

**CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.**  
**REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022**

**7:30 P. M.**

**AGENDA**

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

ORD. NO. 5679 - A Capital Improvement Fund Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,000,000 for Information Technology Network improvements in and for the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5680 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Andrea Quinones, 214 Mellon Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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ORD. NO. 5682 - An Ordinance to exceed the State Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14.

**ELIZABETH AVENUE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$328,594.18.**

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 30, 2022, from His Honor the Mayor subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Body I am hereby appointing the following attorneys and/or the respective firms to serve as Municipal Public Defenders for the Municipal Court for the period covering July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, at a rate of \$500.00 per session and \$500 per session for Driving While Intoxicated for a total cost not to exceed \$175,000.00; Celeste Dudley-Smith Esq., The Dudley-Smith Law Firm, LLC, 1155 West Chestnut Street, Suite 2A, Union, NJ; Chanima Odoms, Esq., The Law Office of Chanima Odoms, Esq., 16 Bennet Street, Unit 515, Jersey City, NJ; Nidara Y. Rourk, Esq., 210 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ; Maria M. Dias, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, 701 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ; Kuhrt, Femia & Kuhrt, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 583 Cherry Street, Elizabeth, NJ; Law Offices of Marco Di Stefano, Esq. LLC, Marco Di Stefano, Esq., 2050 Emerson Avenue, Union, NJ; Celeste Dudley-Smith Esq. shall be designated as Chief Municipal Public Defender at the additional compensation of \$5,000.00. Which was received.

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Letter dated June 24, 2022, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in State Contracts with the following vendors to purchase furniture for the ground floor of Elizabeth Fire Department Headquarters: Exemplis Corp., c/o BFI, 6415 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA in the amount of \$8,553.82 and BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ in the amount of \$24,164.58 totaling \$32,718.40. Which was received.

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Letter dated June 28, 2022, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in a State Contract with Skylands Area Fire Equipment and Training, 23 Hamburg Tpke., Suite A, Riverdale, NJ for protective Firefighter clothing and equipment during the period of June 15, 2022, through June 14, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 29, 2022, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the Purchasing Agent to reject the sole bid received from The Rodgers Group, LLC, 2611 Internet Blvd., Suite 100, Frisco, Texas and re-advertise for the provision of an Accreditation Consultant for New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. for the Elizabeth Police Department for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew for one additional 24 month term under the same terms and conditions due to the State of Ownership Disclosure was incorrectly completed. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 29, 2022, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract and authorize proper City officials to execute any necessary documents provided by Dell, Inc., One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX for the purchase of Cloud Based Microsoft Office 365 Government E3 GCC Software Subscriptions and Licenses for various offices for the period of July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, at a cost of \$266,459.65. Which was received.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider amending Article III of Chapter 9.36 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Weapons Free Zones", specifically to include legal weapons and expend the article's scope to include additional sensitive places.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that in compliance with the SFY 2016 Appropriations Act requires that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the 2022 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

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Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that temporary emergency appropriations for the 2023 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

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Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the proper City officials to enter a contract for the 2023 SFY with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Gibling, LLP, 61 South Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ to provide bond counsel services in connection with the City's issuance of debt obligations and to provide for the terms and the security of such obligations for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the proper City officials to enter a contract for the 2023 SFY with NW Financial Group, LLC, 2 Hudson Place, Hoboken, NJ to provide financial advisory services to the City in connection with the City's issuance of municipal and sewer utility debt obligations including bonds and bond anticipation notes and any other financial analysis deemed necessary for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the proper City officials to enter a contract for the 2023 SFY with Stack, Coolahan & Stack, LLC, 90 Hudson Street, P.O. Box 731, Hoboken, NJ to provide real estate counseling services with a credible opinion of market value for property tax valuation purposes in an amount of \$90,000.00 and for the preparation of appraisal reports and litigation support including testimony and attendance at conferences scheduled by the Court in connection with State Tax Court appeals in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 totaling \$115,000.00 Which was received.

