PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

(OFFICIAL)

ELIZABETH, N.J.

Tuesday Evening
April 22, 2014
7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held this evening in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

Council President Manny Grova, Jr., announced that this regular meeting is listed in the "Annual Notice", as defined by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and that copies of the "Annual Notice" have been mailed or delivered to the Star Ledger, Home News and Tribune, and Cablevision of Elizabeth and posted and filed in the City Clerk's Office in compliance with the terms of the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 on December 27, 2013.

PRESENT: Council Members-at-Large: Patricia Perkins-Auguste,
Frank J. Cuesta,
Council Members: Carlos L. Torres, 1st Ward;
Nelson Gonzalez, 2nd Ward; Joseph Keenan, 3rd Ward;
Carlos Cedeno, 4th Ward; William Gallman, Jr., 5th Ward;
Frank O. Mazza, 6th Ward;
and President Manny Grova, Jr.; Councilman-at-Large - 9

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jorge Estrada, Special Counsel

Councilman Torres delivered the opening prayer and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PRESENTATION

Council President Grova announced that Councilman Torres will make a presentation to the organization "Someone's Daughter" and Ina Silva.

Councilman Torres presented "Someone's Daughter" with a commendation, stating that usually someone or individuals are recognized after they have done

something, but today we are recognizing this organization for the work that they do for the youth.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste then read the commendation.

Ms. Natasha Davis thanked Councilman Torres for acknowledging them. She stated that she has a wonderful team and would like to establish a relationship with this City and City Council.

Councilman Torres announced that this is National Autism Month and this is dear to his heart. He continued that in 2012, his son was diagnosed with autism. He continued that one out of sixty-eight children are diagnosed with autism. He stated further that in New Jersey, one out of forty-five are diagnosed.

Councilman Torres thanked Ina Silva for all of her dedication and hard work in putting together an event, raising $2,650.00.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste announced that in 2001, her son was diagnosed with autism. She thanked and commended Ms. Silva and announced that City Council will support her future endeavors.

Ms. Ina Silva stated that she put an event together in a month and raised $2,650.00. She continued that her goal was to raise $1,000.00. She stated further that she intends to establish a non-profit organization,

On behalf of the members of City Council, President Grova thanked Ms. Silva.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr. Robert Turner, an Elizabeth resident, asked, "When will Councilman Cedeno run for Mayor?"

There being no one else present who desired to be heard, Council President Grova declared the public speaking portion of the meeting closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be a public hearing on **Ordinance No. 4459**, entitled:

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH AND APPROPRIATING $5,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $4,750,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH TO FINANCE THE SAME

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the meeting of City Council held on **March 25, 2014**.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **April 12, 2014.**

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title and Council President Grova asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Bracy, 637 Magnolia Avenue, questioned if this bond ordinance will have an impact on the taxpayers.

There being no one else present who desired to be heard, Council President Grova declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be a public hearing on **Ordinance No. 4460**, entitled:

> **AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR FRANCISCO DAVILA, 317 NILES STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.**

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the meeting of City Council held on **April 8, 2014**.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **April 14, 2014.**

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title and Council President Grova asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

There being no one present who desired to be heard, Council President Grova declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be a public hearing on **Ordinance No. 4461**, entitled:

> **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.08.010 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, ENTITLED A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY TO DESIGNATE A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD STREET AND PINE STREET AND THE INSTALLATION OF A "STOP SIGN WARNING" ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET BEFORE THE STOP SIGNS AT SAID INTERSECTION.**

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the meeting of City Council held on **April 8, 2014**.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **April 14, 2014.**

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title and Council President Grova asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

Councilman Torres stated that he is elated to see this stop sign established on Third Street.

There being no one present who desired to be heard, Council President Grova declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be a public hearing on **Ordinance No. 4462**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 TO FUND CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE LIABILITIES

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the meeting of City Council held on **April 8, 2014**.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **April 14, 2014.**

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title and Council President Grova asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

There being no one present who desired to be heard, Council President Grova declared the public hearing portion of the meeting closed.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 9, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Maffey's Lock & Safe Co., Inc., 1172 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ, to purchase Locksmith Services and Locking Hardware for various departments for the period of April 1, 2014 through April 1, 2016, at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 9, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to W. B. Mason Co., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ, for the purchasing of Office Supplies, including toner and cartridges for printers and fax machines, for all departments and divisions under the Somerset County Co-Op for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016 at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00.
Which was received.

MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 9, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Quality Communications, 1985 Swarthmore Avenue, Suite 4, Lakewood, NJ, for the purchase of two (2) Toughbook Tablets for the Fire Department at a total cost of $9,941.70.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 9, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Gen-El Safety Products, 961 Route 10 East, Suite 2M, Randolph, NJ, for the purchase of miscellaneous HazMat gear at a total cost of $37,001.64.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 9, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Edmunds & Associates, 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ, for Software and Hardware Support/Annual Software Maintenance for tax collection, financial accounting and electronic requisitions for the Offices of Finance, Purchasing and Revenue for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of $33,285.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 10, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting to rescind the resolution adopted October 24, 2006, designating MAR Acquisition Group, LLC, as redeveloper for Parcel C, specifically to de-designate MAR Acquisition Group, LLC, as redeveloper of Parcel C within the Midtown Redevelopment Area and authorize the proper City officials to execute all documents pertaining to the de-designation of MAR Acquisition Group, LLC, for Parcel C.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 11, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting your Honorable Body to consider designating the month of April as National "Donate Life" Month in observance of the life saving benefits and awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.
Which was received

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 14, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting that City Council reject all bids received on April 8, 2014, for the furnishing of Traffic Signal Parts for the Electrical Bureau of the Police Department and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise for same with substantially revised specifications.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2014 SFY Budget by budget amendments
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting permission for the Dedication By Rider for donations/acceptance of bequests and gifts from the Elizabeth Housing Authority to support the event "Empowering Women for the 21st Century" as required by NJSA 40A:5-29.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer advising, that in compliance with the SFY 2014 Appropriations Act, requires that the Honorable City Council approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the proper City officials to submit a request to the Director, Division of Local Finance, to make the following corrections in the 2014 Municipal Budget; Matching Funds-City's Share from $653,068.00 to $634,105.00; Local Share: Municipal Alliance – Local Share from -0- to $18,963.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting that your Honorable Body consider a resolution authorizing a special emergency appropriation in order to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer reporting the results of the recent sale of $15,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014, consisting of $12,000,000 Sewer Utility Bond Anticipation Notes and $3,000,000 General Capital Bond Anticipation Notes and $1,200,000 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2014.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the proper City officials to amend the contract dated July 23, 2013, with Blau & Blau, Springfield, NJ, to be the primary legal representative of the City in all matters relating to the defense of tax appeals in an amount not to exceed $130,000, specifically to represent its interest to propose and file tax appeals to increase property tax assessments; the City will pay 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; the City will pay 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 a real estate appraisal of the subject property is obtained; 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; the City will be responsible for any of the costs associated with the appeals except for attorney fees for Blau & Blau; the City will not be obligated to pay Blau & Blau for increased revenues not directly arising from Judgments of the New Jersey Tax Court or Union County Board of Taxation; Blau & Blau compensation will be deemed earned when final judgment is entered.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 14, 2014, from the Director of Health and Human Services requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the Rutgers Biological Health Sciences at Rutgers to provide diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, case management and field services for residents of Elizabeth with confirmed or suspect tuberculosis disease for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $46,729.00.
Which was received.

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By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 9, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary to submit a Five Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2018 the applications for funding for the following formula grant allocations: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) $2,274,538; Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) $168,692; and HOME $689,824 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 14, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization to amend the resolution adopted February 11, 2014, with the Elizabeth Development Company for the existing contract period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013; specifically to amend the contract period to December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute a grant agreement with the Elizabeth Development Company for FY39 Community Development Block Grant funds for economic development purposes for the period July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014 in the amount of $491,139.14 of which $319,240.44 shall be utilized for the construction of the Siloam Hope CDC African American Cultural Center project.
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 2, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of November, 2013, and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of November 31, 2013.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated April 15, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer submitting the results of the recent sale of $15,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes sold April 10, 2014.
Which was received.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste **MOVED** for a **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES** for the purpose of considering an ordinance which did not appear on the agenda, seconded by Council President Grova,

And carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A GUARANTY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, SECURING PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,000,000

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

The ordinance was then adopted on its first reading by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Mazza, Gallman, and President Grova, - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

