CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 8, 2020 from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Malouf Ford Inc., 2210 Route 1 North, P.O. Box 7480, North Brunswick, NJ for the purchase of OEM and non-OEM maintenance and repair services for light and medium duty vehicles for various departments for the period of March 17, 2020 through March 17, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $100,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 8, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in a State Contract with Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatsville, PA for Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment for the Fire Department for the period April 1, 2020 through June 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 8, 2020, from the Business Administrator request to rescind the resolution adopted on January 8, 2019 to Alesi/Applied Labor Employment Studies Institute, Morristown, NJ for Grant Consulting Services at a cost not to exceed $35,000.00 for year one of this contract with an option to renew for four additional one year periods; the Director has conferred that he wishes to exercise the clause allowing for termination for convenience and not renew this contract. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 9, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to EPLUS Technology, Inc., 642 Newtown Yardley Road, Newtown, PA for computer hardware, printers, servers, media, software upgrades and other computer equipment for various City buildings for the period of April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $225,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 9, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Dell Marketing LP, One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX for the purchase of Dell Computers, Servers and Replacement Parts for Dell Computers for various City buildings for the period of April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00. Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont’d)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 9, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Howard Industries, Inc., 36 Howard Drive, Ellisville, MS for computer hardware, printers, servers, media, software upgrades, printer repairs and other computer equipment for various City buildings for the period of April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $100,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 9, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to National Fuel Oil, Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, NJ for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works Marina for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 9, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Thomson Reuters, a Division of West Publishing Corp., 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, MN for the purchase of Web Based Data Access Services for the Law Department and Municipal Court Division for a period of time from April 1, 2020 through March 8, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $80,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Griffith-Allied Trucking, LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ for the purchase of Gasoline for the Public Works Marina for the period of April 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for a policy of insurance with James River Insurance Group, P.O. Box 27548, Richmond, VA, through the agent of record, Hughes – Plumer Associates, covering professional liability for the Engineer and staff for the period May 25, 2020 to May 25, 2021 at an annual premium of $52,946.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract with Engine Land, Inc., 155 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ for the purchase of OEM vehicle parts and repairs for various departments for the period of April 21, 2020 through April 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Route 23 Automall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ for the purchase of OEM vehicle parts and repairs for various departments for the period of April 21, 2020 through April 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 301 Riverside Dr., Building D, Millville, NJ for Breakaway U-Posts and Sign Supports including, but not limited to materials for street signs for the Public Works Department for the period of March 30, 2020 through March 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00. Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Emergency Accessories and Installations, 770 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of vehicle electronics and equipment for the Police Department for the period March 16, 2020 through May 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $350,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to DFFLM LLC, 215 Route 202/31, Flemington, NJ for the purchase of OEM vehicle parts and repairs for various departments for the period of April 21, 2020 through April 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 West Front Street, Keyport, NJ for repairs and maintenance of plumbing systems at various public buildings for the period of June 30, 2020 through March 22, 2022 at a cost not to exceed $750,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Pitney Bowes Inc., 27 Waterview Drive, Shelton, CT for the furnishing of Postage, Postage Equipment Maintenance and Postage Supplies for the period of April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Timetrak Systems, Inc., 933 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI for the furnishing of time clock equipment, maintenance and supplies for various departments for the period of April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $25,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to SHI International, 290 Davison Avenue, Somerset, NJ for the renewal of the Reverse 911 Renewal Mass Notification Annual for the Police Department at a total cost of $47,931.95. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Foley Inc., 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, NJ for the purchase of generator equipment maintenance and repair for the period of June 30, 2020 through June 29, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $125,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Motorola, P.O. Box 161, Wharton, NJ for the purchase of a Service Agreement for Communications Infrastructure and Maintenance on all Portable Radios for the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments at a cost of $229,399.09. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to DFFLM, LLC t/a Ditschman Flemington Ford, 215 Highway 202, Flemington, NJ for the purchase to two (2) 2020 Ford F250 crew cab pickup trucks as replacement vehicles for the Fire Department at the total cost of $69,807.00. Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont’d)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 2020 Ford Transit Cargo Vans and one (1) 2020 Dodge Durango Truck as additions to the Police Department fleet at the total cost of $98,505.94. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator advising that being satisfied that an emergency did exist, recommends the award of a contract to CDW Government, LLC, 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL to purchase twelve (12) Panasonic Toughbook Computers for the Police Department in the amount of $27,172.68. Which was received. (F.I.O.)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Horizon HealthCare Dental Services, 1427 Wyckoff Road, Farmingdale, NJ for a Dental Insurance Program for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in a total amount not to exceed $1,850,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC, Inc., 1212 New York Avenue, NW Suite 250, Washington, DC to provide advocacy and grant services for the City of Elizabeth before United States Congress, Executive Departments and Agencies for the period of June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed $40,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 18, 2020, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution supporting the Elizabeth Public Library’s application to the NJ Library Construction Bond Grant and authorize to apply, accept and sign all documents regarding this application with a 50% match of the amount that is awarded; with this anticipated funding the Library seeks to repair the roof, water proof the roof and elevator tower, and repair interior walls and ceilings for an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 for the Main Library and parking lot repair/replace to comply with ADA compliance for an amount not to exceed $237,000.00 for the Elmora Branch. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 18, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Union County CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Grant; the City will utilize these anticipated grant funds to reimburse costs incurred from the onset of the COVID-19 health pandemic as well as costs that continue to be incurred as they relate to the COVID-19 health pandemic for an amount not to exceed $2,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 21, 2020, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution in support of Senate Bill S-2475 and Assembly Bill A-3971 authorizing the issuance of “Coronavirus Relief Bonds” by Municipalities and Counties in efforts to offer relief for the City of Elizabeth. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated March 10, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to declare null and void Tax Sale Certificate No. 12-00363 on the property located at 1201 Chestnut Street, Elizabeth and the amount of $6,690.31 be canceled and deemed not collectable as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1. Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable body consider a resolution establishing the Fixed Asset capitalization level in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) to maintain consistency with the guidelines promulgated by the Federal government; and, to enhance the City’s overall control and stewardship of its assets enabling the City to further comply with, and benefit from, the “Best Practices” standards. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the City Treasurer to cancel tax credits as set forth in the attached schedule for tax year 2012 in the amount of $105,681.44 and the sum of $105,681.44 be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated and the City Treasurer is authorized to issue a replacement check in the same amount thereof charged to the contingent account. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the City Treasurer to cancel the premiums attached hereto totaling the amount of $138,300.00 and the sum of $138,300.00 be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 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 May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the 2020 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising in compliance with the SFY 2015 Appropriations Act requires that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request approval of a Bond Ordinance providing for the local unit’s allocable share of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, by and in the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey appropriating $12,920,000.00 and authorize the issuance of $12,920,000.00 Bonds or Notes to finance the cost thereof. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution that would pre-qualify Louis C. Mai, CPA & Associates, 6 Moonshadow Court, Kinnelon, NJ as an eligible Auditor who submitted a Request for Qualifications to the City that was solicited through a fair and open process to serve the City in the 2021 SFY. Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution that would pre-qualify Acacia Financial Group, 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North, Mt. Laurel, NJ and NW Financial Group, LLC, 2 Hudson Place 3rd Flr., Hoboken, NJ as eligible Financial Advisors who submitted a Request for Qualifications to the City that was solicited through a fair and open process to serve the City in the 2021 SFY. Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont’d)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution that would pre-qualify DeCotis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, 61 S. Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, NJ and Wientz, Goodman & Spitzer P.A., 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 900, Box 10, Woodbridge, NJ as eligible Bond Attorneys who submitted a Request for Qualifications to the City that was solicited through a fair and open process to serve the City in the 2021 SFY.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution that would pre-qualify Blau & Blau, Attorneys at Law, 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ and Renaud Deapolonio, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ as eligible Property Tax Attorneys who submitted a Request for Qualifications to the City that was solicited through a fair and open process to serve the City in the 2021 SFY.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution that would pre-qualify Stack, Coolahan & Stack, LLC, 90 Hudson Street, Hoboken, NJ and Wade Appraisal, LLC, 460 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ as eligible Appraisers who submitted a Request for Qualifications to the City that was solicited through a fair and open process to serve the City in the 2021 SFY.