RESOLUTION #122-2023**

**RENEW CONTRACT FOR THE DISPATCH AND 911 SERVICES**

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #123-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #123-2023  
RENEW CONTRACT FOR POLICE IT SERVICES

Upon motion of Clark, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #124-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes, Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #124-2023  
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO LEAD GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #125-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #125-2023  
SEWER CREDIT – 502 HAMBURG AVENUE

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #126-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #126-2023  
PERSON TO PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Attianese and carried, Resolution #127-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #127-2023  
RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Councilman Timbers arrived late to the meeting. Timbers stated he is in favor of all resolutions on tonight's agenda, and he would like the record to reflect his approval of all resolutions.

Introduce Ordinance

ORDINANCE #13-2023  
APPROPRIATING \$940,000.00 FROM THE UTILITY FUND FOR THE  
COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF  
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE CITY

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Dash and carried, Ordinance #13-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Clark and carried, the Notice of Introduction of Ordinance #13-2023 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on June 28, 2023 for a Public Hearing on July 13, 2023.

## Public Hearing

### ORDINANCE #12-2023 AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TOWER SITE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dash made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #12-2023, the motion was seconded by Attianese and carried. Council Pres. Ricci asked anyone from the public had comment and there was none. Attianese made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Clark and carried. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #12-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted, and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on June 28, 2023.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

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

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor and Council gave their condolences to the Duran Family for the recent passing of Ina Duran, thanked the EHCPD for their handling of the incident at Beacon Hall on St. Louis Avenue, wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and thanked the Wimberg Foundation for their generous donation to the EHC Crusaders. Clark and Attianese gave an update on the EHC Crusaders.

Public Comment: Laura Ebert, 240 Chicago Avenue expressed concerns over the recent shooting in EHC at Beacon Hall on St. Louis Avenue. Ms. Ebert stated she does not feel safe. Ms. Ebert stated the resident's safety should be taken into consideration. Ms. Ebert stated Beacon Hall does not have a CO. Stefania Kuehner, 459 Chicago Avenue expressed her concerns over the shooting at Beacon Hall. Ms. Kuehner stated Beacon Hall has more police calls than any other business. Ms. Kuehner stated they do not have a CO, and insisted Council bring Beacon Hall up to code. Ms. Kuehner did not feel all the burden should not be on the EHCPD. Ms. Kuehner stated the Tax Payers of EHC have no benefit from Beacon Hall. Ms. Kuehner stated Beacon Hall should follow all laws and rules. Mayor Jiampetti stated residents need to call the police dispatch and report their complaints. Mayor Jiampetti stated last year she handed out a letter to residents with the number for dispatch and explained how the excessive use of service ordinance works. Ms. Kuehner recommended Beacon Hall be required to hire private security. Ms. Kuehner also expressed her condolences for the Duran Family. Ms. Kuehner stated Ina Duran was a teacher in EHC for many years. Sandra Perna, 601 Cincinnati Avenue stated the EHCPD can only do so much. Ms. Perna stated Council needs to do more. Ms. Perna stated residents should not have to deal with the violence. Ms. Perna stated there were never any problems with the past owner, and felt Beacon Hall should be held accountable. Councilman Dash thanked the residents who have

spoke about Beacon Hall. Dash stated he too hears the noise from Beacon Hall. Dash stated Council has been discussing the situation, and are looking into what can be done to address the CO. Dash stated he is just as concerned as the other residents. Mayor Jiampetti stated Council was told on Thursday before the shooting at Beacon Hall that their CO had expired.

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