

June 13, 2024

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7:00pm with Mayor Lisa Jampetti present. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Kasey Attianese(remotely), Nanette Galloway, Kim Hesse, Karl Timbers and Mason Wright.⁸(Not present were Clark, Dash and Heist)

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, and there was no comment.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Hesse and carried, the May 23, 2024 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation: Dr. Larider Ruffin came before Mayor and Council with his partner Westley Pamphile and Engineer Andy Shaffer. Dr. Ruffin presented his proposed development for the St. Nicholas School Property located at 525 St. Louis Avenue. Dr. Ruffin answered questions from Mayor and Council regarding the project. Mayor Jampetti suggested a meeting with residents in the area to explain the development to them. Councilwoman Hesse asked if there are similar developments in the area. Dr. Ruffin stated there is one in EHT and Galloway. Councilman Wright stated he lives across the street from the proposed project and has concerns. City Attorney informed Dr. Ruffin that his next step would be to go before the EHC Municipal Land Use Board. The Mayors Report: Mayor Jampetti stated the EHCDFD received a \$75,000.00 grant from American Rescue and the City received a \$78,000.00 grant for pickle ball courts. Mayor Jampetti stated the ADA playground equipment is being installed at the Kaboom playground on Buffalo Avenue. Mayor Jampetti stated Triad is beginning to work on a CBDG application due in the fall to focus on repair at the senior center and library. Mayor Jampetti stated County Executive Dennis Levinson sent a letter asking if the City was interested in participating in the Atlantic County Urban County CDBG funds. Mayor Jampetti asked City Engineer Ryan McGowan for a recommendation. Mr. McGowan stated he would recommend not participating. Mr. McGowan stated the amount of funding for Atlantic County Urban Country is \$350,000.0, and the City typically receives more by submitting on their own. Mayor Jampetti gave an update on upcoming events. Mayor Jampetti read the EHC Lake Report. Mayor Jampetti stated she has been contacted by several residents expressing their displeasure with the fee increase for picnic tables at the lake. Mayor Jampetti stated the residents feel the fees are too high, and as residents they should have a better price. Mayor Jampetti stated she

spoke to the City Attorney about the possibility of lowering the picnic table rental fee for residents if they book at City Hall Monday through Friday. Mayor Jiampetti stated the City Attorney felt it could be done however, it needs to be done by ordinance, and there are time constraints with an ordinance. City Attorney Costigan stated something can be done for residents and non-residents but, an ordinance takes two readings. Costigan stated this is something that should be looked into for next year. Mayor Jiampetti stated the City use to have resident and non-residents fees but it was stopped because the prices were so low. The Mayor stated the cost to operate the lake has greatly increased. Councilwoman Attianese stated Council met as a group to discuss safety at the lake and other things, and Council decided as a group to increase the prices. Attianese stated a residential rate is certainly something the City should look into. Councilwoman Hesse stated Council did not take increasing prices lightly at the lake. Hesse stated a study was done to determine what other recreational facilities in the area were charging, and tried to stay in line with what other facilities were charging. Mayor Jiampetti stated having too many pricing options is very hard on the lake staff, and the Aquatic Plan has to be constantly updated to cover any changes. Mayor Jiampetti asked Council to consider acting now on a residential rate for picnic table that are booked Monday thru Friday at City Hall. Mayor Jiampetti asked Council to consider having a special meeting. After discussion and deliberation, Council Pres. Ricci stated he didn't think that would be fair for those who have already paid the higher rate. Council Pres. Ricci stated if we acted now it would bring us into August with the new pricing. Council Pres. Ricci stated this is something that can be looked into for next year.

Committee Chair Reports: Council Pres. Ricci gave an update on Finance and Code Enforcement. Council Pres. Ricci stated a new PA system has been ordered for the lake. Wright asked for an update on the Key Rec fence. CFO Jodi Kahn stated she is getting quotes for the fence, and she will forward them to him. Council Pres. Ricci stated he received a request from the EHCEDC to lower the fire permit fee from \$74.00 to \$54.00 for the EHC Food Truck Festival on August 10, 2024. Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #112-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved. (Attianese-yes, Galloway-yes, Hesse-yes, Timbers-yes, Wright-yes, Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #112-2024

WAIVE INCREASE IN FIRE PERMIT FEE FOR INSPECTION OF FOOD TRUCKS FOR AUGUST 10, 2024

Councilwoman Hesse gave an update on the Rotary.

Councilwoman Galloway gave an update on Sustainable EHC.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Aylwin read the EHCPD Report.

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: N/A

Engineer's Report: City Engineer Ryan McGowan gave an update on on-going projects in the City. McGowan gave an update on Brownsfields Development Applications.

Councilwoman Hesse asked if the Weisbecker demolition could be funded by Brownsfields. McGowan stated that is still not clear. McGowan stated he would recommend the City move forward with the demolition of Weisbeckers, even without a Brownsfields designation. McGowan stated the goal of a Brownsfields designation is to

revitalize underutilized and under develop land that was once viable but is no longer due to contamination. McGowan explained what it means to have a Brownsfields designation. McGowan stated a proposal has been submitted by R & V, a copy of the proposal is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. McGowan asked if the City is committed to moving forward with the Brownsfields Development Applications. Mayor and Council agreed to move forward with the Brownsfields Development Applications. Hesse asked about two dead trees on the Wawa Site. McGowan stated the Wawa Developer posted a two-year maintenance bond, and will need fix any of the bonded site work before the maintenance bond can be released. Councilwoman Galloway asked McGowan to check on the date for the final inspection for the Wawa Site.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #113-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #113-2024

RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #114-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #114-2024

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LA-2025 MA RECONSTRUCTION OF CAMPE AND DIESTERWEG STREETS

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #115-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #115-2024

AUTHORIZE REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE FY2024 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID 400 AND 500 BLOCKS OF BUFFALO AVENUE

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #116-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Wright-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #116-2024

AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF 3rd TERRACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Upon motion of Timbers, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #117-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #117-2024

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC SALE USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Timbers and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #118-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #118-2024
ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO
BY THE SJPC FOR ELECTRICITY

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE #10-2024
AMENDING CHAPTER 89 TITLED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE III
TITLED LICENSES OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Wright made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #10-2024, the motion was seconded by Timbers and carried. Council Pres. Ricci asked if anyone from the public had comment, and there was no comment. Wright made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Hesse and carried. Upon motion of Attianese, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #10-2024, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was adopted, and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on June 19, 2024.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-no,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

Upon motion of Hesse, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, the Bill List attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Ricci-yes)

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor and Council congratulated the graduates of EHC Community School and Cedar Creek High School and thanked the EHCEDC for the Kick of Summer Event they held at the lake on June 1, 2024.

Public Comment: EHC resident Kiomi Fuentes came before Mayor and Council and expressed her unhappiness with the lake fee increases. Ms. Fuentes stated the lake is the only thing EHC has, and the high rates are causing people to go elsewhere. Ms. Fuentes feels there should be better rates for the residents of Egg Harbor City. Ms. Fuentes wanted action taking now to lower the fees at the lake. Ms. Fuentes stated she did not think this should wait until next year, there should be a special meeting held now to take-action.

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