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer recommending the approval of a resolution for the Certification of the Preliminary 2021 State Fiscal Year Tax Levy in order that tax bills for the second half of calendar 2020 be issued in a timely manner in accordance with state statutes.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and execute any documents pertaining to the Environmental Protection Agency’s State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program COVID-19 Projects, this grant will fund a city-wide COVID-19 Public Health Outreach Program in the amount of $200,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 14, 2020, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization to apply, accept and execute any documents pertaining to the CDC Foundation for support of the City’s Contact Tracing initiative to fight the spread of COVID-19 in the amount of $30,199.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization to extend the expiration date on all Elizabeth Municipal ID Cards through December 31, 2020 by contacting the Public Health Education Office.
Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 29, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development recommending awarding a contract with Prestige Environmental Inc., 229 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ to provide environmental engineering and consulting services to facilitate development for the parking lot on the former Kull Property at 217-231 Front Street, in the amount not to exceed $43,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 11, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that the original developer, Sabra Port Urban Renewal, LLC, 45 Lafayette Drive, Livingston, NJ be de-designated as the redeveloper for 60-90 Broadway, 133-135 First Street, 59-81 Livingston Street, 120-134 Front Street and 74-82 Livingston Street and designate Quattro Urban Renewal 1, LLC, 41 Hackensack Avenue, Suite 200, Hackensack, NJ as the new redeveloper for said properties.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted June 11, 2019 authorizing the UEZ Second Generation Funds proposal for the UEZ Financial Lending Programs Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of $2,101,860.00 specifically, to include a new UEZ Relief Working Capital Loan Program to assist with businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19; sufficient funding available under the previously approved Financial Loan Programs of $1,770,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request an ordinance authorizing the transfer and assignment of the tax abatement agreement with Sabra Port Urban Renewal, LLC, 45 Lafayette Drive, Livingston, NJ to the new redeveloper Quattro Urban Renewal 1, LLC, 41 Hackensack Avenue, Suite 200, Hackensack, NJ.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 12, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request an ordinance authorizing the transfer and assignment of the redevelopment agreement with Sabra Port Urban Renewal, LLC, 45 Lafayette Drive Livingston, NJ to the new redeveloper Quattro Urban Renewal 1, LLC, 41 Hackensack Avenue, Suite 200, Hackensack, NJ.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to prepare and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a Five Year Consolidated Plan, Fiscal Year 2020-2024 to include applications for funding and an Action Plan for CD46 for Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $1,585,848.00 and HOME Program in the amount of $908,117.00 plus any program income and un-programmed funds available.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents of the Implementation Plan and Budget for the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) Midtown Columbian District and expenditure of funds consistent with this approved plan.
Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community
Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to discharge the City's mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 469 Henry Street in the amount of $25,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community
Development request authorization to prepare and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a CARES Act Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan for CD-45, FY 2019, in order to incorporate the $938,750.00 awarded the City under the CARES Act to be allocated as follows: Economic Development - $495,000.00 to be administered by the Elizabeth Development Company, Elizabeth to support low/moderate “For-Profit” businesses with technical assistance, financial support, and microenterprise services in order to address economic impacts caused by COVID-19 outbreak; Homeless Prevention - $213,719.00 Rental Assistance and $8,000.00 Administration to be administered by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, and Community Access Unlimited, Elizabeth to provide rental assistance as necessary to prevent homelessness related to COVID-19 and to provide general management, oversight, and coordination of CDBG-CV funds.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community
Development request authorization for the proper City officials to sign any and all documents in connection with your approval of a Substantial Amendment to reallocate FY2014 through 2019, Community Development Block Grant CD-45 in the amount of $508,952.00 to the Rental Housing Program and to reallocate Fiscal Years 2017, 2018, and 2019 HOME funds to fund Tenant Based Rental Assistance in order to expeditiously assist families affected by COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of $303,670.05 as per the delineated list.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community
Development request authorizing a Rental Housing Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 731-735 New Point Road in the amount of $860,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community
Development request authorization for the assumption and subordination of the City’s mortgages on 201-203 First Street and 136-142 First Street a/k/a 101 Broadway mistakenly identified and listed as Community Asset Preservation Corporation as the borrower/mortgager; correct identity of the owner for both properties is CAPC E-Port Revitalization 1, LLC, 108 Church Street, 3rd Floor, New Brunswick, NJ and to adopt the subordination of the mortgage held by the City through the Elizabeth Home Improvement Program; HOME Rental Housing Program; amount of new loan $835,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community
