Tuesday Evening
February 11, 2020
7:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held this evening in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

President Kevin Kiniery announced that this regular meeting is listed in the "annual notice" as defined by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and that copies of the "annual notice" have been mailed or delivered to the Star Ledger and Home News Tribune and posted and filed in the City Clerk's Office in compliance with the terms of the Open Public Meetings Law, Chap. 231, P.L. 1975 on December 27, 2019.

PRESENT: Council members at Large Frank J. Cuesta, Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Manny Grova, Jr; Council members Carlos Torres, 1st Ward; Nelson Gonzalez, 2nd Ward; Carlos Cedeno, 4th Ward; Frank O. Mazza, 6th Ward And President Kevin J. Kiniery, 3rd Ward –8.

ABSENT: Council members William Gallman, Jr. 5th Ward – 1.

ALSO PRESENT: Jorge Estrada, Special Counsel

Senator Joseph Cryan

Councilman Cedeno delivered the opening prayer and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
PRESENTATION

Council President Kiniery recognized Senator Joseph Cryan.

Senator Joseph Cryan announced that he is present tonight to commend and present a Proclamation to Sara Rivas for becoming New Jersey’s Microsoft Champion. He stated that Sara has been selected to compete in Certiport’s 2020 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Dallas, Texas, June 15 – 17, 2020.

Sam and Myrna Rivas, parents of Sara Rivas, stated that they are here on behalf of Sara who is currently in college at Harrisburg University.

Also, Senator Cryan presented her parents with commendations from Assemblywoman Annette Quijano and Assemblyman Jamel Holley.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste stated that Sara not only received commendations from Assemblywoman Annette Quijano and Assemblyman Jamel Holley, but from Senator Corey Booker.

Ms. Johnson, one of Sara’s former teachers, stated that Sara was an Honor Roll student since second grade.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste stated that Ms. Johnson is an educator where teaching is a ministry for her. She continued that the City of Elizabeth’s Educational System is pushing technology. Ms. Johnson encourages the students, especially the young girls.

Councilman Torres suggested obtaining the parents information to have Sara come before City Council for a warm welcome.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr. Kason Little, 329 Elizabeth Avenue, stated that there is talk about transparency, but the City is very silent about death and gun violence. The City has had approximately fifty (50) deaths by gun violence. He believes that City Council doesn’t speak on these issues because of political ties. He continued that he doesn’t hear anything from any of the Council members. He asked the Council members what are their plans for 2020? He stated further that it’s not about getting someone a job. The residents look to you to guide them; to lead them.

Mr. Little stated that he knows how politics works. You don’t have to be affected by something to have a say. He stated further that Council should be
passionate about what they do. In closing, he stated that he hopes they take something from this.

Council President Kiniery responded that it’s people like Mr. Little who is our eyes and ears in the neighborhood.

Mr. Patrick Jones, 37 Cherry Street, stated that the rumor is the Housing Authority may be "flip flopping" the Union County Sheriffs parking lot. He continued that High Intensity Crosswalk (HAWK) street lights would cost approximately Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($800,000.00). HAWK is from One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00). He stated further that the HAWK is 97.1% safe crossing as opposed to 70% safe for mid-block crosswalks.

Mr. Jones stated that people are loitering in front of the Union County Courthouse. He spoke to the Police Department and the Police Department claims it’s the County’s responsibility and the County said it’s the City’s concern.

Mr. Philip Johnson, 323 West Jersey Street, stated that he’s having an issue with the rooming house he is living in. He spoke to Inspector Hassan and he showed up without notifying him. He received a call from Mr. Hassan and he allegedly stated that he asked “why did you go to City Council and tell on me?” He continued that he saw the superintendent take furniture from the garbage and decorate the rooms. There are roaches, bed bugs, mice, etc. He stated further that the City employees tell him he should leave. The sidewalk is a hazard.

Mr. Johnson stated that the would like to keep everything professional. He does not have an issue with Hassan. He questioned, why is it so hard for him to get help from his City; very unprofessional.

Council President Kiniery recognized Councilman Mazza.

Councilman Mazza stated that for one (1) room the rent is Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00). He continued that he’s been helping someone to find a place and most are horrible. Something is definitely wrong.

There being no one else present who desired to be heard, Council President Kiniery declared the public speaking portion of the meeting closed.
PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council President Kiniery announced that the next business in order would be a public hearing on Ordinance No. 5295 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 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.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the meeting of City Council held on January 28, 2020.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of February 3, 2020.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance and Council President Kiniery asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

There being no one present who desired to be heard, Council President Kiniery declared the public hearing closed.

Council President Kiniery announced that the public hearing on the 2020 Historic Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District Budget in the amount of $225,000.00 was now open. He then inquired if there was anyone present who desired to be heard.

