

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

6:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ORD. NO. 5255 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Ana Maria Valdesuso, 467 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5256 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 3671, adopted on November 23, 2004, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Juana M. Valdesuso, 467 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5312 - An Ordinance 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."
- ORD. NO. 5313 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.40, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Parking Restrictions on Trucks, Buses and Commercial Vehicles," specifically to clarify Section 10.40.045, entitled "No Off-Street Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones."
- ORD. NO. 5314 - An Ordinance to amend section 10.40.050, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Violations and Penalties."
- ORD. NO. 5315 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.16.010, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth "Four-Ton Weight Limit - Streets Affected" specifically to Add Springfield Road, between Westfield Avenue and City Line except for the pickup and delivery of materials on these streets.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. 5316 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

- ORD. NO. 5316 - An Ordinance to terminate the Lease Agreement of the Historic Midtown Train Station, between the City of Elizabeth and Minuteman Grill LLC.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 11, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Verizon Wireless, 10170 Junction Dr., Suite 200, Annapolis Junction, MD for the purchase of cellular phones and wireless modems for all Police, Fire and EMS vehicles and any wireless devices for various departments for the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 13, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., One River Centre – Building Two, 331 Newnan Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ to provide professional environmental engineering services in regard to operation procedures for the Coakley Circle Park Improvement Project for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$2,700.00 and to authorize the proper City officials to sign any and all documents in connection with the abovementioned. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 13, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in and execute any documents in connection with SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ for the purchase of predictive policing software/automated vehicle location for the Police Department at a total cost of \$40,499.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 17, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2020 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159).
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 17, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising in compliance with the SFY 2016 Appropriations Act requires that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 17, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$6,500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2020 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing program for funding the City's Trumbull Street Flood Control Project and a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of Loan Agreements to be executed by the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey and each of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2020 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for funding the City's Trumbull Street Flood Control Project.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 17, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider approving a resolution that would mandate Direct Payroll Deposit for all full-time employees in accordance with LFB Notice 2015-14 that allows payroll payment in the event of a quarantine or natural disaster; full-time employees not on Direct Payroll Deposit will not be paid under emergent conditions.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 12, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for Pasquale Vella, the City of Elizabeth's Municipal Recycling Coordinator, to endorse the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that the application is properly filed.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 13, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for Change Order No. 1 – Final to the contract to T.R. Weniger, Inc., Piscataway, NJ for the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project Contract Animal Burrow Removal in the amount of \$117,500.00, specifically for animal burrows that were filled in January 2020 resulting in the use of an additional 1,380 gallons of bentonite and cement slurry in the amount of \$18,975.00, raising the amount of the contract to \$136,475.00.
Which was received.

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Letter dated March 13, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers, 20 North Doughty Avenue, Somerville, NJ to provide professional architectural services for the design and construction administration for the Exterior Ambulance Canopy at the Emergency Response Facility at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$67,000.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2020, from the Director of Recreation request to repurpose the remaining funds of the 2001 Field of Dreams grant in the amount of \$20,000.00; the 2002 Green the Streets grant in the amount of \$60,392.77 and the 2013 Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$88,000.00 totaling \$168,392.77 to the Ira Powell Field Improvement Project. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 9, 2020, from the Director of Recreation request authorization for His Honor the Mayor to sign an agreement with the State of New Jersey regarding funding for the Summer Food Nutrition Program for the period June 29, 2020 to August 20, 2020, at no cost to the City. Which was received.