Development request to amend the resolution adopted on September 10, 2019 awarding funds to Elizabeth Development Company specifically to transfer approved funds from Employment Training in the amount of $14,400.00 and Micro Enterprise in the amount of $10,600.00 to Technical Assistance; in addition $397,180.00 will be allocated to the Elizabeth Development Company to address small local, “For Profit” businesses loss of revenue due to COVID-19; authorize to extend the contract period to December 30, 2020 and to authorize the proper City officials to sign any and all documents necessary in connection therewith.
Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont’d)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 28, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request Contract Amendment No. 1 – Final to the contract awarded to USA Architects, Somerville, NJ at an original cost not to exceed $175,000.00 plus reimbursables specifically, to provide additional professional architectural services in connection with the contract administration and construction observation for the Fred Exleben Recreation Center Renovations at an additional cost not to exceed $60,000.00 raising the contract to $235,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 28, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request Change Order No.1 – Final - to the contract awarded to HBC Electric, Inc., Roselle, NJ, for the electrical maintenance and emergency repair service at various public buildings owned by the City of Elizabeth for an additional twenty-four (24) months at an original cost of $450,400.00 specifically, to provide further for additional work required at public buildings at public buildings during the twenty-four (24) month contract extension and is being billed at the contract rates for labor and materials in the amount of $67,550.00 raising the contract to $517,950.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 4, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request that your Honorable Body consider accepting services from Max PSI Power washing, 10 Amity Street, Elizabeth, NJ, to sanitize playground equipment owned by the City in various parks and playgrounds, at no cost to the City; work will begin once Executive Order No. 107 signed by Governor Murphy has been amended to allow for the opening of all places of public amusement.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 6, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to PennJersey Environmental Consulting, 744 Milford Warren Glen Road, Milford, NJ to provide environmental engineering services at a time and material basis in connection with the Elizabeth Waterfront Bike, Hike and Roll Throughway Expansion not to exceed $91,526.00 plus reimbursables.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 6, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the NJ Department of Transportation’s Bikeway Grant Program FY 2021; City anticipates construction of the Elizabeth River Trail Phase 6 Bikeway/Walkway, along Clifton Street from Cole Place to Pulaski Street; grant amount is not to exceed $500,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 6, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents, including reimbursement forms, for the NJ Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets to Transit Program FY2021; anticipated funding will implement a new traffic light system at the intersection of Broad Street and East / West Grand Street; grant amount is not to exceed $700,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 6, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the NJ Department of Transportation’s Local Aid for Transit village Grant Program FY 2021; anticipated funding will implement a new traffic light system at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Westfield Avenue; grant amount is not to exceed $700,000.00.
Which was received.
PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 6, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the NJ Department of Transportation's Municipal Aid Program FY2021; with additional funding, the City anticipates the construction of the Elizabeth River Trail Phase 5 Bikeway / Walkway, Clifton Street extension connecting to the Goethals Bridge Bikeway / Walkway as well as the addition of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Clifton Street and Cole Place; grant amount is not to exceed $1,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 11, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request to amend Chapter 10.24.110 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled Traffic Control Intersections Designated, specifically to include a new Traffic Control Signal at the intersection of North Avenue and Jefferson Avenue. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for Change Order No. 1 – final to the contract awarded to Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc., Jersey City, NJ for the Renovations at the Elizabeth City Hall Conference Rooms in the amount of $427,000.00 to provide further for supplying AV equipment that was not accounted for in the project plans and specifications in the amount of $15,538.17, thereby raising the amount of the contract to $442,538.17. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 18, 2020, from the Police Director request to refund to Jose Dias Demoura, 851 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ the initial fee for a personalized handicapped parking space in the amount of $400.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 8, 2020, from the Police Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Department of Homeland Security FY 2020 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program; anticipated funding will be used to strengthen societal resistance against the drivers of violent extremism and ensure broad awareness of the threat of terrorism and targeted violence for an amount not to exceed $500,000.00; no cost sharing is required. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 15, 2020, from the Fire Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY2019 FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants; with this anticipated grant, the Elizabeth Fire Department seeks to incorporate additional firefighters in order to fill the current and anticipated vacancies, total grant amount not to exceed $6,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 1, 2020, from Directional Technologies, Inc., 77 N. Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford, CT, on behalf of Golder Associates, Inc. environmental consultant, and the responsible party Croda Storage, Inc., 534 South Front Street, request an Encroachment Permit to perform environmental work consisting of two (2) horizontal injection wells within the right-of-way of South Front Street. Which was received.
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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