There being no one present who desired to be heard, Council President Kiniery declared the public hearing closed.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 24, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Healthy Towns Collaborative and any workshop, service delivery and innovative programs.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to David Weber Oil Co., 601 Industrial Road, Carlstadt, NJ for automotive lubricants, oils, grease and hydraulic oils for various departments for the period of January 24, 2020 through September 29, 2020 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body reject the sole bid received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care, NBJ-North, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ for the furnishing of Senior Health Promotion/Risk Reduction for the Health Department as they did not address the standard requirements of the technical proposal and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise with revisions to the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Emergency Accessories & Installations, 770 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of vehicle electronics and equipment for the Police Department for the period of January 27, 2020 through March 15, 2020 at a cost not to exceed $325,000.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding respective contracts to Richard P. Cevasco, Ed D. 52 Stratford Drive, Manalapan, NJ; Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, ABPP, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court – Suite 2, Oakland, NJ; Matthew E. Guller, JD, PhD, ABPP, Institute for forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court – Suite 2, Oakland, NJ; Krista L. Dettke, PhD, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court – Suite 2, Oakland, NJ for Psychological Services for the City of Elizabeth Fire and Police Departments for the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021; total cost not to exceed $75,000.00 per each practice unless further authorized by your Honorable Body.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body reject the sole bid received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d/b/a Holy Redeemer Home Care, NBJ-North, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ for the furnishing of a Health Educator for the Health Department as they did not address the standard requirements of the technical proposal and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise with revisions to the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., Inc., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ for the purchase of uniforms, helmets and body armor for the Police Department for the period of January 27, 2020 through May 1, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $200,000.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated January 31, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to amend Chapter 2.56.110 (B) of the Code of the City of Elizabeth in regard to the Table of Organization entitled Civilian Personnel of the Elizabeth Police Department, specifically to add and delete positions as per the delineated list attached hereto.

Which was received.
By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 31, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to amend Chapter 2.60.090 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth in regard to the Table of Organization entitled (A) Firefighting Personnel and (B) Civilian Personnel of the Elizabeth Fire Department, specifically to add and delete positions as per the delineated list attached hereto.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 31, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to amend Ordinance No. 1747 establishing certain classified and unclassified positions in the City of Elizabeth, specifically to amend certain titles of the Table of Organization as per the delineated list attached hereto.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 31, 2020, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider approving the execution of a proposed Community Service Contribution Agreement between Trinitas Regional Medical Center and the City of Elizabeth for a voluntary payment of $250,000.00 for the Tax Year 2020 and $300,000.00 for the Tax Year 2021.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 31, 2020, from the First Assistant City Attorney request to amend Section 10.40.020, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "No Parking of Certain Vehicles from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. – Exceptions" and Section 10.40.050 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Violations and Penalties", specifically to prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles on City streets between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; amendment to Section 10.40.020 also increases the penalty to an amount not less than three hundred dollars ($300.00); Section 10.40.50 increases the penalty to not more than one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00).
WHICH WAS REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2020, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing tax appeals by the City for the following properties which are substantially under-assessed: 1000 Jefferson Avenue, 941-951 Julia Street, 301-415 South First Street; 429-459 Schiller Street; 459-485 Division Street.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act (DERA) National Grants Program which intends to reduce diesel emissions and exposures in the amount not to exceed $300,000.00; with these anticipated funds, the City seeks to replace Class 8, heavy duty highway vehicles in order to reduce emissions efficiently and cost effectively; allowed expenditure is 50% for Dayage Truck Replacement; therefore, requiring a 50% match by the municipality.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 30, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to sign all appropriate documents including a "Treatment Release Form" to allow for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) treatment of the spotted lanternfly host tree on City property; there is no charge for this service.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 31, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, NJ to provide professional architectural services in connection with the design, bidding and construction administration for the sound proofing of four (4) interview rooms at Police Headquarters at a lump sum cost not to exceed $16,500.00 plus reimbursables.
Which was received.
By the Clerk:

Memo dated January 31, 2020, from the City Engineer wherein Joseph A. Paparo, Esq., of Porzio Bromberg & Newman, P.C., 100 Southgate Parkway, Morristown, NJ, on behalf of JP Management, LLC, submitted a request for the proposed street vacation of Coakley Circle to construct a new multi-family development consisting of one hundred twenty (120) units and related improvements.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 21, 2020, from the Police Director request to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 406 First Avenue (personalized); 335 Court Street (personalized); 1024 Bond Street (personalized); 523 Franklin Street (personalized); 759 Eaton Street (personalized); 412 Livingston Street (personalized); 210 Rankin Street (personalized); 32 Prospect Street; 90 Marshall Street; 438 Rosehill Place Apt. A; 319 John Street Fl. 2 (change measurements); 321 John Street (change measurements); deletions: 200 Geneva Street; 316 Pine Street; 540 Fulton Street; 221 Clark Place; 1029 Louisa Street; 447 Catherine Street; 746 Fairbanks Street; 14 Spencer Street; 1019 Emma Street; 325 Amity Street; 208 Rankin Street; 113 Port Avenue; 948 Meredith Avenue; 328 Loomis Street; 244 E. Jersey Street.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 29, 2019, from Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization, 456 N. Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ request permission to be the host city of the New Jersey Flag Football Tournament to be held Sunday July 12, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Todd Bowlies Sports Complex, in accordance with Section 12.56.050 (A) Exemption from fees.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2020, from Melly Mell Promotions, 812 East Jersey Street, Suite 10, Elizabeth, NJ request permission to host the 23rd Annual Elizabeth Waterfront Latin Festival to be held on May 23 and 24, 2020 with set-up date of May 22nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the “Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park: located on Front Street, from Elizabeth Avenue to Broadway; Elizabeth Avenue, from First Street to Front Street; and Broadway, from First Street to Front Street; music from both stages and beer will cease at 8:00 p.m., following with vendors closing a 9:00 p.m.; also request for the City of Elizabeth to co-sponsor this event in providing additional resources as needed, including but not limited to waiving all respective festival fees.

Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 23, 2020, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer’s Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of October 2019 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of October 31, 2019.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 5296

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, CHAPTER 2.56.110 (B), CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE ELIZABETH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5297

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, CHAPTER 2.60.090 (A), FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL AND CHAPTER 2.60.090 (B), CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE ELIZABETH FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5298

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1747 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH AND TO SET THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITIONS TO BE PAID FROM APRIL 1, 1984, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, AS PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE PAID AS OTHER EMPLOYEES ARE PAID AND AS PROVIDED ON ATTACHED SCHEDULES.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5299

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 5207, ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR JASON MEDINA, 319 JOHN STREET, FLOOR 2, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5300

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 5278, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 10, 2019, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR MADELIN SEOANES, 321 JOHN STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5301

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 5108, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 26, 2018, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR ALADINO CLASS JR., 200 GENEVA STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5302

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 5113, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 26, 2018, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR QAMAR SYED, 540 FULTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5303

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 5158, ADOPTED ON APRIL 9, 2019, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR NELEYISHKA PASTOR, 221 CLARK PLACE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5304

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 5247, ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 8, 2019, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR PEDRO SOTO, 316 PINE STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5305

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE COAKLEY CIRCLE

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.
The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez,
Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5306

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR ELBA
CLASS, 335 COURT STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.
The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez,
Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5307

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR IVONNE MIGUELENA, 406 FIRST AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5308

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR ROLANDO QUEZADA, 412 LIVINGSTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
ORDINANCE NO. 5309

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, 523 FRANKLIN STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.
The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.
NEGATIVE: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 5310

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR NESTOR SUAREZ, 210 RANKIN STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.
The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.
NEGATIVE: None.

President Kiniery announced that public notice will be published fixing Tuesday evening February 25, 2020 at 7:30 P.M., City Council Chamber, City Hall, Elizabeth, N.J. as the time and place that City Council will conduct public hearings and further consider foregoing Ordinance Nos. 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5303, 5304, 5305, 5306, 5307, 5308, 5309, 5310 adopted on first reading.
ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

ORDINANCE NO: 5295

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 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.

BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH:

SECTION 1. That Section 10.28.030, Schedule I, No Parking All Times on Certain Streets, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any portion or clause of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be twenty (20) days after its final passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor at the time and in the manner provided by law.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held January 28, 2020.

Annexed to the ordinance was an affidavit from the publisher of the Star Ledger certifying the publication of the ordinance and notice of public hearing thereon in its issue of February 3, 2020.

Councilman Grova queried to if this will allow more parking.

The ordinance was then adopted on its final passage by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
NEGATIVE: None.

AFFIRMATIVE: Cestra, Parkins-Auguste, Covea, Torres, Gonzales

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District budget for the fiscal year 2020.

__MIDTOWN ELIZABETH SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE__

NEW BUSINESS
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has requested authorization for the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Healthy Town Designation application. This opportunity is being offered in coordination with the Mayors Wellness Campaign; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City of Elizabeth to highlight citywide initiatives, which address youth obesity, access to healthy food and wellness resources, as well as the importance of physical activity, throughout our community. These efforts demonstrate our commitment to maintaining a healthy municipality; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote overall healthy lifestyles, coordinated efforts, partnerships and programs, which encourage better eating habits, exercise routines, access to nutritional food sources and wellness care, will be included; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services continues to raise awareness and broaden horizons regarding the benefits of healthy living as well as implements diverse physical activity programs as well as initiative, which encourages proper and nutritional eating habits. Through workshops, service delivery and innovative programs, the City of Elizabeth is helping residents reach their goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Healthy Town Designation application. This opportunity is being offered in coordination with the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Purchasing Agent recommend, per the request of the Director of the Department of Public Works, the award of a contract to David Weber Oil Company, 601 Industrial Road, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072 for Automotive Lubricants, Oils, Grease and Hydraulic Oils for various departments for the period of January 24, 2020, through September 29, 2020, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00 under State Contract #81519; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is considered to be an Open-end Contract pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10, as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have advised that the contracts in question are in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 5:34, et seq., which requires that the award of any contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 be awarded by resolution of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to David Weber Oil Company, 601 Industrial Road, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072 for Automotive Lubricants, Oils, Grease and Hydraulic Oils for various departments for the period of January 24, 2020, through September 29, 2020, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00 under State Contract #81519.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (a)(i) were received and opened by the Purchasing Agent for the furnishing of Senior Health Promotion/Risk Reduction for the Health Department. Please be advised that a public notice regarding same was posted on the City’s website from January 9, 2020, through January 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the sole response received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d.b.a. Holy Redeemer Care, NBJ-North was non-responsive to the RFP as they did not address the standard requirements of the technical proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator hereby recommends that your Honorable Body reject the sole bid received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d.b.a. Holy Redeemer Care, NBJ-North, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise with revisions to the RFP, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby rejects the sole bid received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d.b.a. Holy Redeemer Care, NBJ-North, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208 for the furnishing of Senior Health Promotion/Risk Reduction for the Health Department and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise with revisions to the RFP.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Purchasing Agent concur with the Director of the Police Department for the award of a contract to Emergency Accessories & Installations, 770 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 for the purchase of vehicle electronics and equipment for the Police Department for the period of January 27, 2020, through March 15, 2020, at a cost not to exceed $325,000.00 under State Contracts # 17-FLEET-00761 and # 17-FLEET-00719; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is considered to be an Open-end Contract pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10, as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have advised that the contracts in question are in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34, et seq., which requires that the award of any contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 be awarded by resolution of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to Emergency Accessories & Installations, 770 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 for the purchase of vehicle electronics and equipment for the Police Department for the period of January 27, 2020, through March 15, 2020, at a cost not to exceed $325,000.00 under State Contracts # 17-FLEET-00761 and # 17-FLEET-00719.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a physician for Psychiatrist/Psychologists for the City of Elizabeth Fire and Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Directors Police and Fire Departments have recommended the award of a contract to the following doctors to serve as Police and Fire Psychiatrists/Psychologists for the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments. Their services will include, but not be limited to, conducting hiring evaluations and fitness for duty examinations and conducting other necessary comprehensive evaluations on an as needed basis:

