

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ORD. NO. 4739 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Ricardo Morot, Jr., 510 Fourth Avenue.
- ORD. NO. 4740 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for John L. Jeter, 636 Franklin Street.
- ORD. NO. 4741 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Irene M. Santos, 241 Clark Place.
- ORD. NO. 4742 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Aida M. Nunez, 141 Marshall Street.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 27, 2016, from the Business Administrator requesting to amend the resolution adopted on January 25, 2011 authorizing the City of Elizabeth to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, specifically to reflect a name change to The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 27, 2016, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, PA, for the purchase of Police and Homeland Security Equipment and Supplies for the Fire Department for the period of July 22, 2016 through October 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 27, 2016, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the proper City officials to participate in and execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Elizabeth, as a Participating Agency of the Task Force, and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, as the Sponsoring Agency of New Jersey Task Force One, Urban Search and Rescue, to allow NJ Task Force One members to be federally deployed. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 28, 2016, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Royal Printing Service, P.O. Box 1000, West New York, NJ, to purchase sample election ballots in the amount of \$43,869.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 29, 2016, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ, for ten (10) Single Lounge Chairs and three (3) Two Seat Lounge Chairs for the Peterstown Community Center at a cost of \$10,936.20. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 29, 2016, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the issuance of insurance with Evanston Insurance Company, 10 Parkway N – Suite 100, Deerfield, IL, through the agent-of-record, Otterstedt Insurance Agency, covering City Nurses for the period of August 3, 2016 to August 3, 2017 at an annual premium of \$16,579.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 15, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to refund an over-payment of the 2015 calendar year property taxes on the property located at 917 Park Avenue the total sum of \$3,352.78. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 19, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to credit/refund a Veteran deduction for the second half of the 2016 tax year in the amount of \$125.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 19, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to credit said individual's taxes as per the delineated list entitled to a Senior Citizen, Disability or Veteran Deduction for the 2016 Tax Year in the amount of \$3,500.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 2, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the 2016 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 2, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer advising, in compliance with the SFY 2016 Appropriations Act, requires that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 2, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting that your Honorable Body consider the introduction and approval of the Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District 2016 budget. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 2, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that temporary emergency appropriations for the 2017 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 2, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the proper City officials to enter into a contract for the 2017 SFY with Blau & Blau, 55 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ to participate, consult, and represent the City as the primary legal representative of the City in all proceedings to real property tax revaluation matters for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 2, 2016, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the issuance of a note in the principal amount of \$7,950,000.00 in connection with the City's participation in the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust's Construction Financing program for the City's Progress Street Flood Control Project. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 27, 2016, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the Planning Board to amend the Elizabethport Phase II Redevelopment Area Plan to permit truck storage/parking and the use of a truck scale at 226-304 South First Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 29, 2016, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting to sell at Public Auction City-owned Real Estate property to be held October 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 1, 2016, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the Planning Board to amend the East Broad Street Redevelopment Study, specifically to remove eight (8) properties from the redevelopment area. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 18, 2016, from the Director of Public Works requesting permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the removal and disposal of debris from said properties in the amount of \$10,653.16. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter date July 22, 2016, from the Director of Public Works requesting that your Honorable Body consider a resolution in support of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's proposed full replacement of the Cherry Street Bridge over the former CNJRR. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 29, 2016, from the Director of Public Works requesting to amend the contract with T & M Associates, Eleven Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ, to provide professional engineering services in connection with the 2015 Road Resurfacing and Reconstruction program at a cost not to exceed \$201,500.00, specifically for additional time required due to Z Brothers Concrete Contractors working beyond the 60 calendar day contract duration at an additional cost not to exceed \$28,000.00, thereby raising the amount of the contract to \$229,500.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 29, 2016, from the Director of Public Works requesting that your Honorable Body consider an ordinance establishing a new Traffic Control Signal at North Broad Street and Westfield Avenue. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 1, 2016, from the Director of Public Works requesting permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the boarding up of said properties in the amount of \$1,575.90. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 1, 2016, from the Director of Public Works requesting permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the removal and disposal of debris from said properties in the amount of \$17,070.02. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 1, 2016, from the Director of Recreation requesting authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Union County Kids Recreation Trust program for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 11, 2016, from the Police Director recommending the establishment of a Four Ton Weight Limit on Polonia Avenue between Bayway Avenue and Myrtle Street. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 11, 2016, from the Police Director recommending the establishment of a Four Ton Weight Limit on Ogden Street between Bayway Avenue and Allen Street.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 11, 2016, from the Police Director recommending the establishment of a Four Ton Weight Limit on Myrtle Street between Pulaski Street and Route 1 & 9.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 8, 2016, from the Police Director requesting the establishment of handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 475 Fay Avenue (personalized); 308 Spencer Street (personalized); 118 Ely Street; 722 Fay Avenue 2F-R; 425 Doyle Street.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 18, 2016, from the Police Director requesting the establishment of handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 613 Franklin Street; 520 Franklin Street; 519 Franklin Street; 39 Rankin Street; 212 Erie Street; 1015 Anna Street; 126 Marshall Street; 1054 William Street.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 1, 2016, from the Police Director requesting authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the 2016 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 19, 2016, from Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC, 100 Crystal Run Road, Suite 101, Middletown, NY requesting an Encroachment Permit for work within the public right-of-way on City owned property to install monitoring wells within the sidewalk on the southwest side of West End Avenue and the south side of Pennington Street
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 28, 2016, from YK Group Development Consulting, 212 Second Street – Suite 202A, Lakewood, NJ, on behalf of Tricon Enterprises, Inc., Keyport, NJ, requesting an Encroachment Permit for the installation of temporary construction fencing and Jersey barriers within the right-of-way of East Jersey Street, Jacques Street, Reid Street and Lafayette Street during the demolition of the former Elizabeth General Hospital.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 30, 2016, from Ecuatorianos de New Jersey, 544 Monroe Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ, requesting that your Honorable Body declare the month of August Ecuatorian Heritage and Independence and host a flag raising in front of City Hall on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 8, 2016, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of May, 2016 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of May 31, 2016. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 20, 2016, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of June, 2016 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of June 30, 2016. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Minutes: Fair Rental Housing Board meeting held May 18, 2016. Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 4743 - Authorize the establishment of a new Traffic Control Signal at North Broad Street and Westfield Avenue in accordance with the As-Built Signal Plan.
- ORD. NO. 4744 - Authorize the establishment of a four- ton weight limit for motor vehicles, except for pick-up and delivery, on Polonia Avenue, between Bayway Avenue and Myrtle Street.
- ORD. NO. 4745 - Authorize the establishment of a four- ton weight limit for motor vehicles, except for pick-up and delivery, on Ogden Street, between Bayway Avenue and Allen Street.
- ORD. NO. 4746 - Authorize the establishment of a four- ton weight limit for motor vehicles, except for pick-up and delivery, on Myrtle Street, between Pulaski Street and Route 1 & 9.
- ORD. NO. 4747 - Grant an encroachment permit to Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC., 100 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, N.Y., to install monitoring wells within the public right-of-way on City-owned property on the southeast side of West End Avenue and the south side of Pennington Street.
- ORD. NO. 4748 - Grant an encroachment permit to YK Group Development Consulting, 212 Second Street, Lakewood. N.J., on behalf of Tricon Enterprises, Inc., Keyport, N.J., to install a temporary construction fence and Jersey barriers within the public right-of-way of East Jersey Street, Jacques Street, Reid Street and Lafayette Street during the demolition of the former Elizabeth General Hospital.
- ORD. NO. 4749 - Authorize the establishment of a Personalized Handicapped Parking Space for Hiram A. Gonzalez, 308 Spencer Street.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST (Cont'd.)