Council President Grova announced that public notice will be published fixing Tuesday afternoon, May 27, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, Elizabeth, N.J., as the time and place that City Council will conduct a public hearing and further consider the foregoing Ordinance No. 4463, adopted on first reading.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4459** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH AND APPROPRIATING $5,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $4,750,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH TO FINANCE THE SAME

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "City"), as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $5,000,000 including the sum of $250,000 as the down payment for the improvement or purpose pursuant to the Local Bond Law. The down payment has been made available by virtue of the provision in the capital improvement fund in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $4,750,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or notes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds or notes are to be issued is to provide for the resurfacing of various roads in the City, as shown on a list on file with the City Clerk from time to time, and including all other work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget or temporary capital budget (as applicable) of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget or

amended temporary capital budget (as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. No part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by $4,750,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An amount not exceeding $750,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvement or purpose.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations

issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the City is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **March 25, 2014.**

Annexed to the ordinance was an affidavit from the publisher of the Star Ledger certifying the publication of the ordinance and notice of public hearing thereon in its issue of **April 12, 2014.**

The ordinance was then adopted on its final passage by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta,
Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno,
Mazza, Gallman and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4460** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR FRANCISCO DAVILA, 317 NILES STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH:

SECTION 1. - A personalized handicapped parking space for **Francesco Davila, 317 Niles Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206,** as follows and pursuant to the recommendation of the Elizabeth Police Director: along the West curb line of Niles Street beginning at a point 236' South of Third Avenue and continuing 22' South thereof.

SECTION 2. - The administrative and enforcement aspects of this Ordinance shall be under the jurisdiction of the Police Department of the City of Elizabeth.

SECTION 3. - All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 - If any portion or clause of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 - The effective date of this Ordinance shall be twenty (20) days after its final passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor at the time and in the manner provided by law.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **April 8, 2014.**

Annexed to the ordinance was an affidavit from the publisher of the Star Ledger certifying the publication of the ordinance and notice of public hearing thereon in its issue of **April 14, 2014.**

The ordinance was then adopted on its final passage by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Mazza, Gallman and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4461** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.08.010 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, ENTITLED A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY TO DESIGNATE A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD STREET AND PINE STREET AND THE INSTALLATION OF A "STOP SIGN WARNING" ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET BEFORE THE STOP SIGNS AT SAID INTERSECTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH:

SECTION 1. That **Chapter 10.08.010**, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth be amended to designate a four-way stop intersection at:

Third Street and Pine Street
and the installation of a "Stop
Sign Warning" one hundred (100) feet
before the stop sign at said intersection.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any portion or clause of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be twenty (20) days after its final passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor at the time and in the manner provided by law and upon approval by the Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation as provided by law.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **April 8, 2014.**

Annexed to the ordinance was an affidavit from the publisher of the Star Ledger certifying the publication of the ordinance and notice of public hearing thereon in its issue of **April 14, 2014.**

The ordinance was then adopted on its final passage by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Mazza, Gallman and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4462** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 TO FUND CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE LIABILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, has accrued accumulated severance liabilities due to retirements in the 2014 budget year; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-53(h) permits a municipality to adopt an ordinance authorizing a special emergency appropriation in order to fund the cost of contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the layoff or retirement of employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-53(h), the City of Elizabeth hereby makes and authorizes a special emergency appropriation in the amount of $1,000,000 to fund the cost of accumulated severance liabilities resulting from retirements in fiscal year 2014.

2. Upon final adoption of this Ordinance, the City Council of the City shall pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-55 adopt a resolution setting forth the amount appropriated for this accumulated severance liability and further setting forth how said City will finance such appropriation.

3. A copy of this ordinance as adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **April 8, 2014.**

Annexed to the ordinance was an affidavit from the publisher of the Star Ledger certifying the publication of the ordinance and notice of public hearing thereon in its issue of **April 14, 2014.**

The ordinance was then adopted on its final passage by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Mazza, Gallman and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste **MOVED** for a **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES** for the purpose of considering a resolution which did not appear on the agenda, seconded by Council President Grova,

And carried unanimously.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has advised that on Aril 21, 2014, the City Attorney commenced a civil action on behalf of the City of Elizabeth against the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties (the "Joint Meeting"); and

WHEREAS, the suit appeals the Joint Meeting's decision to withhold a portion of the City's share of the annual surplus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth confirms the City of Elizabeth City Attorney's commencement of a civil action against the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties.

