

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ORD. NO. 5289 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.44.010 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Application fee for permits for handicapped parking spaces" specifically to exempt veterans who have been honorably discharged from military service from the payment of an application fee and annual fee for a personalized handicapped parking space.
- ORD. NO. 5290 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Miriam Pozo, 1062 North Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

THE GREATER ELIZABETH TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$656,617.60.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from His Honor the Mayor advising that, subject to confirmation, he has made the following appointments for a term of one-year effective January 1, 2020 with regard to the appointment of Chief Municipal Prosecutor, Norma M. Murgado, Esq.; Assistant Municipal Prosecutors: Ashton E. Thomas, Esq., Patricia A Mack, Esq., Annette Quijano, Esq.; Temporary Municipal Prosecutors: Robert Carroll, Esq., Suzette Cavadas, Esq., William T. Donegan, Esq., Kevin D. Harris, Esq., Anabela Dacruz-Melo, Esq., Christopher Howard, Esq., Jose Rivera-Benitez, Esq., Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq., Shlomo Himmel, Esq., Daniel A. Serratelli, Esq., Cheryl Craft, Esq., Moshood Muffau, Esq.; all are currently serving in these positions, except for Moshood Muffau, Esq., whose resume is attached.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from His Honor the Mayor advising that, subject to confirmation, he has appointed Juliana Diaz, Esq., as Temporary Municipal Court Judge to hear cases in the Municipal Court including, but not limited to, illegal conversions, drunk driving complaints, and other matters that may be assigned for a term of one-year, from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 on a contractual basis at the rate of \$300.00 per session in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 2, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to A.N.A. Painting Corp., 172 Linden Street, Hackensack, NJ for the furnishing of painting services for public buildings for the Department of Public Works / Division of Public Buildings for the period of January 14, 2020 through January 13, 2022 in the total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 2, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in the Bergen County Co-Op and recommends awarding a contract to Terrestrial Imaging, 375 Herbertsville Road, Brick, NJ for the purchase of one DJI Matrice Drone and upgrades to an existing DJI Matrice Drone for the Detective Bureau of the Elizabeth Police Department in the amount of \$35,714.85. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 2, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding the first renewal of a contract to ALESI/Applied Labor Employment Studies Institute, 152 Speedwell Avenue, Jackson Suite, Morristown, NJ for grant consulting services for the period of January 8, 2020 through January 7, 2021 with an option to renew for three additional one-year periods under the same terms and conditions of the contract at the cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to amend the resolution adopted November 26, 2019 awarding a contract to Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Northfield, NJ to provide software and hardware support for proprietary software for the Office of Finance, Purchasing and Revenue in the amount of \$34,600.00, specifically to convert fixed asset files from this proprietary software at an additional cost of \$2,500.00 and reflect the new total amount of \$37,100.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into and sign all necessary documents with the City of Linden, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ for an Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Fire Sub-Code Services and Inspections from the City of Elizabeth for the period of January 8, 2020 through March 31, 2020 at the rate of \$60.00 an hour not to exceed \$6,000.00 which is to be paid to the City of Elizabeth. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to National Fuel Oil, Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, NJ for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works Marina for the period of January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Griffith-Allied Trucking LLC., 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ for the purchase of gasoline for the Public Works Marina for the period of December 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 17, 2019, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the Historic Midtown Special Improvement District 2020 SFY Budget for introduction and approval in the amount of \$225,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to establish rules and regulations for the payment of taxes and to fix the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes, assessments, water and sewer charges. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to conduct an Electronic Tax Sale prior to the Fiscal Year End of June 30, 2020 and sign any documents required by the Electronic Tax Sale Vendor. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the approval of the City's Tax Year 2020 Cash Management Plan for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 7, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2020 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 7, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that 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 January 7, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that Sewer Utility capital ordinances no longer deemed required may be canceled where authorizations have been completed and balances remain as per the delineated list; unfunded balances will be canceled and not bonded; funded balances will be canceled to Surplus; Funded: \$242,883.29, negative \$26,898.94; Unfunded: \$1,217,695.90. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 7, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that capital ordinances no longer deemed required may be canceled where authorizations have been completed and balances remain as per the delineated list; unfunded balances in these accounts will be canceled and not bonded; funded balances will be canceled to Surplus; Funded: \$559,940.97; Unfunded: \$2,076,204.62. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 7, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that the Local Finance Board requires that all members of the Governing Body must certify, by resolution, that they have familiarized themselves with the contents of the 2019 Annual Audit Report and have reviewed, as a minimum, the General Comments and Recommendations section of the audit. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 19, 2019, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the Redeveloper's Agreement for the parcel located at 55-77 Murray Street, specifically to amend Article 8 Environmental Remediation of the agreement as set herein to further define the obligations of the parties to complete the environmental remediation of the property. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 24, 2019, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body support MREH New Point LLC, an entity formed by Angel Magill, application for financial assistance under the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs HOME Investment Partnership Program with the objective of creating twelve (12) residential units that will include eleven (11) affordable units for low to moderate income families at 30-34 Bank Street. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 26, 2019, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the 2020 IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to provide residents who cannot afford to pay for tax preparation services with a cost-free alternative.
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2020, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of September 2019 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of September 30, 2019.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5291 - An Ordinance to amend Section 8, Environmental Remediation of the Redevelopment Agreement for 55-77 Murray Street (Block 6, Lot 1600.B, Parcel F in Midtown Redevelopment Area).
- ORD. NO. 5292 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Maria Camargo, 48 Reid Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5293 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Juan Lopez, 629 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5294 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Maria Jimenez, 349 New York Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

