

December 14, 2023

The Remote and in Person Regular Meeting of Common Council of Egg Harbor City was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:00pm with Mayor Jiampetti present. Council President Ricci opened the meeting and the following members of Council were present: Kasey Attianese(remotely), Ingrid Nieves Clark, Steve Dash, Nanette Galloway, Donna Heist, Kim Hesse, Karl Timbers and Mason Wright.

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

Council President 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 Heist, seconded by Wright and carried, the November 9, 2023 Council meeting minutes were approved.

Council President Ricci asked if anyone from the public had any comment on anything on the agenda, excluding the public hearings, and there was no comment.

Presentation: Mayor Jiampetti recognized Eagle Scout Jackson Senn for his Eagle Scout Project in Peace Pilgrim Park. Mayor Jiampetti stated Jackson Senn installed bird houses in Peace Pilgrim Park.

Mayor Jiampetti gave the Oath of Office to Egg Harbor City Police Officer Lucia Dudo.

Mayors Report: Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on High grass and MedLeaf. Mayor Jiampetti mentioned an application going before the EHC Land Use Board. Mayor Jiampetti stated the applicant met with the EHC Re Development Committee regarding bringing homes and luxury condominiums to the old St. Nicholas School site. Mayor Jiampetti asked Council to consider giving a letter of support to the applicant. The City Attorney and Engineer felt a letter from Council stating they are comfortable with the concept would be better. Mayor Jiampetti gave an update on events in the City.

Committee Chair Reports: Councilwoman Heist stated the new employee who was hired in the Public Works Department has accepted another job and his last day of employment with the city will be December 15, 2023. Heist stated the department will be hiring a new person to start work on December 27, 2023. Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #197-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #197-2023

HIRE EMPLOYEE-JACOB FICKEN

Councilwoman Hesse gave an update on the EHC Rotary.

Councilwoman Galloway gave an update on EHC Sustainable.

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

CFO Report: N/A

City Clerk Report: N/A

City Attorney Report: City Attorney Angela Costigan gave an update on the Tower Site Project. Costigan also spoke on the City's Master Plan and the need to work on updating the Master Plan.

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

Motion to Approved: Mason made a motion to approved the use of the EHC Lake for the Jersey Shore Council Boy Scouts of American Southern Shore Klondike Derby to be held on January 12th through January 14, 2024, the motion was seconded by Dash and carried.

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Galloway and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #198-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #198-2023
ACCEPTING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Clarke and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #199-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #199-2023
BUDGET TRANSFERS

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #200-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #200-2023
AMENDING THE SALARY RESOLUTION OF 2023

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #201-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #201-2023
UPDATE CHAPTER 48 RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #202-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #202-2023
100% DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CASE#2023-7

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #203-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #203-2023
RELEASE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE JC CUSTOM

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Clark and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #204-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Galloway-yes,Dash-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #204-2023
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #205-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #205-2023
FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGE IN TITLE TEXT, OR AMOUNT
OF APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO NJS40A:4-85

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #206-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #206-2023
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ADA PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,
INSTALLATION, AND SURFACING THROUGH A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
WITH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY

Karen Adams the NPP Grant Coordinator spoke on the need for the forklift for the NPP District.

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #207-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes was approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timber-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #207-2023
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF FORKLIFTFOR NPP DISTRICT

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #208-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #208-2023
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR PHILADELPHIA AVENUE
NPP DISTRICT

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Wright and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #209-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #209-2023

ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE SJPC FOR NATURAAL GAS

Upon motion of Dash, seconded by Hesse and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #210-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #210-2023

WAIVE INSTALLATION OF CURB AND SIDEWALK 2101 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE ON PHILADELPHIA AVENUE ONLY

Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Heist and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #211-2023, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes were approved.(Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #211-2023

SUPPORT FOR SUITABILITY OF A STATE LICNESED CANNABIS BUSINESS BY A GROW CULTURE LLC

Upon motion of Heist, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution #212-2023, 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,Ricci-yes)

RESOLUTION #212-2023

APPROVING EHC CITY TOWING CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR 2024

Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #17-2023

AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR AND ENACTING CHAPTER 269 TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM WATER SYSTEMS OPERATED BY THE CITY

Dash made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #17-2023, the motion was seconded by Wright and carried. Council Pres. Ricci asked if anyone from the public had comment, and there was no comment from the public. Wright made a motion to close the Public Hearing, the motion was seconded by Clark and carried. Upon motion of Wright, seconded by Dash and carried by a roll call vote, Ordinance #17-2023, attached hereto and made a part of this meeting was adopted, and the Notice of Adoption will be advertised in the Hammonton Gazette on December 20, 2023. (Attianese-yes,Clark-yes,Dash-yes,Galloway-yes,Heist-yes,Hesse-yes,Timbers-yes,Wright-yes,Ricci-yes)

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. (Atianese-yes, Clark-yes, Dash-yes, Galloway-yes, Heist-yes, Hesse-yes, Timbers-yes, Wright-yes, Ricci-yes)

Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor and Council wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Councilman Wright asked when the upgrades for Crusaders would begin, and Jodi Kahn gave an update on the Crusader upgrades. Councilman Wright was specifically concerned with the installation of a scoreboard at the football field. Councilman Timbers asked for an update on the audio upgrades for the Council Room. Jodi Kahn stated she is working on the upgrades, and they should be installed soon.

Public Comment: Ben Risley of 2058 Liverpool Avenue, Egg Harbor City came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Risley stated he did not agree with Council's decision to have the builder install concrete on Lessing Street. Mr. Risley stated he lives in the area, and stated there is currently no sidewalks in the area. Elaine Will of Galloway Twp. Came before Mayor and Council. Mrs. Will stated she owns a rental property in Egg Harbor City. Mrs. Will expressed her displeasure with the fees being charged for rental registration. Mrs. Will stated she feels she is being double billed. Mrs. Will distributed a spread sheet with the EHC Housing Permit/Inspection Fees and a copy of what was sent to her by the EHC Building Department, a copy is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. City Attorney Costigan explained the billing, and assured Mrs. Will that the billing is correct. Tom Conchado, 315 Franklin Road, Glassboro, NJ came before Mayor and Council. Mr. Conchado stated he is the owner of A Grow Culture LLC. Mr. Conchado thanked Council for the Resolution of Support and looked forward to working with the City in the future.

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