Councilman Mazza queried to why this is being presented without further discussion.

Council President Grova responded that this item is time sensitive because it must be filed within the next two (2) weeks.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

The regular order of business was then resumed.

By City Council as a Whole:

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth will receive an amount of $100,000 for the Responder Accountability Grant awarded by the Port Authority of NY/NJ on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and wishes to amend its FY2014 budget to include these amounts as revenue:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the City of Elizabeth hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the fiscal year 2014 in the total sum of $100,000 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:

Port Authority of NY/NJ on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security
Responder Accountability Grant (Increase adjustment of 2011) $100,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of $100,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of :

General Appropriations
(a) Operations Excluded from 3 ½ % Caps
State and Federal Programs Offset by Revenues:

Port Authority of NY/NJ on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security
Responder Accountability Grant (Increase adjustment of 2011)
Other Expenses $100,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

CITY OF ELIZABETH
COUNTY OF UNION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS-ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUESTS AND GIFTS (FROM ELIZABETH HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE EVENT "EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR THE 21ST CENTURY") AS REQUIRED BY NJS 40A:5-29

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance;

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:5-29 provides for receipts of donations (from) by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Donations Fund (from the Elizabeth Housing Authority to support the event "Empowering Women for the 21st century") are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by state or other legal requirement:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by City Council of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Governmental Services to pay expenditures of the Donations Fund (from the Elizabeth Housing Authority to support the event "Empowering Women for the 21st century") NJS 40A:5-29.

2. The Clerk of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Governmental Services.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services in compliance with the Appropriations Act (P.L. 2011, c.85) requires that the Honorable City Council approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits; and

WHEREAS, at April 1, 2014, the following employee's are entitled to the payment of accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits;

Carolyn Cole	$30,605.61
Maureen Pannullo	$29,972.26
James Dioro	$13,940.45
James Malone, Jr.	$66,445.49

; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby approves the payments for accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits to the following employee's;

Carolyn Cole	$30,605.61
Maureen Pannullo	$29,972.26
James Dioro	$13,940.45
James Malone, Jr.	$66,445.49

; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

By City Council as a Whole:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 4-85 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of, the Governing Body of the Municipality, make such correction of the title, test or amount of any appropriation appearing in the municipal budget as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any such municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to make the following corrections in the 2014 Municipal Budget;

Name of Appropriation	From	To
Matching Funds-City's Share	$653,068	$634,105
Local Share:		
Municipal Alliance-Local Share	-0-	$18,963

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing correction is, in the opinion of the Governing Body, warranting and authorized by the Statute above referred to, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the City of Elizabeth for the reasons herein above set forth; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and one copy each to the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Comptroller, and Auditor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

RESOLUTION ___
CITY OF ELIZABETH
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE CITY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h), the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "City"), has heretofore finally adopted, on April 22, 2014, Ordinance No. 4462 entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 to Fund Contractually Required Severance Liabilities" ("Ordinance No. 4462)", appropriating $1,000,000 to fund the cost of accumulated severance liabilities resulting from retirements in fiscal year 2014.

SECTION 2. The City hereby determines to finance the special emergency appropriation referred to in Section 1 herein by the issuance of Special Emergency Notes of the City, which may be renewed from time to time, as provided by law. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55(b) of the Local Budget Law, at least 1/5th of all such Special Emergency Notes, and renewals thereof, shall mature and be paid in each year, so that all such Special Emergency Notes and renewals shall have matured and have been paid not later than the last day of the fifth year following the date of adoption of this resolution. Accordingly, not to exceed $1,000,000 in Special Emergency Notes are hereby authorized to be issued.

SECTION 3. All Special Emergency Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2 hereof. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with Special Emergency Notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the Special Emergency Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Special Emergency Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55(b). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Special Emergency Notes from time to time, at no less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Special Emergency Notes pursuant to this resolution is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and

the maturity schedule of the Special Emergency Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser, and such report shall be entered in full on the minutes of such meeting.

SECTION 4. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the Special Emergency Notes authorized by this resolution. The Special Emergency Notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City. The powers and obligations of the City to pay any Special Emergency Note issued pursuant to this resolution and the Local Budget Law shall be unlimited and the City shall have the power and be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the City for the payment of such Special Emergency Notes and interest thereon, without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 5. All Special Emergency Notes issued pursuant to this resolution shall be executed by the chief financial officer and the Mayor of the City, and shall be under the seal of the City and attested by the City Clerk. Such officers are hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents necessary or convenient in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Special Emergency Notes.

