

August 24, 2023

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council Pro Temp Heist opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Kasey Attianese, Ingrid Nieves Clerk(remote), Steve Dash, Nanette Galloway, Kim Hesse, Karl Timbers and Mason Wright.(Not present Council President Ricci)

Council Pro Temp Heist 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 Pro Temp Heist 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 Timbers, seconded by Heist and carried, the August 10, 2023 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jiampetti stated the Olympics at the Lake and the Food Truck Festival were a success. Mayor Jiampetti spoke on the need to raise some fees in the Building/Code Enforcement Department. Dash asked the City Attorney to reach out to Code Enforcement Officer Steve Hadley to discuss.

Committee Chair Reports: Heist gave an update on Public Works. Attianese gave an update on the EHC Schools, and read the EHC Lake Report. Galloway gave an update on the EHC Green Team, and asked Council to consider hiring an arborist for \$2500.00 to write the 4th Community Forestry Plan. CFO Jodi Kahn asked Council to hold off on authorizing until a future meeting in order to find a funding source. Dash stated he has met with the EHC Police Chief to discuss ways the PD could assist Code Enforcement. Hesse gave an update on the Rotary.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Aylwin gave an update on the EHCPD. Chief Aylwin stated she stands behind her decision in the handling of the firearm incident on 7/20/23.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: The City Clerk stated at the EHCEDC would like to change the date of the Fall Family Festival from October 14th to October 21, 2023. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Attianese and carried, the date change was approved.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan explained the change order on tonight's agenda. McGowan stated a home was recently constructed at 401 Boston Avenue. McGowan stated the permit was open for about two years and no one in the building office ever notified the builder that sidewalks would be required. McGowan stated the builder was a few days away from closing out all his permits and on the sale of the house, when he got the call for a grading final inspection. McGowan stated at this time he realized that the builder should have installed sidewalks by ordinance. McGowan stated after discussions it was determined it was not fair to the builder to delay closing to

install \$20,000.00 worth of sidewalks. McGowan stated the builder thought his obligations on the project were complete. McGowan stated only City Council has the power to waive the sidewalk requirements, and the property has been holding a TCO. Mayor Jiampetti stated she would recommend waiving the requirement due to the fact that there are no sidewalks on that side of the street. McGowan stated there are some very large trees that would need to be removed and the removal of the trees could cause a low stop which could cause flooding. After discussion and deliberation, upon motion of Wright, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #148-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-no,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yesWright-yes)

RESOLUTION #148-2023
WAIVE INSTALLATION OF CURB AND SIDEWALK
401 BOSTON AVENUE

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #149-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timberes-yes,Wright-yes)

RESOLUTION #149-2023
CHANGE ORDER #1-ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC.
NJDOT FY2021 RECONSTRUCTION OF CHICAGO AVENUE \$1,064.48

CFO Jodi Kahn stated a contract is not being approved. The resolution is to approve certain vendors on the State Contract for purchasing fencing in the future.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #150-2023, 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)

RESOLUTION #150-2023
AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT
VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:11-12a

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #151-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Tibmers-yes,Wright-yes)

RESOLUTION #151-2023
3RD QUARTER TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN STATUS

Public Hearing

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

Wright made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #14-2023, the motion was seconded by Galloway and carried. Council Pro Temp Heist asked if anyone from the public had comment, and there was none. Dash made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Wright and carried. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #14-2023, 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 30, 2023.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes)

Public Hearing

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

Hesse made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #15-2023, the motion was seconded by Attianese and carried. Council Pro Temp Heist asked if anyone from the Public had comment. Galloway asked if the map of the trails could be put on the screen. Galloway pointed out what gate would be open for the hunters, and also mentioned new signage will be posted on the trails. Hesse made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Wright and carried. Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #15-2023, 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 30, 2023.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes)

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Timbers 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)

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Jiampetti thanked the EHCEDC and all those who participated in the EHC Food Truck Festival. Councilwoman Hesse stated she ran for Council because she is passionate about code. Hesse stated she felt the Code Committee should play a more active role in the Code Enforcement Department. Dash thanked the City Employees for their hard work. Wright gave an update of CCHS Sports and the EHC Crusaders. Attianese gave an update on the EHC Lake. Galloway stated the City needs to upgrade the equipment used for videoing the meetings. Galloway stated Comcast committed to giving the City \$12,000.00 for this purpose, and the money has not yet been received due to a delay with the BPU. Galloway stated Council should approved upgrading the room now, and not wait for the money from Comcast. City Attorney Costigan stated the City should be receiving the money soon from Comcast. CFO Jodi Kahn stated she has already started getting prices for the equipment. Dash stated all of Council agrees with transparency, and asked Jodi to continue looking into purchasing the equipment needed. Galloway stated she believes a lot of the Code Enforcement issues in the City are trash related. The Governing Body discussed ways to improve the Code Enforcement Department. Timbers gave an update on the EHCLUB. Timbers stated the Abundant Life Worship Center in EHC will be giving out school supplies on August 25th and 26th.

Public Comment: Tracey Mulherin, 314 Arago Street asked for an update on the Bike Path. Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the Bike Path.

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