1. Richard P. Cevasco, Ed.D, 52 Stratford Drive, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726
2. Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, ABPP, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court-Suite 2, Oakland, New Jersey 07436
3. Matthew Guller, JD, PhD, ABPP, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court-Suite 2, Oakland, New Jersey 07436
4. Krista L. Dettle, PhD, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court, Suite 2, Oakland, New Jersey 07436

for the period March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. The total cost of the services for the year is not to exceed $75,000.00 unless further authorized by Your Honorable Body; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is considered to be an Open-end Contract pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10, as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), et. seq., requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq., this contract is being awarded pursuant to a non-fair and open procedure and all statutory requirements have been met; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by City Council of Elizabeth as follows:

1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with to the following doctors to serve as Police and Fire Psychiatrists/Psychologists for the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments. Their services will include, but not be limited to, conducting hiring evaluations and fitness for duty examinations and conducting other necessary comprehensive evaluations on an as needed basis:

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for the period March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. The total cost of the services for the year is not to exceed $75,000.00 unless further authorized by Your Honorable Body.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are being performed by a physician.

3. Also, the performance of these services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in The Star Ledger.
Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery –8.

NEGATIVE: None.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i) were received and opened by the Purchasing Agent for the furnishing of a Health Educator for the Health Department. Please be advised that a public notice regarding same was posted on the City’s website from January 9, 2020, through January 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the sole response received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d.b.a. Holy Redeemer Care, NBJ-North was non-responsive to the RFP as they did not address the standard requirements of the technical proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator hereby recommends that your Honorable Body reject the sole bid received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d.b.a. Holy Redeemer Care, NBJ-North, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise with revisions to the RFP, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby rejects the sole bid received from Visiting Nurse & Health Services, d.b.a. Holy Redeemer Care, NBJ-North, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208 for the furnishing of a Health Educator for the Health Department and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise with revisions to the RFP.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery –8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and Purchasing Agent concur with the Director of the Police Department recommending the award of a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109 for the purchase of uniforms, helmets and body armor for the Police Department for the period of January 27, 2020, through May 1, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $200,000.00 under State Contract # 17-FLEET-00763; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is considered to be an Open-end Contract pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10, as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have advised that the contract in question is in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34, et seq., which requires that the award of any contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 be awarded by resolution of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109 for the purchase of uniforms, helmets and body armor for the Police Department for the period of January 27, 2020, through May 1, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $200,000.00 under State Contract # 17-FLEET-00763.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery –8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, your Honorable Body adopted a resolution authorizing a Community Service Contribution Agreement between Trinitas Regional Medical Center ("Trinitas") and the City of Elizabeth. The Agreement called for an annual voluntary payment of $250,000.00 for the Tax Years 2016 through 2019, in recognition of the public safety services provided by the City that benefit the hospital and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, in Elizabeth, the buildings housing doctors' offices have historically been taxed, but the hospital campus is tax exempt. The Governor has publicly discussed the appointment of a study commission to determine whether and how hospitals might be taxed, but the Legislature has taken no action although bills have been introduced; and

WHEREAS, after considerable negotiations between the City of Elizabeth and legal counsel for Trinitas, an Agreement was reached, conditioned on City Council approval, for the voluntary payment by Trinitas for the Tax Years 2020 and 2021. The proposed Community Service Agreement calls for a voluntary payment of $250,000.00 for the Tax Year 2020, and $300,000.00 for the Tax Year 2021. In the event that legislation is enacted that requires the payment of a higher amount, the hospital has agreed to pay the higher amount; and