- ORD. NO. 5289 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.44.010 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Application fee for permits for handicapped parking spaces" specifically to exempt veterans who have been honorably discharged from military service from the payment of an application fee and annual fee for a personalized handicapped parking space.
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NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Tonnage Grant 2017, in the amount of \$69,234.08.

Adopt the Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District 2020 SFY Budget in the amount of \$656,617.60.

Introduce and approve the Historic Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District 2020 SFY Budget in the amount of \$225,000.00.

(PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO BE HELD TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 11, 2020)

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Confirm the appointment of Norma M. Murgado, Esq., to serve as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Ashton E. Thomas, Esq., to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Patricia A. Mack, Esq., to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Annette Quijano, Esq., to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Robert Carroll, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Suzette Cavadas, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of William T. Donegan, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Kevin D. Harris, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Anabela Dacruz-Melo, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

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Confirm the appointment of Daniel A. Serratelli, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Cheryl Craft, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor, for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Moshood Muftau Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor, for a one (1) year period, commencing January 1, 2020.

Confirm the appointment of Juliana Diaz, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Court Judge of the Municipal Court for a (1) year period commencing February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to A.N.A. Painting Corp., 172 Linden Street, Hackensack, N.J., for the furnishing of painting services for public buildings for the Department of Public Works/Division of Public Buildings for the period January 14, 2020 through January 13, 2022, in the total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the renewal of a contract to ALESI Applied Labor Employment Studies Institute, 152 Speedwell Avenue, Jackson Suite, Morristown, N.J., for the furnishing of Grant Consulting Services for a period of one (1) year from January 8, 2020 through January 7, 2021 with an option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods under the same terms and conditions of the contract, at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Amend resolution dated November 26, 2019 with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., 301A. Tilton Road, Northfield, N.J., to provide software and hardware support for proprietary software for the Offices of Finance, Purchasing and Revenue, in the amount of \$34,600.00, specifically to convert fixed asset files from this software at an additional cost of \$2,500.00, for a new contract amount of \$37,100.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into and sign all necessary documents with the City of Linden, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, N.J. for an Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Fire Sub-Code Services and Inspections from the City of Elizabeth for the period January 8, 2020 through March 31, 2020, at the rate of \$60.00 an hour, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid to the City of Elizabeth.

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Certify to the State of New Jersey Local Finance Board that each member of City Council has reviewed and is familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the 2019 Annual Audit Report entitled: General Comments and Recommendations.

Authorize the cancellation of Sewer Utility Capital Ordinance No's. as per the delineated list on file in the City Clerk's Office are no longer deemed required since authorizations have been completed and balances remain; unfunded balances in these accounts will be canceled and not bonded; funded balances will be canceled to Surplus: Funded \$242,883.29; Negative \$26,898.94; Unfunded \$1,217,695.90.

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Authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of taxes without interest charges, provided said payment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable and fix as the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes, assessments, water and sewer charges effective for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

Authorize the Tax Collector to conduct an Electronic Tax Sale prior to the Fiscal Year End of June 30, 2020 and sign any documents required by the Electronic Tax Sale Vendor, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 et seq.

Approve the City's Tax Year 2020 Cash Management Plan effective period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.

In support of MREH (Magill Real Estate Holdings) New Point LLC, 806 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, N.J., application for financial assistance to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) HOME Investment Partnership Program, for the development of twelve (12) residential units that will include eleven (11) affordable units located at 30-34 Bank Street for low-to-moderate income families.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the 2020 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program for tax preparation services to residents.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 809 E. Jersey Street, Apt. 1.

Authorize the proper City officials to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application for Firefighter Michael Donahue at the Elizabeth Fire Department.

Pay Utility Bills

COMMENDATIONS:

MEMORIALS:
Cathy Perrotti
Nicola Covino

ADJOURNMENT