

August 10, 2023

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, August 10, 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, Steve Dash, Nanette Galloway, Donna Heist, and Kim Hesse. (Not present were Clark, Timbers and 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 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.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Attianese and carried, the July 13, 2023 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation: Lloyd Humphrey a representative of MS City to Shire Ride 2023 came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Humphrey spoke on the 2023 bike ride, and thanked Egg Harbor City for supporting the ride every year. Councilwoman Galloway asked for the route through EHC, and the City Clerk stated she would send the route to the Governing Body. Councilwoman Hesse inquired about electric bikes, and if volunteers were needed. Mr. Humphrey spoke briefly on electric bikes and also stated volunteers are always needed.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jampetti stated the Citywide Yard Sale and EHC Spaghetti dinner were a success, and also stated the NJAW dedicated the EHC Water Treatment Facility to former Councilman Ed Dennis on August 5, 2023. Mayor Jampetti gave an update on the Forman property that was destroyed in a fire a couple years ago. Mayor Jampetti stated the EHC Lake Olympics and the EHC Food Truck Festival are on August 12, 2023.

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan stated the EHC Police Chief is on vacation. Ms. Costigan read a statement from the Chief Aylwin regarding the recent fire arm incident on July 20, 2023 in EHC. Ms. Costigan went over the two ordinance introductions on the agenda.

Committee Chair Reports: Dash read the Code and Building Department Report. Dash also explained the permit requirements for pools in EHC. Dash asked residents to work together, and help their neighbors. Attianese gave an update on the EHC Crusaders and EHC School Board. Mayor Jampetti gave an update on Utility. Hesse gave an update on Rotary. Galloway gave an update on EHC Sustainable and the City Newsletter.

Chief of Police Report: N/A

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: The City Clerk stated at the last Council meeting, Council approved the request from the Champion House to use Lincoln Park on August 26, 2023 for Community Outreach and fellowship. Ms. Steeb stated the Champion House needed to change the date to September 16, 2023. Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Galloway and carried, the date change was approved.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in EHC. Some of the topics discussed were New Orleans Avenue Subdivision and NJAW infrastructure upgrades. Councilwoman Galloway asked where the money for the cameras will be allocated, now that the NPP Grant will pay for the cameras. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated the money will be reassigned. Mr. McGowan stated the streetsweeper came in higher than anticipated, and some of the money will go to the streetsweeper.

Motion to Approve: Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Heist and carried, the Bike MS City to Shore 2023 was approved.

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #139-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #139-2023

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #140-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #140-2023

100% DISABLED VETERAN

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #141-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #141-2023

100% DISABLED VETERAN

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #142-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #142-2023

RENEWING A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #143-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #143-2023

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING ROCK SALT THROUGH A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #144-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #144-2023
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF MERCANTILE LICENSE

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #145-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #145-2023
ESTABLISH CHANGE FUND

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #146-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #146-2023
SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF A STATE LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESS BY SHYAM PATEL DBA SOCIAL DISPENSARY

Upon motion of Galloway, seconded by Attianese and carried, Resolution #147-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.

RESOLUTION #147-2023
RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #14-2023
AMENDING CHAPTER 213.3 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Attianese and carried, Ordinance #12-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on August 16, 2023 for a Public Hearing on August 24, 2023.

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #15-2023
AMENDING CHAPTER 198, TITLED PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, ARTICLE I, TITLED CITY LAKE PARK, SECTION 16.1 TITLED PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Upon motion of dash, seconded by Heist and carried, Ordinance #15-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Attianese and carried, the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on August 16, 2023 for a Public Hearing on August 24, 2023.

Public Hearing

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

Dash made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #13-2023, the motion was seconded by Heist 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 Heist and carried. Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #13-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted, and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on August 16, 2023.(Attianese-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Ricci-yes)

Upon motion of Attianese, 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,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,.Ricci-yes)

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Jiampetti asked if the resolutions for 100% disabled veterans could be changed. Mayor Jiampetti stated she did not feel the name, address and block and lot of the owner should be listed in the resolution for safety and confidentiality reasons. Council members, and the City Attorney Costigan stated yes the resolutions could be changed. Mayor and Council expressed their condolences to Councilwoman Clark in the recent passing of her grandfather. Galloway spoke on how the EHC Lake Olympic began in EHC. Council Pres. Ricci stated he 100% supports the Mayor and EHC Police Chief Aylwin in the handling of the fire arm incident on July 20, 2023 in EHC. City Attorney Costigan was asked to read the EHC Chief of Police's statement again regarding the fire arm incident on July 20, 2023 in EHC.

Public Comment: Mary Anne Rogers, 606 Philadelphia Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Ms. Rogers expressed her concerns over the shooting on July 20, 2023. Ms. Rogers did not feel enough information is being giving to the public. Ms. Rogers asked for a police blotter to be included in the newsletter. Councilwoman Galloway stated she is not going to include a police blotter in the newsletter. Ms. Galloway stated police blotters only tell you when the people are arrested, not how the case ends up. Ms. Galloway stated she will not include a police blotter in the newsletter, unless Council instructs her to, but she will not be the one to prepare it. Galloway stated someone else will need to prepare it, and follow the case. Ms. Rogers stated there needs to be more transparency when crimes are committed in Egg Harbor City. Janetlynn Polo 1606 Liverpool Avenue, Egg Harbor City was on Zoom. Ms. Polo expressed her concerns over the handling of the shooting on July 20, 2023. Ms. Polo felt a shelter in place call should have gone out to the public.

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