ORD. NO. 4750 - Authorize the establishment of a Personalized Handicapped Parking Space for Anthony L. Opalach, 475 Fay Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

ORD. NO. 4739 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Ricardo Morot, Jr., 510 Fourth Avenue.

ORD. NO. 4740 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for John L. Jeter, 636 Franklin Street.

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ORD. NO. 4742 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Aida M. Nunez, 141 Marshall Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Temporary Emergency appropriations for the 2017 Fiscal Year Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets in the amount of \$2,000.00.

In compliance with SFY 2016 Appropriations Act (Best Practices Requirement), City Council is requested to approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.

Introduce and approve the Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District Calendar Year 2016 budget in the amount of \$237,000.00.

(PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO BE HELD TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016.)

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into a contract with the law firm of Blau and Blau, Esqs., 55 Morris Avenue, Springfield, N.J., to represent the City as the primary legal representative in all proceedings to real property tax revaluation matters for Fiscal Year 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Authorize a resolution approving a \$7,950,000.00 Construction Financing Program Note, through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, for the City's Progress Street Flood Control Project.

Amend a resolution adopted January 25, 2011, authorizing the City to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, specifically to reflect a name change to The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Authorize the award of a contract to Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, PA., for the purchase of Police and Homeland Security equipment and supplies for the Fire Department for the period July 22, 2016 through October 31, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Elizabeth, as a Participating Agency of the Task Force, and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, as the Sponsoring Agency of New Jersey Task Force One, Urban Search and Rescue, to allow N.J. Task Force One members to be federally deployed.

Authorize the award of a contract to Royal Printing Service, P.O. Box 1000, West New York, N.J., to purchase sample election ballots in the amount of \$43,869.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to National Office Furniture, t/a BFI, 1610 Royal Street, Jasper, IN, for the purchase of ten (10) Single Lounge Chairs and three (3) Two Seat Lounge Chairs for the Peterstown Community Center at a cost of \$10,936.20.

Authorize the award of a contract to Evanston Insurance Company, 10 Parkway N, Deerfield, IL, through the agent-of-record, Otterstedt Insurance Agency, Inc., for an insurance policy covering City Nurses, for the period August 3, 2016 to August 3, 2017, at an annual premium of \$16,579.00.

Authorize the Tax Collector to refund an overpayment of 2015 taxes on the property located at 917 Park Avenue in the amount of \$3,352.78.

Authorize the Tax Collector to credit/refund a veteran deduction for the second half of the 2016 Tax Year on the property located at 544 Myrtle Street in the amount of \$125.00.

Authorize the Tax Collector to credit senior citizen, disability and/or veteran deductions for Tax Year 2016, pursuant to a delineated list submitted July 19, 2016, in the total amount of \$3,500.00.

Authorize the Planning Board to amend the Elizabethport Phase II Redevelopment Plan to permit truck storage/parking and the use of a truck scale at 226-304 South First Street.

Authorize the Planning Board to amend the East Broad Street Redevelopment study, specifically to remove eight (8) properties from the redevelopment area.

Authorize the sale of City-owned properties at public auction to be held October 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., in City Hall Council Chambers

Adopt a resolution in support of the N.J. Department of Transportation's proposed full replacement of the Cherry Street Bridge over the former Central New Jersey Railroad.

Authorize Contract Amendment No. 1- Project Close-Out - Final to the contract awarded to T & M Associates in connection with the 2015 Road Resurfacing and Reconstruction Program at a cost of \$201,500.00, due to Z Brothers Concrete Contractors working beyond the contract duration thereby raising the amount of the contract an additional \$28,000.00, raising the amount of the contract to \$229,500.00.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Authorize the award of a contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 2430 Highway 34, Wall, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the conceptual design and cost estimate preparation for the Miller Park improvements, at 714-736 Court Street, at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$4,100.00, plus reimbursables.

Establish liens for the removal and disposal of debris on properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$10,653.16.

Establish liens for the boarding up of properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$1,575.90.

Establish liens for the removal and disposal of debris on properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$17,070.02.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute all appropriate documents to the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute all appropriate documents for the 2016 State of New Jersey Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant Program.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 519 Franklin Street.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 212 Erie Street.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 520 Franklin Street.

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Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 425 Doyle Street.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 722 Fay Avenue.

Install "Autistic Child in Area" signage in the area of 860 Livingston Street.

Authorize settlement in the workers' compensation litigation matter of Uribe vs. the City in the total amount of \$20,045.92.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

On behalf of the Ecuatorianos de New Jersey, 544 Monroe Avenue, Elizabeth, declare the month of August, 2016, Ecuadorian Heritage and Independence and to host a flag raising ceremony in front of City Hall on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Pay utility bills.

Approve Bingo and Raffle licenses.

COMMENDATIONS

Officer Timothy Stapfer	(
Officer Alexander Blanco	(
Officer Grisel Arias	(
UCSO Kevin O'Connor	(
UCSO Ryan Hockanson	(
UCSO Luis Alfaro	(
Jose Selaya, Witness	(

(Hit and Run Incident
(Neck Lane & Adams Avenue
(June 18, 2016

MEMORIALS:

Antonio "Tony" Vecchia, Retired City employee

ADJOURNMENT