WHEREAS, during the last quarter of the Tax Year 2021, the parties have agreed to discuss the terms of future tax payments, municipal service fees, and/or if permitted by law, payments in lieu of taxation, by Trinitas to the City for the municipal services provided by expenses incurred by the City as a result of Trinitas and any successor medical center, or any Trinitas related entity, being located in the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes a resolution approving the execution of the proposed Community Service Agreement with the Trinitas Regional Medical Center and the City of Elizabeth for the Tax Years 2020 and 2021.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kinyety –8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has requested authorization to file tax appeals by the City of Elizabeth for the following properties, which are substantially under assessed; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the City Attorney to file tax appeals on the following substantially under assessed properties:

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Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery -8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization for the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act (DERA) National Grants Program, which intends to reduce diesel emissions and exposures, in an amount not to exceed $300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency anticipates awarding approximately $44 million dollars in competitive grant funding under the DERA National Grants Program. With these anticipated funds, the City of Elizabeth seeks to replace Class 8, heavy duty highway vehicles in order to reduce emissions efficiently and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the allowed expenditure is 50% for Drayage Truck Replacement; therefore, requiring 50% match by the municipality. This replacement program supports the City of Elizabeth’s “Go-Green” initiatives, promoting green planning and operations throughout the municipality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act (DERA) National Grants Program, which intends to reduce diesel emissions and exposures, in an amount not to exceed $300,000.00.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested your Honorable Body adopt a resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to sign all appropriate documents including a “Treatment Release Form” to allow for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) treatment of the spotted lanternfly host tree on City Property; and

WHEREAS, the invasive insect, spotted lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula), has been found on or near property owned by the City of Elizabeth. According to the USDA, this pest has the potential to impact the quality of life in the City. The spotted lanternfly travels very easily by “hitching a ride” on vehicles and material that have been stored outdoors including lumber, playground equipment, grills, landscape materials, tools, etc. It will feed on a range of different trees, but the primary host is the Ailanthus altissima (tree of heaven) tree(s); and

WHEREAS, the USDA is seeking the City’s consent for treatment of the host tree on public property with a combination of herbicide and/or insecticide. Only the Ailanthus altissima tree is targeted for treatment because it is a non-native host to the pest. There is no charge for this service. The USDA will also be contacting private property owners for the treatment of trees on private property as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer concurs with the City’s participation in the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to sign all appropriate documents including a “Treatment Release Form” to allow for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) treatment of the spotted lanternfly host tree on City Property.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2019, the Department of Public Works received qualification proposals for consulting professional architectural services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works reviewed the qualifications of all respondents and found the firm of Netta Architects to be qualified to provide the City of Elizabeth with architectural services in connection with the design, bidding and construction administration for the sound proofing of four (4) interview rooms at Police Headquarters as per its proposal dated January 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the scope of services will provide for sound proofing and associated renovations to four (4) interview rooms located in the Detective Bureau and Internal Affairs. This work is required to better meet the needs of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to award a contract to the firm of Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 to provide the City of Elizabeth with professional architectural services at a lump sum cost not exceed $16,500.00 plus reimbursables services in connection with the design, bidding and construction administration for the sound proofing of four (4) interview rooms at Police Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the contract is awarded through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq., and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 20-05937, charging an amount not to exceed $16,500.00 to Account No. X-04-55-999-X93-001 of the Municipal Budget, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with the firm of Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 to provide the City of Elizabeth with professional architectural services at a lump sum cost not exceed $16,500.00 plus reimbursables services in connection with the design, bidding and construction administration for the sound proofing of four (4) interview rooms at Police Headquarters.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services require knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.

3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in The Star Ledger.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization (EDMO) would like to request approval of the City of Elizabeth to be the host City of the New Jersey Flag Football Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the event date is Sunday, July 12, 2020. Time will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Todd Bowles Sports Complex. The event is anticipating 65 teams, 2000 attendees and 3 food trucks; and

WHEREAS, EDMO is requesting that all fees be waived in accordance with Chapter 12.56.050 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, EDMO also requests that the Mayor agree to close the requested streets in accordance with his power and the police, fire, health and zoning departments conduct their normal review and approve the application; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the City of Elizabeth to be the host City of the New Jersey Flag Football Tournament on Sunday, July 12, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Todd Bowles Sports Complex, so long as it complies with all provisions contained in Chapter 12.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth. All fees are waived.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, along with the Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization (EDMO), in partnership with Melly Mell Productions, Inc., have requested permission to conduct the Twenty-Third Annual Elizabeth Waterfront Latin Festival to be held at the Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park on May 23, 2020, and May 24, 2020, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with set-up day May 22, 2020. The City will need to close Front Street (from Elizabeth Avenue to Broadway), Elizabeth Avenue (from First Street to Front Street) and Broadway (from First Street to Front Street); and

WHEREAS, music from both stages and serving of beer will cease at 8:00 p.m., and vendors will cease at 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, this event is to provide residents and tourists with a multicultural community-based experience, inclusive of the arts, during the nationally recognized holiday of Memorial Day weekend; while allowing for a select community organization(s) to benefit from proceeds of the event; and

WHEREAS, it is also requested for the City of Elizabeth to Co-Sponsor this event in providing additional resources as needed, including but not limited to waiving all respective festivals fees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth does hereby grant permission to the Elizabeth Cubanos Lions Club, along with the Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization (EDMO), in partnership with Melly Mell Productions, Inc., to conduct the Twenty-Third Annual Elizabeth Waterfront Latin Festival to be held at the Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park on May 23, 2020, and May 24, 2020, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with set-up day May 22, 2020, so long as it complies with all provisions contained in Chapter 12.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth. All fees are waived.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby establishes a handicapped parking space in front of 90 Marshall Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206 as follows, pursuant to the recommendation of the Traffic Division:

Along the South curb line of Marshall Street

beginning at a point 25' East of First Street; and

continuing 22' East thereof; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said handicapped parking area be posted with proper signs type R-7-8.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby deletes the handicapped parking spaces at the following locations in accordance with the recommendation of the Traffic Division.

