

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 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.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from His Honor the Mayor subject to confirmation, he has appointed Ileana J. Montes Guadagnino, Esq. to be a Temporary Municipal Prosecutor effective upon approval and shall be effective until January 1, 2021.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 8, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Triangle Communications, LLC, 236 Waldheim Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ for the purchase of computer parts for various vehicles for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 8, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to V. E. Ralph & Sons, Inc., 320 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny, NJ for the purchase of medical supplies and equipment, health education and training for various departments for the period of January 1, 2020 through January 15, 2021 at a cost not exceed \$100,000.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 9, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to amend the resolution adopted on November 12, 2019 awarding a contract to Appraisal Systems, Inc., Morristown, NJ for the furnishing of a revaluation of real property for property tax assessment purposes in the Office of the Tax Assessor in the amount of \$1,509,840.00, subject to the specifications by the Director of the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation the following changes need to be made to the City's specifications; with respect to inspections, a card must be left stating the next inspection date after the first attempt at entry and with respect to taxpayer reviews, notices of value cannot be sent out until after November 10th.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 10, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 301 Riverside Drive, Bldg. D, Milville, NJ for Aluminum Sign Blanks for the Public Works Department for the period of December 31, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 10, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to authorize the City's participation in the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting (NJSEM) and recommends awarding a contract to UGI Energy Services, LLC, DBA UGI Energy Services, One Meridan Blvd., Suite 2C01, Wyomissing, PA for the purchase of Natural Gas for the period of December 2019 through December 2022 at a rate of \$.45720 per therm.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 10, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in renewing a state contract with SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ for the purchase of maintenance for Lawsoft, Police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records Management System (RMS) Software, GIS/AVL Mobile and Mapping System for the Police Department for the period of March 6, 2020 through March 5, 2021 at a total cost of \$76,201.46.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 13, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Gabrielli Kenworth of NJ, LLC, 2306 Route 130 North, Dayton, NJ for the purchase of OEM vehicle parts and repairs for heavy duty vehicles for various departments for the period of December 19, 2019 through December 17, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Spruce Industries, 759 E. Linden Avenue, Rahway, NJ for the purchase of janitorial supplies for various departments for the period of January 22, 2020 through January 21, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 2020 Ford Utility Interceptors as additional vehicles for the Police Department at the total cost of \$69,918.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford F350 extended cab 4WD pickup truck as an additional vehicle for the Police Department at the total cost of \$44,117.50. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of twelve (12) 2020 Ford Police Interceptors as replacement vehicles at the total cost of \$396,828.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 16, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford Expedition as an additional vehicle for the Police Department at the total cost of \$39,300.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 16, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford F250 Pickup Truck as an additional vehicle for the Police Department at the total cost of \$36,303.50. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 16, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending to participate in the Bergen County Co-Op and to award a contract to Gold Type Business Machines, Inc., 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ for the purchase of Electronic Ticketing System to include: tickets, hardware, software maintenance and additional units as needed for the period of January 16, 2020 through June 4, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 unless further awarded by City Council to increase. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Trinitas Regional Medical Center/CARE EAP Program, 225 Williamson Street, Elizabeth, NJ for the implementation of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Alcohol Education Program for the period commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 not to exceed \$40,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending authorization for the proper City officials to renew the policy of insurance covering Public Officials and Employees Liability with Admiral Insurance Company, 1255 Caldwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ, through agent-of-record Hughes Plumer & Associates, Somerville, NJ for the period of January 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021 at an annual premium of \$80,295.94. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending authorization for the proper City officials to renew the insurance bond with Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, a member of Zurich Financial Services Group, Zurich Towers, 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL, covering the Fidelity Blanket Bond for Public Employees' dishonesty for the period of January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021 at an annual premium of \$3,706.20. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with New York Life Insurance Company covering a voluntary payroll deduction for voluntary long-term care and life insurance for City of Elizabeth Employees for the period January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2023 at no cost to the City.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Skyline Environmental, Inc., 740 Highway 34, Suite E, Old Bridge Township, Matawan, NJ to provide professional services in connection with the Health & Safety Compliance Programs for the Year 2020 for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 not to exceed \$70,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 21, 2020, from the City Attorney request authorization to file a motion to intervene and represent the City's interests in regard to New Jersey American Water Co. Inc. seeking to increase rates for water and wastewater service and other tariff revisions, including sales for resale of water.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 21, 2020, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider the approval of a Settlement Agreement and withdrawal of Administrative Hearing Request for the New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System Combined Sewer Overflow Permit No. NJ0108772 issued to the City.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 8, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to credit said individual's taxes who filed the necessary papers entitled to a Senior Citizen or Disability Deduction as per the delineated list for the 2019 Tax Year in the amount of \$1,250.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 13, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to cancel/credit/refund the full amount of \$4,243.21 on the property located at 16 Harbor Front Terrace due to property owner's 100% Disabled Veteran Status effective August 8, 2019; amount represents \$2,227.05 for the 2019 Tax Year and \$2,016.16 for the 2020 Tax Year.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 21, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request City Council's approval of the 2019 State Fiscal Year Corrective Action Plan concomitant with the 2019 State Fiscal Year Audit Report.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 21, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that Capital Ordinance No. 4474, Demolition Mack Building is no longer deemed required and may be canceled where authorizations have been completed and balances remain; unfunded balances in this account will be canceled and not bonded; funded balances will be canceled to Surplus; Funded: -0-; Unfunded: \$303,795.38.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 21, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request to amend the resolution adopted December 23, 2019, 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: \$1,476,968.14; Unfunded: \$607,615.00, specifically to reflect the corrected Funded amount to \$2,084,583.14. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 14, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the boarding up of said properties in the amount of \$984.56. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 14, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request 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 \$1,404.43. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 15, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Fai-Gon Electric, Inc., 140 11th Street, Piscataway, NJ for the traffic signal improvements at the intersection of North Avenue and Monroe Avenue and North Avenue and Adams Avenue at a cost of \$628,030.04. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ to provide professional engineering services on a time and material basis in connection with the preparation of a Long Term Control Plan in response to Surface Water Renewal Permit Action (Year 5) at a cost not to exceed \$195,400.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 17, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue, South, Iselin, NJ to provide professional engineering services in connection with the review of sewer applications for a one-year period at no charge to the City. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 14, 2020, from the Police Director request to amend Chapter 10.28.030 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled: Schedule I – No parking all times on certain streets, specifically to decrease the metes and bounds east and west on Lyon Place to allow for three (3) more parking spots on the street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 8, 2020, from the Executive Director of the Parking Authority request to appoint Alexander Cohn, 335 Grier Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ as a Parking Enforcement Officer. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Minutes: Fair Rental Housing Board meeting held November 13, 2019 and December 18, 2019.
Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5295 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.28.030, Schedule I, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "No Parking All Times on Certain Streets", specifically to amend Lyon Place, east side, from the intersection of Rahway Avenue for a distance of 233 feet northerly thereof and to add Lyon Place, west side, from the intersection Rahway Avenue for a distance of 150 feet northerly thereof.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FUTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

