

October 17, 2024

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00pm. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Kasey Attianese, Ingrid Clark, Steve Dash, Donna Heist, Karl Timbers, and Mason Wright. (Mayor Lisa Jiampetti, Nanette Galloway and Kim Hesse were 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 and the AC Press.

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.

Council Pres. Ricci asked if there was any comment from the public on any agenda item. Bill Stumpf of Tuckerton, the Co-Chair of Surf Rider Foundation spoke in favor of Ordinance #12-2024 on the agenda. Mike Jasiecki of Margate via zoom, also spoke in favor of Ordinance 12-2024.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Attianese and carried, the September 19, 2024 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Committee Reports: Council Pres. Ricci gave an update on Finance and Code Enforcement. Council Pres. Ricci stated there have been several meetings regarding the Superintendent of Public Works contract and the PBA contract. Ricci stated Code Enforcement is running great.

Heist gave an update on DPW. Attianese gave an update on the Property, Parks and Playgrounds Committee and EHCBOE. Timbers gave an update on the EHCLUB. Council President Ricci asked about a 3rd retail cannabis license being discussed at the land use board. Timbers stated the City Ordinance states there is a possibility for additional retail cannabis licenses in areas in Re Development Zones. Timbers stated these requests would come before Council. City Engineer Ryan McGowan stated the developer will be approaching Council. Council Pres. Ricci stated no one on the dias know knew about it. Heist stated others of come to Council requesting a third license and have been turned away.

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

CFO Report: N/A

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on ongoing projects in the City.

City Attorney Report: Costigan updated Council on the add on resolution, Keith Adams agreement/contract, Construction Safety Ordinance, lawsuit regarding Harborfields, 1400 WHP litigation and the Hammonton Court.

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Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #153-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #153-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH KEITH ADAMS**

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Attianese and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #154-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #154-2024

WAIVE RENTAL FEE AND CLEANING FEE FOR USE OF LINCOLN PARK

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #155-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #155-2024

**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2024 EHC LAKE CONCESSION STAND
OPERATORS SECURITY AND EXCESS ELECTRIC DEPOSIT**

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #156-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #156-2024

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS
40A:4-87-LEAFING OUT MANAGEMENT GRANT**

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #157-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Heist-yes,Dash-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #157-2024

**AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COMPLETE A TREE
INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT SERVICE**

Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #158-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #158-2024

100% DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #12-2024

**REPEALING THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 178-9
CONSTRUCTION SITES AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 178-9 TITLED SAFE
CONSTRUCTION WORKSITES WITHIN THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR**

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Clark and carried, Ordinance #12-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Timbers, seconded by Wright and carried, the Notice of Introduction of Ordinance #12-2024 will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on October 23, 2024 for a Public Hearing on November 21, 2024.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Clark 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, Heist-yes, Timers-yes, Wright-yes, Ricci-yes)

Mayor and Council Comments: Council wished everyone a Happy Halloween and encouraged everyone to be safe while Trick or Treating. Dash asked residents to keep their porch lights on for police safety. Wright, Attianese, Clark Timbers and Ricci gave an update on EHC Crusaders. Timbers mentioned the Melton brothers, past CCHS students, playing in the NFL and expressed concerns over car break ins.

Public Comment: Ben Risley of Liverpool Avenue stated the Mayor stated the City was moving forward with an additional cannabis retail license at the last EHCLUB meeting and he was not happy about it. Kuldip Vikani, the owner of Med Leaf 200 Philadelphia Avenue stated he was not happy about a 3rd retail cannabis license. Kuldip stated he was told there would only be two (2) cannabis retail licenses in the City for five (5) years. Kuldip stated it is costing him a lot of money in taxes and utilities. Council Pres. Ricci stated Council, Engineer, Clerk or City Attorney knows anything about a third retail cannabis license.

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