

October 14, 2021

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jiampetti present. Council Pro Temp Donna Heist opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Mattia Brown, Ingrid Nieves-Clark, Steve Dash, Robin Sefton, Karl Timbers, Scott Trythall and Mason Wright.(Joseph Ricci, Jr. not present)

Council Pro Temp Donna 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, the News, the AC Press and the Current.

Council Pro Temp Heist also stated due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements, 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 ad Channel 97.

Council Pro Temp Heist asked if anyone from the public had any comment on any item on the agenda and there was no comment from the Public. The following members of the public spoke on concerns they have with Ordinance #13-2021 on tonight’s agenda for a public hearing.

Stefania Kuehner, Chicago Avenue

Kim Hesse, New Orleans Avenue

Nanette Galloway, Buffalo Avenue

Mike Jiampetti, 208 New Orleans Avenue

After discussion and deliberation, Dash made a motion to table the Ordinance #14-2021, the motion was seconded by Sefton and carried. Mayor and Council agreed to schedule a “Special” Council meeting to discuss “Short Term Rentals” further.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Brown and carried, the September 23, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor’s Presentation: Mayor Jiampetti gave the Oath of Office to the following Egg Harbor City Police Officer’s.

Dalton Rosenberger

Justin Cantz

Mayor Jiampetti gave the Oath of Office to Marcella Aylwin as Egg Harbor City Provisional Police Chief.

Councilman Mason Wright left the meeting and did not return.

Mayor Report: Mayor Jiampetti stated the City received a grant to plant and replace trees in Lincoln Park. Mayor Jiampett stated the City received a Bullet Proof Vest grant.

Mayor Jiampetti stated a fence was installed at the library on Philadelphia Avenue and the fence was paid for through the NPP Grant. Mayor Jiampetti stated she was happy to hear about several new businesses opening in EHC. Mayor Jiampetti mentioned Waldo’s, Family Dental and a hair salon. Mayor Jiampetti thanked CODI for the shredding’s they donated for the scarecrows on Philadelphia Avenue.

Committee Chair Reports: Councilwoman Heist stated there will be Highway Committee meeting on Monday, October 18th at 6:30pm. Councilman Dash read the quarterly Construction and Code Enforcement Report. Councilwoman Brown stated she will set up an Ordinance Committee meeting to discuss the “Frat Houses” in EHC.

Councilman Timbers gave an update on EHC Land Use Board and Eyren Hafen.

Director of Public Safety Report: N/A

CFO Report: Best Practice Discussion - CFO Jodi Kahn went over the Best Practice Inventory for EHC.

City Clerk Report: City Clerk Meg Steeb stated the City will need to update its flood damage and prevention ordinance within 180 days of 10/1/21. The NJDEP has a model ordinance on its website, it will need to be adjusted to be specific to the city. Ms. Steeb stated she will forward the information to the City Attorney for review.

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan explained the ordinances on tonight’s agenda.

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

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #167-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes)

RESOLUTION #167-2021

**AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EHC
CAMPGROUND MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Brown and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #168-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes)

RESOLUTION #168-2021

APPROVING EHC TOWING CONTRACTORS FOR 2022

Upon motion of Brown, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #169-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes)

RESOLUTION #169-2021

CHAPTER 159 – NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM - \$125,000.00

The next resolution on the agenda was tabled concerning awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for dam repairs at the EHC Lake. CFO Jodi Kahn stated the contractor did not accept the award.

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #170-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Timbers-yes)

RESOLUTION #170-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR
EMERGENCY WATER, SEWER & ROAD REPAIRS**

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Sefton and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #171-2021, attached here to and made a part of these minutes was approve.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes)

RESOLUTION #171-2021

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

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Trythall and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #172-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes)

RESOLUTION #172-2021

AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NAPA AUTO PARTS THROUGH SOURCEWELL

Introduce Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #15-2021

AMENDING CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODE OF EGG HARBOR City SHORT-TERM RENTAL

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Clark and carried, Ordinance #15-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was introduced and passed first reading. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Timbers and carried the Notice of Introduction will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on October 20, 2021 for a Public Hearing on November 18, 2021.

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Clark and carried, the Public Hearing on Ordinance #13-2021 was tabled.

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #14-2021

AMENDING CHAPTER 198-2021 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR (CITY LAKE)

Brown made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #14-2021, the motion was seconded by Trythall and carried. Council Pro Temp Heist asked if there was any public comment on Ordinance 14-2021 and there was none. Brown made a motion to close the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Clark and carried. Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #14-2021, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on October 20, 2021.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Timbers-yes,Trythall-yes)

Upon motion of Sefton, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, the Bill List attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Brown-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Sefton-yes,Trythall-yes,Timbers-yes)

Mayor and Council Comments:

Mayor and Council congratulated Marcella Aylwin on her promotion to Provisional Police Chief. Councilwoman Brown stated she thought the promotion of Marcella Aylwin to Provisional Police Chief was politically motivated. Councilwoman Heist stated the dedication of the “Expression Swings” in Rotary Park in memory of Jon Senn was held on October 11, 2021. Councilman Dash expressed his concerns with regulating “Short Term Rentals”. Councilman Trythall expressed concerns over the promotion of Marcella Aylwin to Provisional Police Chief. Trythall felt Aylwin should have been promoted to Lieutenant.

Public Comment: Mike Jiampetti, 208 New Orleans was upset with Council for not expressing there concerns with promoting Aylwin prior to a Council meeting. Stefania Kuehner, Chicago Avenue expressed her displeasure in the behavior of Council members. Ms. Kuehner stated the behavior is very unprofessional and embarrassing. Nanette Galloway, Buffalo Avenue congratulated Chief Alywin. Ms. Galloway spoke on Landing Creek off Clarks Landing Road and the newly installed trash cans. Ms. Galloway stated the tree at City Hall will be rep-laced next week. Ms Galloway stated there will be a new walkway installed in Peace Pilgrim Park. Ms. Gallowat asked for the status of the tree ordinance she requested. Heist asked her to forward the information to Councilwoman Brown who is the Chair of The Ordinance Committee.

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