1029 Louisa Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
447 Catherine Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
746 Fairbanks Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
14 Spencer Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
1019 Emma Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
325 Amity Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
208 Rankin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
113 Port Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey
948 Meredith Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey
328 Loomis Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey
244 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.

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RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby confirms and approves the payment of all utility bills for the City of Elizabeth as indicated herein below; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing payments are excepted from the requirement of bidding by the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(f); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following certifications of availability of funds are on file in the office of the City Clerk:

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Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Groundwork Elizabeth is celebrating a Winter-Green Gala on February 19, 2020, honoring community and business leaders, including Carmen Rivera as a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Outstanding Conservation Partner”; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Rivera is an extraordinary woman - full of inspiration, determination and heart. As a professional, she brings consistent excellence to every place she has worked. Carmen currently works at Spencer Savings Bank as a Vice President, Market Manager in Union County. Carmen has demonstrated vision, initiative, expertise, skill and compassion. A true visionary, gifted banker and Servant Leader who makes significant contributions to the local community through time, action, talent and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Carmen is the youngest of seven siblings. She has enjoyed a successful career, spanning almost two decades with constant promotions, in the banking industry. Now, as Spencer’s Vice President and Market Manager, she leads a strong team in Union County with excellence. For Carmen, banking is a mission to help people find solutions that help grow their business or personally successfully transition through life’s stages; and

WHEREAS, Carmen is very active with many local charities, serving on the various Board of Directors and committees such as The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Lou Costello Sportsmen Club and Josephine’s Place. Her work and commitment to these organizations, and others, has been recognized through numerous recognition awards (Woman of the Year Award, Partner Award, Service Award, etc.); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Carmen Rivera on being a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Outstanding Conservation Partner” and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to Honoree, Carmen Rivera.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Groundwork Elizabeth is celebrating a Winter-Green Gala on February 19, 2020, honoring community and business leaders, including Barbara Field as a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Groundwork Volunteer of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Field and the Conneck Family Foundation are at its core, a family-led foundation. The Foundation was created by the estate of Larry Conneck and his mother Jane Conneck, dear friends of the Field Family. The Foundation works to provide opportunities for children to learn and grow in a supportive environment. Over a dozen organizations have received grants from the Conneck Foundation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Field, with her late husband Norman, is the owner of Magic Fountain in Elizabeth. Magic Fountain, a beloved community establishment opened in 1997, the popular Grill was added in 2004. The Field family has resided in Elizabeth since 2006; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Barbara Field on being a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Groundwork Volunteer of the Year” and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to Honoree, Barbara Field.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkina-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Groundwork Elizabeth is celebrating a Winter-Green Gala on February 19, 2020, honoring community and business leaders, including Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella as a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: "Union County Spirit of Community Award"; and

WHEREAS, Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella brings experience in business and public service to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. He was sworn in as Chairman for the fifth time in 2020, and announced a series of initiatives that focus on expanding emergency communications, supporting entrepreneurship and career development and working to uphold equal rights for Union County’s diverse population under the title, "Inclusion, Safety, and Outreach"; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Mirabella helped implement the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, sparking significant increases in Union County park land. He developed the Sensory Friendly Theater program for persons with autism and other sensory sensitivities; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Mirabella also oversaw the expansion of the Office of Veterans Affairs along with other efforts in support of active duty service members. He organized the annual Columbus Day Italian Flag raising event and was honored by the Italian Tribune with the “Christopher Columbus Man of the Year” Award. He was also instrumental in creating the Union County Office of LGBTQ Services, the first office of its kind in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman in 2012, Mirabella launched the Union County Means Business Initiative to provide the local business community with a direct connection to beneficial resources and programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella on being a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: "Union County Spirit of Community Award" and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to Honoree, Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Groundwork Elizabeth is celebrating a Winter-Green Gala on February 19, 2020, honoring community and business leaders, including Gary S. Horan, FACHE as a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Union County Champion of Health”; and

WHEREAS, Gary S. Horan, FACHE, has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Trinitas Regional Medical Center and its parent organization, Trinitas Health, since 2001. He has extensive experience in healthcare leadership among hospitals in both New Jersey and New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horan is past Chairman and current Vice Chairman of the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, past Chairman and current member of the Board of Governors of the Greater New York Hospital Association, and a past Chairman of the Hospital Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horan was the first non-New York hospital CEO to serve as Chairman of the Greater New York Hospital Association in its 103-year history. Currently, he serves as Chairman of the Board of the Catholic Healthcare Partnership of New Jersey and is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce in addition to serving on other numerous Professional and Civic Boards and Associations; and