By the Clerk:
Letter dated May 13, 2020, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer’s Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of February 2020 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of February 29, 2020.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING


ORD. NO. 5328- An Ordinance granting an Encroachment Permit to Directional Technologies, Inc., (DTI) to perform environmental work consisting of two (2) horizontal injection wells within the right-of-way of South Front Street.

ORD. NO. 5329- An Ordinance to authorize the transfer and assignment of the redevelopment agreement with Sabra Port Urban Renewal LLC, 45 Lafayette Drive, Livingston, New Jersey to Quattro Urban Renewal 1, LLC, 41 Hackensack Avenue, Suite 200, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

ORD. NO. 5330- An Ordinance to transfer the Sabra Port Urban Renewal LLC, 45 Lafayette Drive, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 Long Term Tax Abatement Agreement on 60-80 Broadway, 133-135 First Street, 59-61 Livingston Street and 120-134 Front Street (Block 2, Lot 604) and 74-82 Livingston Street (Block 2, Lot 655) to Quattro Urban Renewal 1, LLC, 41 Hackensack Avenue, Suite 200, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

ORD. NO. 5331- An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8.81 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, Entitled, “Municipal Identification Card Program for Residents of the City of Elizabeth” to extend the expiration date of City of Elizabeth Municipal Identification Cards that have expired during the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency declared by Governor Murphy to December 31, 2020.

ORD. NO. 5332- A Bond Ordinance providing for the Local Unit’s Allocable Share of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, by and in the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (The “Local Unit”); appropriating $12,920,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $12,920,000.00 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

NONE.
NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, County of Union CARES Grant 2020, in the amount of $2,000,000.00.

Authorize transfers for the Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Budget Appropriations in the amount of $499,819.75.

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

Authorize an amendment to the 2020 Fiscal Year Capital Budget in the amount of $12,920,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Malouf-Ford Inc., 2210 Route 1 North, North Brunswick, N.J., for the purchase of OEM and Non-OEM maintenance and repair services for light and medium duty vehicles for various departments for the period March 17, 2020 through March 17, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, P.A., for the purchase of Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment for the Fire Department for the period April 1, 2020 through June 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Rescind resolution adopted January 8, 2019 with ALES/L/Applied Labor Employment Studies Institute, 152 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, N.J. for the furnishing of Grant Consulting Services at a cost not to exceed $35,000.00 for year one of this contract with an option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods; Director has conferred that he wishes to exercise the clause allowing for termination for convenience and not renew this contract.