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Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the proper City officials to enter a contract for the 2023 SFY with Acacia Financial Group, Inc., 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North, Mount Laurel, NJ to provide financial advisory services to the City in connection with the City's issuance of municipal and sewer utility debt obligations including bonds and bond anticipation notes and any other financial analysis deemed necessary for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the proper City officials to enter a contract for the 2023 SFY with Louis C. Mai, CPA & Associates, 6 Moonshadow Court, Kinnelon, NJ to provide statutory audits of the General Funds, Sewer Utility Funds, Other Funds, the Single Audit and for five (5) year comparative statements in an amount of \$259,500.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider approving a bond ordinance that authorizes the installation of the Road Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 with a down payment of \$500,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider approving a capital surplus ordinance in the amount of \$500,000.00 authorizing the installation of traffic lights and road resurfacing at the intersections of East Grand Street and Madison Avenue; the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2022 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$465,000.00 will partially offset and fund this project. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the proper City officials to enter a contract for the 2023 SFY with Blau & Blau, 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ to be the primary legal representative of the City in all matters relating to tax appeals including preparation for trials, discovery and motions, and the appearance at trials and other court appearances pertaining to tax appeals at the Union County Tax Board and New Jersey Tax Court and other venues for an amount of \$130,000.00; they will receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of increased tax associated with final judgments of the Union County Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court, if the case is settled without necessity of an appraisal; they will receive one third (33.33%) of the amount of the increased tax associated with final judgments of the Union County Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court, if Blau & Blau obtains a real estate appraisal of the subject property; Blau & Blau will pay all costs associated with filing and prosecuting the tax appeals including but not limited to filing fees, expert witnesses, preparation of trial exhibits, copying and postage; fee shall not exceed \$250,000.00 for an individual property in any tax year. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a Sewer Utility bond ordinance to finance Phase III of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties in the amount of \$20,510,000.00; ninety percent (90%) FEMA contribution is contemplated. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 5, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the approval of a capital surplus ordinance authorizing the replacement of various Fire Department equipment lost during Hurricane IDA in the amount of \$700,000.00; it is anticipated that FEMA will partially reimburse the City. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 24, 2022, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents pertaining to an agreement between the City of Elizabeth and Kean University to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations as it pertains to students conducting requisite field training on sites identified by the city; qualified employees will provide student supervision. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 22, 2022, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted on April 27, 2021, authorizing Habitat for Humanity to extend its contract to December 31, 2021, specifically to extend the contract period to December 31, 2022, for them to draw down the remaining funds of \$69,237.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 24, 2022, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider the adoption of the 823-827 East Jersey Street Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Plan. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 24, 2022, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider the adoption of the amended Elizabethport Phase II Redevelopment Plan, specifically for parcels 60-90 Broadway, 133-135 First Street, 120-134 Front Street, 59-81 Livingston Street, and 74-82 Livingston Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 28, 2022, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary to discharge the City's Mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 402 Rosehill Place in the amount of \$57,600.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 30, 2022, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ to provide Civil and Environmental Engineering for the remediation of 53 Jefferson Avenue on a time and material basis at a cost not to exceed \$120,200.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 27, 2022, from For the Culture, 15 Watson Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ request permission to host the "For the Culture Youth Festival" in co-sponsorship with the City and that all fees be waived to be held on August 28, 2022, at Carteret Park; from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; set up time 10:00 a.m. with a rain date of September 4, 2022. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2022, from the City Treasurer submitted the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of March 2022 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of March 31, 2022. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 22, 2022, from the City Treasurer submitted the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of April 2022 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of April 30, 2022. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Minutes: Fair Rental Housing Board meetings held January 19, 2022 and April 20, 2022. Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5683 - An Ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 9.36 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Weapons Free Zones" specifically to include legal weapons and expand the article's scope to include additional sensitive places.
- ORD. NO. 5684 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth to adopt the 823-827 East Jersey Street, (Block 7, Lot 287) Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.
- ORD. NO. 5685 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth to amend the Elizabethport Phase II Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ, specifically for parcels located at 59-81 Livingston Street (Block 2, Lot 604), and 74-82 Livingston Street Block 2, Lot 655).
- ORD. NO. 5686 - A Bond Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, providing for the reconstruction of various roads located in the City of Elizabeth and appropriating \$10,000,000 therefor, and providing for the issuance of \$9,500,000 in Bonds or Notes of the City of Elizabeth to finance the same.
- ORD. NO. 5687 - A Capital Surplus Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, appropriating \$700,000 for the replacement of various Fire Department equipment lost during Hurricane IDA.
- ORD. NO. 5688 - A Capital Surplus Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, appropriating \$500,000 for the installation of traffic lights and road resurfacing in and for the City.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING (cont'd)**

ORD. NO. 5689 - A Sewer Utility Bond Ordinance providing for Phase III of 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 \$20,510,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$20,510,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof.