WHEREAS, among his many awards and recognitions are the New Jersey Hospital Association’s 2016 Distinguished Service Award, the 2017 YWCA-Union County Improve the Health & Safety of Women and Girls Award, and the 2019 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Award – Outstanding Healthcare Executive. He is a recipient of the George Washington University Distinguished Alumni Recognition Award; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Gary S. Horan, FACHE on being a 2020 Distinguished Honoree; “Union County Champion of Health” and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to Honoree, Gary S. Horan, FACHE.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Groundwork Elizabeth is celebrating a Winter-Green Gala on February 19, 2020, honoring community and business leaders, including Sal Garcia as a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Outstanding Youth Champion”;

WHEREAS, Sal Garcia is founder and Principal of MAS, a vertically integrated real estate company focused on urban redevelopment. Sal’s strong commitment to the community, firm ethical stance, and resolve for success has contributed to the continued growth of MAS from its origins as a construction company, to its position today as a full-service real estate organization with in-house development, construction, property management, and financing capabilities for large-scale, mixed-use development projects; and

WHEREAS, a son of Cuban refugees who settled in Elizabeth, N.J., Sal is passionate about revitalizing the region’s urban centers with forward-thinking development. Today, MAS specializes in identifying underutilized lower-income and disadvantaged cities that are ripe for investment; and

WHEREAS, Sal began his career in real estate at the age of 17, when he launched a small construction company that focused on residential and commercial interiors, painting and property management. He soon recognized that there was little investment happening in his own home city of Elizabeth and set out to purchase multi-family residential buildings in the city’s rougher neighborhoods with the goal of reinvesting in his community. He quickly earned a reputation for his willingness to take on projects that others deemed too challenging, purchasing dilapidated real estate and successfully re-positioning them to become cash-positive properties that enhanced the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the company has since expanded into the commercial and mixed-use sectors, developing build-to-suit, triple-net-lease properties for the nation’s leading retailers, and more recently, ground-up luxury apartment communities that incorporate full-service lifestyle amenities and integrated retail offerings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Sal Garcia on being a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “Outstanding Youth Champion” and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to Honoree, Sal Garcia.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Groundwork Elizabeth is celebrating a Winter–Green Gala on February 19, 2020, honoring community and business leaders, including Kevin Kiniery as a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “City of Elizabeth Spirit of Community Award”; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Kiniery was raised in Elizabeth and attended Immaculate Conception Grammar School, graduating June 1975. Kevin continued onto St. Patrick High School graduating in June 1979; and

WHEREAS, Kevin joined the Elizabeth Police Department in September 1983, was promoted to Sergeant in 1995. He retired October 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kevin then ran for Councilman of the 3rd Ward winning the election in November 2014. He was sworn in for his first 4-year term January 1, 2015 and is currently in his second year of his second 4-year term. Kevin sits as the City Council President for the year 2020.

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Kevin Kiniery on being a 2020 Distinguished Honoree: “City of Elizabeth Spirit of Community Award” and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to Honoree, Kevin Kiniery.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Sara Rivas has been named New Jersey’s Microsoft Champion; and

WHEREAS, because of Sara’s exceptionally high score on her MOS Excel 2016 exam, she has been named New Jersey’s Microsoft Champion and selected to compete in Certiport’s 2020 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Dallas, TX, June 15-17, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends and congratulates Sara Rivas on being named New Jersey’s Microsoft Champion and wishes her good luck in the 2020 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Cuesta, Perkins-Auguste, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez Cedeno, Mazza And President Kiniery – 8.

NEGATIVE: None.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Hilda Grace Body; and

WHEREAS, Hilda leaves a host of loving relatives and dear friends to cherish her memory; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Hilda Grace Body to her family and friends; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death Derrick Scott Taylor, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Scott Taylor, Sr., was born March 2, 1962, in Elizabeth, NJ, to the late James W. Taylor, Sr., and Geneva Moody-Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Derrick attended the Elizabeth public school system and graduated in 1980 from Elizabeth High School. He attended Florida A&M University where he earned a Bachelor and Masters degree. While attending FAMU he pledged Omega Psi Phi fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Derrick returned to NJ in 1990, to start his career as Rehabilitation counselor for Bridgewater Rehabilitation Service. He serviced Union County and Essex County as a psychiatric screener; and

WHEREAS, Derrick was the proud father of three children: Aisha Shadare, Derrick Scott Jr., and Maya Denise Taylor. He was committed to his family and loved to attend family functions; and

WHEREAS, Derrick was a faithful member of Liberty Baptist Church. He served as a member of the male chorus up until death. Derrick Sr. was an active member of the Florida A&M alumni association. It brought him great joy to return to homecoming year after year. It was great pride that his name sake followed in his footsteps not only attending FAMU but becoming a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and pledging the same chapter; and