Authorize the award of a contract to EPLUS Technology, Inc., 642 Newtown Yardley Road, Newtown, PA, for computer hardware, printers, servers, media, software upgrades and other computer equipment for various City buildings for the period April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $225,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Dell Marketing, LP, One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX, for the purchase of Dell Computers, Servers and Replacement Parts for Dell Computers for various City buildings for the period April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Howard Industries, Inc., 36 Howard Drive, Ellisville, MS, for computer hardware, printers, servers, media, software upgrades, printer repairs and other computer equipment for various City buildings for the period April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to National Fuel Oil, Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, N.J., for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works Marina for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Thomson Reuters, a Division of West Publishing Corp., 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, MN, for the purchase of Web Based Data Access Services for the Law Department and Municipal Court Division for the period April 1, 2020 through March 8, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $80,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Griffith-Allied Trucking, LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, N.J., for the purchase of Gasoline for the Public Works Marina for the period April 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to James River Insurance Group, P. O. Box 27648, Richmond, Virginia through the agent of record, Hughes-Plumer and Associates, covering professional liability insurance for the City Engineer and staff for the period May 25, 2020 to May 25, 2021, at an annual premium of $52,048.00.
NEW BUSINESS (cont’d)

Authorize the award of a contract to Engine Land Inc., 155 Division Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for the purchase of OEM vehicle Parts and Repairs for various departments through the Somerset County Cooperative for the period April 21, 2020 through April 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Route 23 Automall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, N.J., for the purchase of OEM vehicle Parts and Repairs for various departments through the Somerset County Cooperative for the period April 21, 2020 through April 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, N.J., for Breakaway U-Posts and Sign Supports for the Department of Public Works for the period March 30, 2020 through March 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Emergency Accessories and Installations, 770 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, N.J., for the purchase of vehicle electronics and equipment for the Police Department for the period March 16, 2020 through May 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $350,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to DFFLM, LLC, 215 Route 202/31, Flemington, N.J., for the purchase of OEM vehicle Parts & Repairs for various departments through the Somerset County Cooperative for the period April 21, 2020 through April 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 West Front Street, Keyport, N.J., for repairs and maintenance of plumbing systems at various public buildings through the Union County Co-Op for the period June 30, 2020 through March 22, 2022, at a cost not to exceed $750,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Pitney Bowes, Inc., 27 Waterview Drive, Shelton, CT, for the purchase of Postage, Postage Equipment Maintenance and Postage Supplies for the period April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Timetak Systems, Inc., 933 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI, for the furnishing of time clock equipment, maintenance and supplies for various departments for the period April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $25,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J., for the renewal of the Reverse 911 Mass Notification annual fee for the Police Department, at a total cost of $47,931.95.

Authorize the award of a contract to Foley Inc., 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, N.J., for the purchase of generator equipment maintenance and repair through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the period June 30, 2020 through June 29, 2021 at a cost not to exceed $125,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Motorola P.O. Box 161, Wharton, New Jersey, for the purchase of a Service Agreement for Communications Infrastructure and Maintenance on all Portable Radios for the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments at a cost of $229,389.09.

Authorize the award of a contract to DFFLM, LLC, t/a Ditchman Flemingford Ford, 215 U.S. Highway 202, Flemington, N.J., for the purchase of two (2) 2020 Ford F250 crew cab pickup trucks as replacement vehicles for the Fire Department through the Morris County Co-Op, at a total cost of $69,807.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morris town, N.J., for the purchase of two (2) 2020 Ford Transit Cargo Vans and one (1) 2020 Dodge Durango Truck as additions to the Police Department fleet through the Educational Services Commission of NJ, at a total cost of $88,505.94.
NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the award of a contract to Horizon Healthcare Dental Services, 1427 Wyckoff Road, Farmingdale, N.J., to provide City employees with a Dental Insurance Program for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at a cost not to exceed $1,850,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to CapitalEdge Strategies L.L.C., 1212 New York Avenue, NW Suite 250, Washington, D.C., to provide advocacy and grant services for the City of Elizabeth before United States Congress, Executive Departments and Agencies for the period of June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, in the amount not to exceed $40,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents supporting the Elizabeth Public Library's application to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond regarding the application and the 50% match of the the amount that is awarded by the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Grant to the Library.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Union County CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds Grant Program, in the amount not to exceed $2,000,000.00.

