

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 5148 - A Capital Surplus Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, appropriating \$350,000.00 for improvements to Hanratty Field in and for the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

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ORD. NO. 5150 - A Capital Surplus Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, appropriating \$800,000.00 for the Tree Planting Initiative in and for the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5151 - An Ordinance granting an Encroachment Permit to Talon Drilling Company, 100 Lexington Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey for the installation of one (1) off-site groundwater monitoring well in the sidewalk area in front of 1141-1147 Fanny Street, a/k/a "Kenah Field", for the purpose of ongoing environmental remediation investigation activities for the proposed Baker Center Redevelopment site.

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ORD. NO. 5154 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jorge Martin, 592 Adams Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 12, 2019, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 2019 Ford F350 crew cabs with plows and two (2) 2019 regular cabs with plows as replacement vehicles for the Department of Public Works at the total cost of \$143,454.04.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 12, 2019, from the Business Administrator request authorization to join and participate in the National Co-op, Sourcewell, formerly NJPA and permit the utilization of their contract with Altec Industries, Inc., 210 Inverness Center Drive, Birmingham, AL to purchase one (1) Model AT37G Altec Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device in the total amount of \$102,273.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 13, 2019, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the Purchasing Agent to utilize the Competitive Contracting Process for the procurement of services for the Revaluation of Real Property for Property Tax Assessment purposes in the office of the Tax Assessor.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 13, 2019, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Johnston Communications Voice and Data, P.O. Box 390, Kearny, NJ for the purchase of a video surveillance system for the Elizabeth River Trail in the amount of \$265,208.71.  
Which was received.

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Letter dated March 14, 2019, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Associated Auto Parts, 300 East Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, NJ for non-OEM auto parts and accessories including, but not limited to brakes, spark plugs and filters for light duty vehicles for various departments for the period of February 25, 2019 through February 25, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 14, 2019, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Community Champions, 2725 Center Place, Melbourne, FL for an Administrator of Records for Abandoned, Foreclosed and Vacant Properties in the City of Elizabeth for the fourth (4th) and final renewal option of the initial agreement for the period March 16, 2019 through March 15, 2020, under the same terms and conditions as the current contract.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 14, 2019, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ for the purchase of office furniture and file cabinets for the City Treasurer's Office at the cost of \$13,619.82.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 14, 2019, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the Purchasing Agent to make the necessary arrangements to auction impounded property in the possession of the Elizabeth Police Department to be held by Propertyroom.Com, State pre-approved on-line auction site; date of the sale will be set by the auction company and will be published in the Newark Star Ledger contingent upon City Council's approval.  
Which was received.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 14, 2019, from the Business Administrator, on behalf of NJ Sharing Network, request that your Honorable Body consider proclaiming the month of April as "Donate Life" Month and authorize the proper City officials to promote Donate Life Month by displaying approved signage, flags or table displays in designated areas. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 19, 2019, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2019 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 19, 2019, 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 5, 2019, from the Chief Financial Officer advising in compliance with the SFY 2018 Appropriations Act requires that your Honorable Body discuss once annually an assessment of the authorities the City has created, namely, the Elizabeth Parking Authority and the Elizabeth Housing Authority. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 12, 2019, from the City Treasurer request that your Honorable Body consider to cancel the Property Taxes for the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 tax years in the amounts of \$13,754.17; \$14,623.72; \$14,622.67, and \$15,042.16 for the property known as 200 Bayway (Relocated) (Billboard Account). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 15, 2019, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization to amend the resolution adopted September 11, 2018 with The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark, Inc. to build a 2-unit affordable home on the property located at 118 Fulton Street with a repayable Home Rental Housing Program loan of \$51,696.00 specifically, to change the Developer to Community Asset Preservation Corporations, 421 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 11, 2019, from the Director of Public Works request permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the boarding up of said premises in the amount of \$3,499.79. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 11, 2019, from the Director of Public Works request permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the removal and disposal of debris from said properties in the amount of \$238.39. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 13, 2019, from the Director of Public Works request to establish a new Traffic Control Signal at 101-141 North Avenue East in accordance with the As-Built Signal Plan. Which was received.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 15, 2019, from the Director of Public Works request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution in support of the Elizabethtown Gas appeal of the NJ Department of Transportation's permit conditions related to the Phase 3 Renewal Project along Westfield Avenue between Cherry Street and Elmora Avenue allowing for the installation of one gas main to service this section of Westfield Avenue with the majority of work to be performed between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. on a mainly residential stretch of roadway; they are seeking to appeal the permit conditions to allow dual gas mains and permit the work to be performed during daytime hours.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 15, 2019, 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 \$41,408.40 plus reimbursables.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 12, 2019, from the Police Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Highway Traffic Safety – 2019 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant-U Drive, U Text, U Pay for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk

Letter dated March 1, 2019, from the Police Director request to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 81 Broadway (personalized); 248 Pine Street (Personalized); 221 Clark Place (personalized); 155 Inslee Place (personalized); 555 Fulton Street (personalized); 612 Grier Avenue (personalized); 75 Fulton Street; 234 Rankin Street Fl. 2; 65 S. Second Street Fl. 2; 148 Ripley Place; 325 Second Avenue deletions: 728 Fay Avenue Fl. 1; 441 B Livingston Street; 612 Magnolia Avenue.  
Which was received.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 7, 2019, from the City Treasurer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of December 2018 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of December 31, 2018.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

ORD. NO. 5155 - An Ordinance to amend 10.24.110 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Traffic-Control Signals" specifically to establish a new traffic control signal at the intersection of 101-141 North Avenue East in accordance with the As-Built Signal Plan dated March 6, 2019.

ORD. NO. 5156 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Abdul Scott, 81 Broadway, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5157 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Alexandri Medeiros, 248 Pine Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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

- ORD. NO. 5158 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Neleyskha Pastor, 221 Clark Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5159 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Venus Martinez, 155 Insee Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5160 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Evelina Despaigna, 555 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5161 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Edward J. Farra, 512 Fulton Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5162 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4950, adopted on November 28, 2017, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Ruben Hernandez, 441 B. Livingston Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5163 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Eather Folchi, 612 Grier Avenue, 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 9, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE**

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NEW BUSINESS

In compliance with the SFY 2018 Appropriations Act, City Council review and discuss the annual assessment of the Parking Authority and the Housing Authority, fulfilling their public need.

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Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all necessary documents to join and participate in the National Co-Op, Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) to utilize its contract with Altec Industries, Inc., 210 Inverness Center Drive, Birmingham AL, for the purchase of one (1) Model AT37G Altec Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device, in the total amount of \$102,273.00.

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

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Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 75 Fulton Street.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 65 S. Second Street Fl. 2.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 148 Ripley Place.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 325 Second Avenue.

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 728 Fay Avenue Fl. 1; 612 Magnolia Avenue.

Rescind resolution adopted July 28, 2009, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 555 Fulton Street. (now personalized)

Rescind resolution adopted June 13, 2000, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 612 Grier Avenue. (now personalized)

Urge the New Jersey State Commissioner of Health, New Jersey State Board of Health to approve and designate Trinitas Regional Medical Center as a Level II Trauma Center in Union County.

Authorize settlement in the worker's compensation litigation matter of Figueiredo vs. the City in the total amount of \$26,082.38.

Pay Utility Bills

Approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

**COMMENDATIONS:**

Brian Sousa Gomes ) Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout  
Boy Scout Troop 101, Elizabeth, NJ

Pastor R. Lenton Buffalo ) 31<sup>st</sup> Pastoral Anniversary,  
Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ

First Lady Cheryl Buffalo ) 31 years of Service as First Lady of  
Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ

Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste )  
Sheena Spence, Firefighter ) Recognized for Women's History Month  
Yolanda M. Roberts, City Clerk )

**MEMORIALS:**

Patricia A. Campel  
Vincenza Guarraci

**ADJOURNMENT**