WHEREAS, Derrick leaves to cherish his memories: children Aisha Taylor of Brandon, FL, Derrick Taylor Jr., of Miami, FL, Maya Taylor of Elizabeth, NJ; siblings: James A. Taylor Waukegan, IL; Hassan Darryl Taylor and wife Ernestine of Linden, NJ; Jeanine S. Taylor of Plainfield, NJ; James L. Taylor of Rahway, NJ; Great Aunt Elizabeth Eady (97 years old); beloved Aunts: Shirley Byrd, Gloria Culp, Maxine Moody, Constance Moody, Martha Lee Adksion Felder and Emma Adksion, Uncle William Davis and also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one brother Jeffery Taylor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Derrick Scott Taylor, Sr. to his family and friends; now, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to his family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute

of silent prayer.
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Deacon Earnest Smith, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Earnest Smith, Sr., was the fourth child of the late Leander and Mary Alice "Sweetie" Smith; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Smith was born on March 7, 1941. He was raised in Abbeville, AL; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Smith received his education at the Henry County Training School. After his High School graduation, in 1959, Deacon Smith migrated to Cleveland, OH, and then to Elizabeth, NJ. He was a graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, with a major in Mechanical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Smith continued his education and he became involved in the community and joined New Zion Baptist Church in 1961; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1979, he was ordained as a Deacon and served faithfully for the next forty-one years. In recognition of his dedicated service and devotion to his family, Deacon Smith was named Father of the Year in 1985 by the New Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Smith had used his education in many employment venues. His last position before retirement was with Airco Industrial Gases/The BOC Group in Murray Hill, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Smith was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather and dedicated Deacon. He leaves to cherish his memories four children: Dr. Valerie Smith Stephens and her husband Marcus, Earnestine "Tina" Smith, Jacqueline "Jacquie" Caughman and her husband Marc, Earnest Earl Smith, Jr., and his wife Noreen and his son-in-law, Loyal Ricks, Sr. His sisters, Mary Lois Corbitt and her husband, Rev. James Q. Corbitt, Annie Clara Phillips and her husband Willie James Phillips, along with his sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-laws. Deacon Smith was the devoted "Pop-Pop" of five grandchildren: Loyal, Jr., Emily, William, Jordan and Ryan. He also leaves a host of dear cousins, nieces and nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, Anne Smith, his daughter, Melissa Ann Ricks, his brothers, Rev. Andrew Smith and Deacon John Smith. He was also pre-deceased by three brothers-in-laws and one sister-in-law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Deacon Earnest Smith, Sr., to his family and friends; now, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to his family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute

of silent prayer.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Martha Chory (nee Hayas), 94, of Elizabeth, and Cranford, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Martha was born and raised in Pennsylvania. She lived in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia before settling in Elizabeth 60 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Martha worked at the U.S. Department of Treasury in Washington, D.C., and 29 years as Secretary/Administrative Assistant in the Principal’s office at Holy Spirit School, Union, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Martha was a longtime member of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Hillside, NJ. She was a member of the Rosary Society and Seniors group and a member of the Hillside Knights of Columbus ladies Auxiliary and Hillside Seniors; and

WHEREAS, Martha is survived by her children, R. Larry, and his wife Carol; Edward and his wife, Mary; Keith, and his wife Colleen; Denise, and her husband Bruce Schroeper, and Janice. She was a loving grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was the loving and devoted wife for 59 years to the late Edward R. Chory; daughter of the late Anna (nee Berdak) and Steve Hayas of Bobtown, PA, and sister to the Margaret Imrich and Robert Hayas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Martha Chory, to her family and friends; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute

of silent prayer.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Jose Alberto Carloto, 98, of Boulder CO, formerly of Elizabeth, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Jose Alberto Carloto was born on February 4, 1922 in Acores, Celorico da Beira, Portugal. Jose Alberto married his beloved wife, coming to the United States in the late 1960s, and later made the permanent move with his wife, setting roots in Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Jose, affectionately known as "Betinho," and his wife founded Carloto's Pastry Shop in Elizabeth in 1983, which they owned and managed until their retirement in 2014 (he was 94 years old). It still endures under the ownership of his former employees. "Carloto's" was the last in a long list of successful business Betinho had established during his lifetime, both in Portugal and in the United States. He established himself as an active member of the community, was the recipient of many awards, participated in the Portugal Day Parade, had many friends and was an ardent supporter of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Jose was gregarious and fun-loving. One of his favorite extra-curricular activities was a Friday Lunch Group (Grupo Chave). Dubbed by the Group as an Investment Group, his son affectionately teased that the only thing they invested in, was in excellent restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Betinho's greatest qualities were his kindness and generosity, zest for life and love for his family. While he missed his own goal of reaching 100 years, he lived life to its fullest; and

WHEREAS, Jose is survived by his wife, Arminda, son Joe, daughter-in-law Kim, granddaughters Samantha (husband Ozzy) and Megan, and his 6 year-old granddaughter Adriana; and

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Jose Alberto Carloto to his family and friends; now, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to his family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.
BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Lloyd Stewart, 67, of Elizabeth, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd leaves a host of loving relatives and friends to cherish his memories; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Lloyd Stewart; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to his family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

Councilman Torres moved that City Council do now adjourn.
Which was carried unanimously.
Whereupon Council President Kiniery declared City Council adjourned at 8:20 P.M.
APPROVED

KEVIN J. KINIERY
President of City Council

YOLANDA M. ROBERTS
Municipal Clerk