Adopt a resolution "In Support" of Senate Bill S-2475 and Assembly Bill A-3971 authorizing the issuance "Coronavirus Relief Bonds" by Municipalities and Counties in efforts to offer relief for the City of Elizabeth.

Authorize the Tax Collector to declare null and void Tax Sale Certificate No. 12-00363 on the property located at 1201 Chestnut Street, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of $6,690.31 be canceled and deemed not collectable as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-91-1.

Adopt a resolution establishing the Fixed Asset capitalization level in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00.) to maintain consistency with the guidelines promulgated by the Federal government; and to enhance the City's overall control and stewardship of its assets enabling the City to further comply with and benefit from the "Best Practices" standards.

Authorize the City Treasurer to cancel tax credits for Tax Year 2012 in the amount of $105,681.44 and said sum be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated.

Authorize the City Treasurer to cancel tax lien premiums in excess of five (5) years or liens that are foreclosed, totaling $138,300.00 and said sum be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated.

Authorize the adoption of a resolution that would pre-qualify Louis C. Mai, CPA & Associates, 6 Moonshadow Court, Kinnelon, N.J., who submitted a Request for Qualifications as prospective Auditors, to serve the City during the 2021 State Fiscal Year.

Authorize the adoption of a resolution that would pre-qualify Acacia Financial Group, Inc., 6000 Midlantic Drive, Mt. Laurel, N.J. and NW Financial Group, LLC, 2 Hudson Place, Hoboken, N.J. who submitted a Request for Qualifications as prospective Financial Advisors to serve the City during the 2021 State Fiscal Year.

Authorize the adoption of a resolution that would pre-qualify DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Gibilin, LLP, 61 S. Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, N.J. and Wlentz, Goodman & Spitzer P.A., 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, N.J. who submitted a Request for Qualifications as prospective Bond Attorneys to serve the City during the 2021 State Fiscal Year.

Authorize the adoption of a resolution that would pre-qualify Blau & Blau, Attorneys at Law, 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. and Renaud Daappolitana,150 North Avenue East, Cranford, N.J. who submitted a Request for Qualifications as prospective Property Tax Attorneys, to serve the City during the 2021 State Fiscal Year.
NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the adoption of a resolution that would pre-qualify Stack, Coolahan & Stack, LLC, 90 Hudson Street, Hoboken, N.J., and Wade Appraisal, LLC, 460 Main Street, Metuchen, N.J., who submitted a Request for Qualifications as prospective Appraisers to serve the City during the 2021 State Fiscal Year.

Certify the Preliminary 2021 State Fiscal Year Tax Levy for the second half of Calendar Year 2020 in the amount of $165,376,676.47.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and execute all documents for funds required for a grant application from the Environmental Protection Agency’s State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Grant Program (SEJCA) COVID-19 projects, in the amount of $200,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and execute all documents required for Grant funds from the CDC Foundation, funds would be in support of the Contact Tracing initiative to fight the spread of COVID-19, in the amount of $30,199.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any and all necessary documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a CARES Act Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan CD-45 Funding FY 2019, in order to incorporate CDBG CV-Funds in the amount of $938,750.00 awarded to City under the CARES Act to be allocated.

