#### September 14, 2023

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council Pres Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Ingrid Nieves Clark, Steve Dash, Nanette Galloway, Kim Hesse, Karl Timbers and Mason Wright.(Not present were Attianese and Heist)

Council Pres. Ricci stated the meeting has been properly advertised and posted in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

Council Pres. 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 Wright, seconded by Timers and carried, the August 24, 2023 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jiampetti stated birdhouses were installed in Peace Pilgrim Park by Jackson Senn. Mr. Senn installed the birdhouses as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Mayor Jiampetti stated she would like to recognize Jackson Senn at an upcoming Council meeting. Mayor Jiampetti stated Jake from Triad contacted her regarding more funding being available for ADA projects, and after discussion Mayor and Council agreed City Hall would be a good location for ADA improvements. Mayor Jiampetti expressed her condolences in the recent passing of Tom Messina. Mayor Jiampetti spoke on Tom Messina's accolades. A moment of silence was held to recognize the passing of Tom Messina. Mayor Jiampetti read the final 2023 lake report. Mayor Jiampetti stated High Grass received their final approvals from the Pinelands. Dr. Kulin, owner of High Grass gave an update on the project. Mayor Jiampetti stated she met with a State Contractor who installs pickleball courts at the Buffalo Avenue tennis courts to discuss the installation of pickleball courts. Mayor Jiampetti stated also in attendance at this meeting were EHC CFO Jodi Kahn, Council Pres. Ricci and Butch Kienzle.

Committee Chair Reports: Council Pres. Ricci stated certain employees were interested in donating sick time to a fellow employee. Council Pres. Ricci stated the Teamsters Contract does not address a sick pool, and the Teamsters Contract would need to be amended to allow for donating sick time. Ricci stated a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) would be needed to amend the Teamsters contract, and the MOA would expire on December 31, 2023, along with the current contract. Ricci stated if the Teamsters want something in the new contract in regards to a sick pool, it can be negotiated in the new contract. Ricci stated the only employees who can donate to the sick pool are the employees covered in the Teamsters contract. After discussion and deliberation, upon motion of Dash, seconded by Galloway and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #152-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

#### **RESOLUTION #152-2023**

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH TEAMSTERS #331

Councilman Dash gave an update on the EHC Code Enforcement and Building Department. Council Pres. Ricci stated in the absence of Councilwoman Attianese, he will give a Parks and Playgrounds Committee Report. Council Pres. Ricci stated the

fountain and gazebo in Lincoln Park have been damaged. Councilman Ricci stated the fountain will not be replaced, and due to the ongoing vandalism, there has been discussion on removing the gazebo. Council Pres. Ricci stated discussions included possibly replacing the gazebo with a memorial. Councilwoman Galloway stated the next Sustainable EHC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Councilwoman Clark gave an update on the EHC Schools. Councilwoman Hesse gave an update on the Rotary.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Aylwin gave an update on the EHCPD. Chief Aylin stated members of the PBA would like to be able to contribute to the Teamster employee's sick pool. City Attorney Costigan stated she will look into allowing the PBA to cross over to the Teamster sick pool.

CFO Report: CFO Jodi Kahn state she has received quotes for the new Street Sweeper. Kahn stated the quotes have come in above budget, and she will send the quotes out to Council.

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan spoke on the Vacant Foreclosed Home Registry System. Costigan explained the previous company hired by ACIA went bankrupt. ACIA has secured a new company to administer the Vacant Foreclosed Home Registry System. Ms. Costigan stated she recommends the Governing Body authorize the Shared Service Agreement with the ACIA with the new company. Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #153-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

**RESOLUTION #153-2023** 

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ATLANTIC COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE VACANT FORECLOSED HOME REGISTRY SYSTEM WITH HERA PROPERTY REGISTRY LLC.

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in the City. McGowan gave an update on the Stormwater Management Infrastructure repair on 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace between Beethoven and Buerger Streets. McGowan stated he would like Council's permission to solicit quotes for the necessary repairs. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #154-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

**RESOLUTION #154-2023** 

AUTHORIZE THE CITY ENGINEER TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS RESIDENT CONCERNS ABOUT STORMWATER RUNOFF IN 3<sup>RD</sup> TERRACE BETWEEN BEETHOVEN AND BERGER STREETS

Motion to Approve: Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Clark and carried, approval was given for Macedonia Baptist Church to use Lincoln Park on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am-2:00pm for Community Outreach and Fellowship.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #155-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yesWright-yes,Ricci-yes)

## **RESOLUTION #155-2023**

### 100% DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CASE #2023-05

Upon motion of Clark, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #156-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timberes-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #156-2023

CHAPTER 159 NPP ARP GRANT-\$238,668.00

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #157-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #157-2023 CHAPTER 159 NPP YEAR 3 GRANT-\$125,000.00

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #158-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

## RESOLUTION #158-2023 AUTHORIZE DEMOLITIONCONTRACT AWARD WEISBECKER BUILDING-135 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #159-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

## RESOLUTION #159-2023 AMEND FEES-THE EHC LAKE PARK

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #160-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-recused,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #160-2023

# A RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN OPPOSING THE SUGGESTION TO UTILIZE THE ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A SHELTER SPACE FOR MIGRANTS

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

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Jiampetti and Council expressed their sympathy for the passing of Tom Messina. Dash stated he attended the recent NPP meeting, and

thanked Karen Adams. Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Clark gave an update on the EHC Crusaders. Council Pres. Ricci commented on the recent Crusaders Football game. Ricci stated it was good to see ambulance and police presence at the game. Councilman Wright thanked the EHC DPW for working the game. Wright stated it made a big difference. Councilman Ricci stated the City will be meeting soon with the PBA and Teamsters for contract negotiations. Councilman Timbers commented on the migrant issue facing the County. Timbers stated the County cannot support the migrants, who are school aged children, and he felt the Atlantic City Airport is not a good location.

Public Comment: Richard Lamkin asked for an update on the 400 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated at tonight's meeting Council gave authorization to solicit quotes for the construction of stormwater management infrastructure to address the concerns about stormwater runoff in the 300 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace. Ben Risley of 2558 Liverpool Avenue came before Mayor and Council. Risley asked for an update on the Tower Site. Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on the Tower Site. Risley asked if there was any updated information on the Atlantic County Economic Alliance (ACEA). Ms. Steeb stated the ACEA has sent out upcoming meeting notices, and she has set the meeting notices to the Governing Body. Risley stated he thought the City should require landlords to provide their tenants with proper trash cans and trash enclosures. Risley also suggested the City hold a debate for the candidates running for Common Council. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Clark and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Meg Steeb/City Clerk, RMC