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Letter dated March 9, 2020, from the Director of Recreation request authorization for His Honor the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Elizabeth Board of Education for the purpose of providing food vendor services for the period of June 29, 2020 through August 20, 2020, at no cost to the City. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 11, 2020, from the Planning Board recommending the adoption of the 61-99 West Grand Street Redevelopment Plan to allow for a new administration building for the County of Union, New Jersey. 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: 437 Franklin Street (personalized); 819 Rebecca Place (personalized); 327 Fulton Street (personalized); 480 Walnut Street; 474 Henry Street (personalized); deletions: 633 Franklin Street; 320 John Street; 819 Rebecca Place; 225 Stiles Street; 628 Fourth Avenue FL 2; 621 Franklin Street; 1051 Lafayette Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 4, 2020, from the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association, 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ request permission to host the Saint Vito Festival / Peterstown Cultural Festival to be held during the evenings of July 22 through July 26, 2020; July 22 set up 11:00 a.m. to noon for stage set up; 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for vendors; Festival from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020; 6:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on July 24, and July 25; 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. July 26, 2020 and for the City to co-sponsor and waive all fees. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 25, 2020, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of November 2019 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of November 30, 2019.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 9, 2020, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of December 2019 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of December 31, 2019.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5317 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth to adopt the 61-99 West Grand Street Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.
- ORD. NO. 5319 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Aleida Belzagui, 437 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5320 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Ignacio Mateo, 819 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5321 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Bryan Escalante, 327 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5322 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Katie Hall, 474 Henry Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5323 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5040, adopted on July 24, 2018, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Hector Villegas, 320 John Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5324 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4635, adopted on October 27, 2015, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Rafael Meson-Cordero, 819 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5325 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 3528, adopted on June 10, 2003, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Dorothy Anzelone, 225 Stiles Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5326 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4926, adopted on October 24, 2017, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Denise Gonzales, 628 Fourth Avenue, Fl. 2, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5327 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4357, adopted on February 13, 2013, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Daniel Bravo, 1051 Lafayette Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING
ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

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A resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$6,500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2020 New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program for funding the City's Trumbull Street Flood Control Project.

A resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of loan agreements to be executed by the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey and each of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2020, New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program for funding the City's Trumbull Street Flood Control Project.

Adopt a resolution approving a mandatory Direct Payroll Bank Deposit for all full-time City employees in accordance with Local Finance Board Notice 2015-14.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize Pasquale Vella, City of Elizabeth Municipal Recycling Coordinator to endorse the submission of the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Authorize Change Order No. 1- Project Final, to the contract awarded to T.R. Weniger, Inc., 1900 New Brunswick Avenue, Piscataway, N.J., for the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project Contract for Animal Burrow Removal at an original cost \$ 117,500.00, specifically for this change order represents final quantity adjustments from the estimated bid quantities to the final as-build quantities, which represents a total increase of \$18,975.00, raising the amount of contract to \$136,475.00.

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Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and execute all appropriate documents to re-purpose the remaining funding of the 2001 Union County Field of Dreams grant in the amount of \$20,000.00; the 2002 Green the Streets grant in the amount of \$60,392.77 and the 2013 Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$88,000.00 to the Ira Powell Field Improvement Project, totaling \$168,392.77.

Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the State of New Jersey to provide funds for the 2020 Summer Food Nutrition Program for the period June 29, 2020 through August 22, 2020, at no cost to the City.

Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Elizabeth Board of Education and the City of Elizabeth for the purpose of providing food vendor services, in conjunction with the 2020 Summer Food Nutrition Program for the period June 29, 2020 through August 22, 2020, at no cost to the City.

Rescind resolution adopted August 27, 2019, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 327 Fulton Street. (now personalized)

Rescind resolution adopted August 26, 2003, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 474 Henry Street. (now personalized)

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 819 Rebecca Place; 621 Franklin Street; 633 Franklin Street.

Permit the Frank O. Mazza Civic Association, 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., with the City of Elizabeth, as a co-sponsor to host the Thirteenth Annual Saint Vito Festival/Peterstown Cultural Festival July 23, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; July 24 and July 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. and July 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; also July 22, 2020 for stage set up at 11:00 a.m. and vendors from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., waiving all fees.

Authorize the settlement in the litigation matter of Holliday vs. the City of Elizabeth in the total amount of \$35,000.00.

Pay Utility Bills

Approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses

COMMENDATIONS:

HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke

MEMORIALS:

HRH Eze Charles Onwukwe Iheke

ADJOURNMENT