

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

7:30 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 October 29, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Anthony Tavormina, VIP Animal Hospital, 444 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ for Veterinarian services for the Department of Health and Human Services, Animal Control Division for the period of November 11, 2020 through November 10, 2021 at a rate of \$50.00 per hour not to exceed \$30,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 29, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Chana Zablocki, Union Family Health, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, NJ for the provision of a Pediatric Physician for Child/Health Immunization Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services during the period of November 11, 2020 through November 10, 2021 at the rate of \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$80,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 29, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Chana Zablocki, Union Family Health, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, NJ for the provision of a Physician at the STD Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services during the period of November 11, 2020 through November 10, 2021 at the rate of \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 29, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., One River Centre – Building Two, 3331 Newnan Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ to provide the City with Professional Environmental Engineering services in regard to operation procedures for Mickey Walker, Jackson Park, Miller -Evans-Logan, Green Acres Spray Parks, Exleben Pool Complex and the Start-Up of Miller Park; in the amount of \$68,830.00 and to permit the proper City officials to execute any and all documents that may be required by the vendor.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., 1600 Railroad Avenue, Holbrook, NY for the purchase of Little Leaf Linden Trees, Parrotia Trees and Root Guards to be planted throughout the City in residential areas at a total cost of \$49,685.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Edmunds Gov Tech, Inc., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ for software and hardware support for Proprietary Software for Finance, Purchasing, Revenue, WIPP, Payroll and Human Resources and Conversion Fees for Health Benefit Dependent on Payroll for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$65,870.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 30, 2020, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute and award a contract to Express Scripts, Inc., a MEDCO Business, One Express Way, St. Louis, MS to provide a Prescription Drug Program for the City for a three year (3) period commencing December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2023; totally Self-insured at an estimate of \$4,700,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 21, 2020, from the City Attorney request authorization for the proper City officials to execute the appropriate documents to settle the matter of City of Elizabeth v. Wilson Ojeda-Gavilanes for damages of a traffic signal and traffic control box in the amount of \$8,263.45.
Which was received

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 4, 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 November 4, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that temporary emergency appropriations for the 2021 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 4, 2020, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that the Division of Local Government Services requires that your Honorable Body discuss the City's completed 2021 SFY "Best Practices" Inventory at a public meeting to be held on November 10, 2020.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 20, 2020, from the Director of Health and Human Services request to amend the resolution adopted November 26, 2019 authorizing the proper City officials to submit a strategic plan for the Elizabeth Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$87,558.00, specifically to reduce the amount total to \$21,329.00 due to the current pandemic.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 26, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider supporting E'Town Housing Community Development Corporation's application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the development of twenty-four (24) senior low-income residential units at 170-176 First Street.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 28, 2020, from the Director of Planning & Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted August 25, 2020 authorizing the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Economic Development Administration's FY2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs – Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding opportunity for the Kapkowski Road Sewer Project for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, specifically to reflect that the Kapkowski Road Sewer Replacement Project will be submitted for funding consideration under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program and not the Coronavirus Aid opportunity for an amount not to exceed \$3,366,500.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 29, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for a Rental Housing Program, Deferred Payment Loan for the new construction of three (3) Home Assisted Units on the property located at 829 E. Jersey Street in the amount of \$240,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 29, 2020, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the Code of the City of Elizabeth and supersede Chapter 17, Subsection 36 entitled: Zoning Districts, Sections 17.36.090 ("Nonconformance"), Sections 17.36.099 ("Calculation of Prevailing Conditions") and Section 17.36.100 ("Lot Dimensions").
WHICH WAS REFERRED TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 28, 2020, from the Director of Public Works request that your Honorable Body consider support of the revised alternative design for safety improvements to the intersection of Sheridan Avenue and Newark Avenue which includes a traffic island to channelize vehicle movements to reduce conflicts and improve safety and a future ordinance for no left turns from Sheridan Avenue onto Newark Avenue.
WHICH WAS REFERRED TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated October 30, 2020, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Maser Consulting P.A., 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ to provide professional engineering services in connection with the drainage improvements to Trooper Thomas J. Hanratty Memorial Complex at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$15,800.00 plus reimbursables.
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

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.

City Council has complied with the promulgation of the Division of Local Government Services and reviewed and discussed the City's completed SFY 2021 "Best Practices" Inventory.

Authorize the award of a contract to Dr. Anthony Tavormina, VIP Animal Hospital, 444 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for Veterinarian Services for the Department of Health and Human Services, Animal Control Division for the period of November 11, 2020 through November 10, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Chana Zablocki, MD/ Union Family Health, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, N.J., to provide Pediatric Physician Services for Child/Health Immunization Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services for the period November 11, 2020 through November 10, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Chana Zablocki, MD/Union Family Health, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, N.J., for the provision of a Physician for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services for the period November 11, 2020 through November 10, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., 331 Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, N.J., to provide the City with professional environmental engineering services and authorize the proper City Officials to execute any documents required by the vendor in connection with the operation procedures for the Mickey Walker, Jackson Park, Miller-Evans- Logan, Green Acres Spray Parks, Exleben Pool Complex and the Start-Up of Miller Park, in the amount of \$68,830.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., 1600 Railroad Avenue, Holbrook, N.Y., for the purchase of Little Leaf Linden trees, Parrotia trees and root guards to be planted in residential areas throughout the City, through the Union County Cooperative Purchasing, at a total cost of \$49,685.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Edmunds Gov Tech, Inc., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, N.J., to provide software and hardware support for proprietary software, for the Offices of Finance, Purchasing, Revenue, WIPP, Payroll and Human Resources and Conversion Fees for Health Benefit Dependent on Payroll for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$65,870.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Express Scripts, Inc., a MEDCO Business, One Express Way, St. Louis, MS, to provide a Prescription Drug Program for City Employees, for which the City of Elizabeth is self-insured for a three (3) year period commencing December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2023, at an estimated annual cost of \$4,700,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute the appropriate documents for the settlement matter the City of Elizabeth vs. Wilson Ojeda-Gavilan, where the City of Elizabeth sustained property damage which resulted from an automobile accident on November 12, 2018, in the amount of \$8,263.45.

Amend resolution adopted November 26, 2019, authorizing the proper City to submit a strategic plan for the Elizabeth Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$87,558.00, specifically to accept the revised grant funds due to the current pandemic for the period of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in the total amount of \$21,329.00.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Adopt a resolution to support Etowah Housing Community Development Corporation application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the development of twenty-four (24) senior low-income residential units at 170-176 First Street.

Amend resolution adopted August 25, 2020, authorizing the proper City Officials to apply, sign accept an application for the Economic Development Administration's FY2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs-Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding opportunity for the Kapkowski Road Sewer Project for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, specifically to reflect the Kapkowski Road Sewer Replacement Project will be submitted for funding under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program and not the Coronavirus Aid opportunity, for an amount not to exceed \$3,366,500.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to provide a Rental Housing Basic Program, Deferred Payment Loan for the property located at 829 East Jersey Street, in the amount not to exceed \$240,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A. 331 Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, N.J. to provide professional engineering services in connection with the drainage improvements to the Trooper Thomas J. Hanratty Memorial Complex (Hanratty Field), at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$15,800.00 plus reimbursables.

Pay Utility Bills

COMMENDATIONS:

Gabriel Rivera)Boy Scouts of America
)Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout

Margaret Gonzalez)Retirement, Municipal Court

Shiloh Joyce)2 time National Champion

MEMORIALS:

ADJOURNMENT