Confirm the appointment of Ileana J. Montes Guadagnino, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor at the Elizabeth Municipal Court effective until January 1, 2021.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the award of a contract to Fidelity & Deposit Company & Maryland, (a member of the Zurich Financial Services Group) Zurich Towers, 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL, to renew a policy of insurance covering the Fidelity Blanket Bond for public employee's dishonesty for the period January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021, at an annual premium of \$3,706.20.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute an agreement with New York Life Insurance Company, 399 Thornall Street, Edison, N.J., to make available to all City of Elizabeth employees a voluntary long-term care and life insurance through payroll deductions for the period January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2023, at no cost to the City.

Authorize the award of a contract to Skyline Environmental, Inc., 740 Highway 34, Suite E, Old Bridge Township, Matawan, N.J., to provide professional services in connection with the Health & Safety Compliance Programs for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to intervene on behalf of the City of Elizabeth to oppose the proposed rate increase, for water and wastewater service and other tariff revisions, including sales for resale of water in regard with New Jersey American Water Company, Inc.

Approve the Settlement Agreement and withdrawal of Administrative Hearing request for the New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Permit No. NJ0108782 issued to the City and authorize the proper City Officials to sign all necessary settlement documents.

Approve the City's State Fiscal Year 2019 Corrective Action Plan concomitant with the State Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report.

Authorize the cancellation of Capital Ordinance No. 4474 (Demolition Mack Building) is 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: -0-; Unfunded \$303,795.38.

Amend resolution adopted December 23, 2019 authorizing the cancellation of Capital Ordinances as per 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 cancelled to surplus Funded \$1,476,968.14; Unfunded \$607,615.00, specifically to reflect the corrected Funded amount to \$2,084,583.14.

Authorize the Tax Collector to credit Senior Citizen, Disability and/or Veteran Deductions for Tax Year 2019 pursuant to a delineated list submitted January 8, 2020, in the amount of \$1,250.00.

Authorize the Tax Collector to cancel/credit/refund the full amount of \$4,243.21 for Tax Year 2019 and Tax Year 2020 on the property located at 16 Harbor Front Terrace due to property owner's 100% Disabled Veteran Status.

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 \$984.56.

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 \$1,404.43.

Authorize the award of a contract to Fai-Gon Electric, Inc., 140 11th Street, Piscataway, N.J., for the traffic signal improvements at the intersections of North Avenue and Monroe Avenue and North Avenue and Adams Avenue, in the amount of \$628,030.04, subject to the approval by the NJDOT.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

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Authorize the award of a contract to Mott MacDonald, LLC, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, N.J., to provide civil engineering services in connection with the review of sewer applications, for a one-year period, at no cost to the City for said service.

Appoint Alexander Cohn, 335 Grier Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., as Parking Enforcement Officer for the Parking Authority of the City of Elizabeth.

Declare the month of February 2020, “African-American History Month” and to commemorate the City-wide Proclamation Signing to be held February 3, 2020 at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Pay Utility Bills

Approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses

COMMENDATIONS:

St. Genevieve's Roman Catholic Church)100th Anniversary

MEMORIALS:

ADJOURNMENT