

**CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.**

**REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006**

**AGENDA**

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

ORD. NO. 3870 - Authorize an amendment to Ordinance No. 3668, relating to Rent Control, specifically to extend the expiration date to December 31, 2008.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 30, 2006, from the Business Administrator requesting the award of a contract to Dell Marketing L.P., One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX, 78682, for the purchase of one (1) Laptop Computer for the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$1,659.73.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 13, 2006, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to refund/credit an overbilling of taxes for the 2005 and 2006 Tax Years on the property located at 748-50 Newark Avenue for the total sum of \$2,593.36.

Which was received.

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Letter dated November 13, 2006, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to refund/credit an overbilling of taxes for the 2006 Tax Year on the property located at 417-29 Hetfield Avenue for the total sum of \$14,946.76.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 20, 2006, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to refund/credit an overbilling of taxes for the 2006 Tax Year on the property located at 85 Elmora Avenue for the total sum of \$672.52.

Which was received.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 5, 2006, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that there may be a need to amend the Fiscal Year 2007 Municipal Budget to insert, as Items of Revenue, various grants received.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 27, 2006, from the Director of Health and Human Services requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for FY 2007-2008 Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (H.O.P.W.A.) grant funding from the City of Newark, Department of Administration, Bureau of Research and Program Development for the continuation of the H.O.P.W.A. Program.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 27, 2006, from the Director of Health and Human Services requesting authorization for the proper City Officials to execute any and all documents necessary to accept Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (H.O.P.W.A.) grant funds from the City of Newark, Department of Administration, Bureau of Research and Program Development for the continuation of the H.O.P.W.A. Program in the amount of \$775,000.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Neighborhood Services requesting authorization to establish a lien on the property situated at 1122-1130 East Grand Street for the demolition of said premises in the amount of \$26,000.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 22, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting to amend the Owner Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan adopted on July 25, 2006, to Phyllis Morris, 223 Elm Court in the original amount of \$19,200.00 to make additional required repairs which had not been anticipated, increasing the loan amount by \$1,605.00, which increases the loan to \$21,805.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 27, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to enter into a grant agreement with Waters Edge, LLC, 201 Crosswicks Road, Bordentown, N.J., for \$839,942.00 in Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) funds for infrastructure improvements related to the HOPE VI project

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the Elizabeth Development Company, 288 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for FY 2006-2007 CDBG funds to continue development of the First Street Commercial Construction project and partner with the Elizabeth Presbyterian Center to develop a new state-of-the art facility at 184 First Street that will provide expanded childcare, youth and senior services to the Elizabethport community for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.  
Which was received.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with Literacy Volunteers of Union County, Inc., 201 Grove Street East, Westfield, N.J., for FY 2006-2007 CDBG funds to administer the "Literacy Now!" project for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$3,500.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 20, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc., 201 Grove Street East, Westfield, N.J., for FY 2006-2007 CDBG funds to provide a summer day camp program in the City of Elizabeth to support the "Be Your Best" program for the period August 31, 2006 to September 1, 2007, in the amount of \$8,000.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with Bris Avrohom E.S. L., Inc., 910 Salem Avenue, Hillside, N.J., for FY 2006-2007 CDBG funds to administer an English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) Program for the Russian community residing in the City of Elizabeth and for educational and recreational programs for low and moderate-income children for the period September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007, in the amount of \$16,000.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with Brand New Day, Inc., 176 First Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for FY 2006-2007 CDBG funds for an intensive mentoring and one-on-one counseling program for those individuals who have not been able to prequalify and/or purchase a home upon completion of the Financial Literacy and Homeownership classes offered for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$7,000.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc., 225 Long Avenue, Building 14, Hillside, N.J., for FY 2007 CDBG funds to administer the CPS Family Child Care Network for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 in the amount of \$4,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 4, 2006, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization for the renewal of the contract with Regional Industries, LLC, 800 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for the collection, hauling and disposal of garbage, trash and recyclable materials throughout the entire City, including the Housing Authority, all private and public schools and Board of Education buildings for a one (1) year period commencing January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 at a cost of \$3,653,757.33. Which was received.

### **PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

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Letter dated December 4, 2006, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization for the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School Program, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 20, 2006, from the Police Director requesting the establishment of handicapped parking spaces in front of the premises located at 859 Lafayette Street; 962 Meredith Avenue Apt #5; 111 Liberty Street; 754 Jefferson Avenue; 514 Marshall Street; 407 First Avenue; 521 Marshall Street; personalized parking spaces in front of the premises located at 960 W. Grand Street; 251 Marshall Street; 949 Anna Street; 620 Jackson Avenue, 2nd Floor; 467 Henry Street, 1st Floor; and the deletion of existing handicapped parking spaces in front of 144 S. Park Street and 10 Reid Street.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 27, 2006, from Council Members Patricia Perkins-Auguste and William Gallman, Jr., requesting support of The Second Chance Act which addresses multiple challenges related to the return of incarcerated persons from prisons to their communities. Which was received.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 12, 2006, from the Finance Department submitting a list of all bills, claims and vouchers which have been paid as of the close of business on Friday, December 8, 2006. Which was received.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

ORD. NO. 3871 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Casimir Kowalczyk, 251 Marshall Street.

ORD. NO. 3872 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Elethen Stokes, 949 Anna Street.

ORD. NO. 3873 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Mariya Picinich, 620 Jackson Avenue.

ORD. NO. 3874 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for John B. Johnson, 467 Henry Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget to insert, as an Item of Revenue, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development H.O.P.W.A. Grant in the amount of \$775,000.00.

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Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Department of Transportation - Safe Routes to School Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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Pay Utility Bills

**COMMENDATIONS**

Mrs. Angelina Lospinoso, 90th Birthday

**MEMORIALS**

**ADJOURNMENT**