Authorize the proper City officials to sign any and all documents in connection of the approval of a Substantial Amendment to reallocate FY 2014 through 2019, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CD-45 in the amount of $508,852.00 to the Rental Housing Program and reallocate Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019 HOME funds to fund Tenant Based Rental Assistance, in order to expeditiously assist families affected by COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of $303,870.05 as per delineated list on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Authorize the award of a contract to Prestige Environmental Inc., 229 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J., to complete environmental engineering and consulting services for the development for the parking lot on the former Kull Property located at 217-231 Front Street, in the amount not to exceed $43,000.00.

Designate Quattro Urban Renewal 1, LLC, 41 Hackensack Avenue, Suite 200, Hackensack, New Jersey, as the new Redeveloper for 80-90 Broadway, 133-135 First Street, 59-81 Livingston Street and 120-134 Front Street and 74-82 Livingston Street and de-designate the original redeveloper Sabra Port Urban Renewal, LLC, 45 Lafayette Drive, Livingston, New Jersey.

Amend resolution adopted June 11, 2019, approving the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Second Generation Funds for the UEZ Financial Lending Programs Fiscal Year 2020, in the amount of $2,101,680.00, specifically to include a new UEZ Relief Working Capital Loan Program to assist with businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crises.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all necessary documents to prepare and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan Fiscal Year 2020-2024, to include applications for funding and an Action Plan for CD-46 (FY 2020) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in the amount of $1,595,848.00 and HOME Program in the amount of $908,117.00 plus any program income and un-programmed funds available.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all necessary documents of the Implementation Plan and Budget for the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) for the Midtown Columbian District and expenditure of funds consistent with this New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) approved plan.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all necessary documents to discharge the City’s mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 469 Henry Street, in the amount of $25,000.00.
Amend resolution adopted September 10, 2019, awarding funds to Elizabeth Development Company to transfer approved funds from Employment Training Aid to Technical Assistance to local small and micro-businesses as a result of COVID-19 extending the amount of $75,000.00 plus to $10,000.00 of the New Home Improvement Program: HOME Rental Program: amount of new loan $835,000.00.

Authorize the City officials to execute all necessary documents to apply for the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets to Transit FY2021 Grant Program, with this funding the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of Broad Street and East Grand Street. Total grant amount not to exceed $500,000.00.

Authorize the City officials to execute all necessary documents to apply for the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets to Transit FY2021 Grant Program, with this funding the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Westfield Avenue. Total grant amount not to exceed $700,000.00.

Authorize the City officials to execute all necessary documents to apply for the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets to Transit FY2021 Grant Program, with this funding the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Westfield Avenue. Total grant amount not to exceed $700,000.00.
NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents to apply for the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Municipal Aid FY 2021 Grant Program, with this funding the City anticipates further funding for the construction of the Elizabeth River Trail Phase 5 Bikeway / Walkway, Clifton Street extension connecting to the Goethais Bridge Bikeway / Walkway and the addition of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Clifton Street and Cole Place, total grant amount not to exceed $1,000,000.00.

Authorize Change Order No. 1 - Project Final, to the contract awarded to Louis Gargiulo Company, Inc. 44-46 State Street, Jersey City, N.J., for the renovation at the Elizabeth City Hall Conference Rooms in the amount of $427,000.00, specifically for this change order represents costs for supplying AV equipment that was not accounted for in the project plans and specifications, which represents a total increase of $15,538.17, raising the amount of contract to $442,538.17.

Authorize refund for the personalized handicapped parking space fee to Jose Dias Demoura, 851 E. Jersey Street, Apt. 36, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of $400.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents to apply for the Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2020 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program, total grant amount not to exceed $500,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY2019 FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program, in the amount not to exceed $6,000,000.00.

Grant permission to place a Vanity Street Sign in Memory Carol Lockett, Employee of City of Elizabeth Police Department.

Urge the Veteran Administration not to close the VA Clinic in the City of Elizabeth.

Pay Utility Bills

Approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses

COMMENDATIONS:

MEMORIALS:
Carol Lockett

ADJOURNMENT