ORD. NO. 5690 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Luz Montalvo, 19 Atlantic Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5691 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Johnny Bravo, 29 So. Seventh 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, AUGUST 23, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Authorize an amendment to the 2023 Fiscal Year Capital Budget in the amount of \$31,710,000.00.

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.

Adopt the Elizabeth Avenue Special Improvement District Budget Calendar Year 2023, in the amount of \$328,594.18.

Confirm the appointment of the following to serve as Municipal Public Defenders for the City of Elizabeth Municipal Court for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at a rate of \$500.00 per session and \$500.00 per session for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) matters, for a total cost not to exceed \$175,000.00: Celeste Dudley-Smith, Esq., The Dudley-Smith Law Firm, LLC, Union N.J.; Chanima Odoms, Esq., The Law Office of Chanima Odoms, Esq., Jersey City, N.J.; Nidara Y. Rourk, Esq., East Orange, N.J.; Maria M. Dias, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Elizabeth, N.J.; Kuhrt, Femia & Kuhrt, LLC, Attorney at Law, Elizabeth N.J.; Marco Di Stefano, Esq., Law Offices of Marco Di Stefano, Esq. LLC, Union, N.J.; and Celeste Dudley-Smith, Esq. shall be designated as Chief Municipal Public Defender at the additional compensation of Five-Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

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Reject the sole bid received June 10, 2022, submitted by The Rodgers Group, LLC, 2611 Internet Blvd., Suite 100, Frisco, Texas, for the provision of an Accreditation Consultant for New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) and Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA), for the Police Department, for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew for one (1) additional 24-month term under the same terms and conditions, due to the State of Ownership Disclosure was incorrectly completed, and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise for same.

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Authorize the renewal of a policy of insurance with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, through its agent of record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, for an Accident Insurance Policy covering the Auxiliary Police Officers, for the period July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, at an annual premium of \$340.00.



**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into a contract with DeCotfis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, N.J., to provide Bond Counsel Services in connection with the City's issuance of debt obligations and to provide for the terms and the security of such obligations for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

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Authorize the proper City officials to execute all documents pertaining to an agreement between the City of Elizabeth, Department of Health and Human Services and Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J., to identify the mutual responsibilities and expectations as it pertains to student interns conducting requisite field training on sites identified by the City of Elizabeth.

Amend resolution adopted April 27, 2021, authorizing the extension of time for Habitat for Humanity, from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021, specifically to extend the contract period for Habitat for Humanity from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022, to draw the remaining funds allocated to assist the City of Elizabeth low/mod residents with its Owner-Occupied Program, remaining balance of \$69,237.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to Discharge the City's mortgage(s) and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 402 Rosehill Place, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of \$57,600.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with Harbor Consultants Inc., 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, N.J., to serve as City Planner for Planning Services to the Planning and Zoning Boards and the Department of Planning and Community Development, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Authorize the award of a contract to CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, N.J., to provide consulting professional engineering services in connection with the Environmental Remediation of 53 Jefferson Avenue, on a time and material basis, at a cost not to exceed \$120,200.00 plus reimbursables.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located 760 Myrtle Street.

Permit For the Culture, to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "For the Culture Youth Festival" in co-sponsorship with the City of Elizabeth to be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at Carteret Park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with set-up time of 10:00 a.m., with a rain date of Sunday, September 4, 2022, waiving all fees.

Authorize the settlement in the worker's compensation litigation matter of Colletti v. the City, in the total amount of \$20,088.50.

Pay Utility Bills

Approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses

**COMMENDATIONS:**

- Rev. Joseph Adair )Retirement, Office of Relocation
- Dolores Perkins )Retirement and Birthday
- Darren Williamson )Retirement, Elizabeth Police Department
- Henrietta L. Davis )102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday
- Pilar Mateus )National Night Out
- Charlotte Brown ) Recipients
- Kenny Brown ) August 2, 2022
- Angela Karotis
- Theodore Perkins

**MEMORIALS:**

- Millie C. Bouknight
- Murray White Jr.
- Mary Jane Dugan
- Shirley Howard Carter
- Carmen Torres
- Rayford Scott
- Uriel Antonio Matamoros

**ADJOURNMENT**