SECTION 6. A copy of this resolution as adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect upon the adoption hereof, or, if later, upon Ordinance No. 4462 taking effect in accordance with its terms.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to retain the professional services of an attorney to serve as the Tax Appeal attorney for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the Tax Court and before the Union County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has recommended the award of this contract be made to **Blau & Blau, Attorneys at Law, 55 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081** at an annual fee of $130,000 plus reasonable expenses actually incurred to be paid on a monthly basis and to represent its interest to propose and file tax appeals to increase property tax assessments on a contingent basis up to 33.33 % of the amount of increased tax; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (**N.J.S.A**. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 14-00509 charging $130,000 to Account No. 4-0120-150-ASE-302 of the Municipal Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Professional Service contracts are exempt from the provisions of Chapter 2.92.010 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Elizabeth as follows:

1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Blau & Blau, Attorneys at Law, 55 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081** to provide the City of Elizabeth with legal services in conjunction with tax appeal cases for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a cost not to exceed $130,000 and to represent its interest to propose and file tax appeals to increase property tax assessments on a contingent basis up to 33.33 % of the amount of increased tax

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with **N.J.S.A**. 40A:11-2(6) of the Local Public Contracts Law because Blau & Blau, Attorneys-At-Law of the State of New Jersey and is a person whose practice is authorized and regulated by law and is exempted by the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in **The Star Ledger**.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended per the request of the Purchasing Agent the award of a contract to **MAFFEY'S LOCK & SAFE CO., INC., 1172 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208**, to purchase Locksmith Services and Locking Hardware for Various Departments at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00 under the Union County Cooperative Purchasing Contract CK-06-UNION for the period of April 1, 2014 through April 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is determined to fall within the Open-end Contract Rule 5:30-14.4 as promulgated by the State New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to **MAFFEY'S LOCK & SAFE CO., INC., 1172 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208**, to purchase Locksmith Services and Locking Hardware for Various Departments at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00 under the Union County Cooperative Purchasing Contract CK-06-UNION for the period of April 1, 2014 through April 1, 2016.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, ~~Cuesta~~, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 8

NEGATIVE: Cuesta. – 1

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended the award of a contract to **W. B. MASON CO., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094,** for the purchase of Office Supplies including toner and cartridges for printers and fax machines for all departments and divisions at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00 under the Somerset County Co-Op Contract #CC-0001-14 for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is determined to fall within the Open-end Contract Rule 5:30-14.4 as promulgated by the State New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to **W. B. MASON CO., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094,** for the purchase of Office Supplies including toner and cartridges for printers and fax machines for all departments and divisions at a cost not to exceed $300,000.00 under the Somerset County Co-Op Contract #CC-0001-14 for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended the award of a contract to **QUALITY COMMUNICATIONS, 1985 Swarthmore Ave., Suite 4, Lakewood, New Jersey 08704,** for the purchase of two Toughbook Tablets for the Fire Department at a total cost of $9,941.70 under State Contract #'s 75583 and 83904; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 14-08049, charging the amount of $9,941.70 to Account No. 4-01-25-265-FIR-364, of the Municipal Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have advised that the contract in question is a purchase through a State of New Jersey Contract #'s 75583 and 83904 requiring approval by this Governing Body in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.A.C.**5:34-1.2; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby authorizes the award of a contract to **QUALITY COMMUNICATIONS, 1985 Swarthmore Ave., Suite 4, Lakewood, New Jersey 08704,** for the purchase of two Toughbook Tablets for the Fire Department at a total cost of $9,941.70 under State Contract #'s 75583 and 83904.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended per the request of the Director of the Fire Department the award of a contract to **GEN-EL SAFETY PRODUCTS, 961 Route 10 East, Suite 2M, Randolph, New Jersey 07869,** for the purchase of Miscellaneous HazMat Gear at a total cost of $37,001.64 under State Contract #'s 78927, 81302 and 81356;and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 14-08078, charging the amount of $37,001.64 to Account No. G-02-41-778-13 , of the Municipal Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have advised that the contract in question is a purchase through a State of New Jersey Contract #'s 78927, 81302 and 81356 requiring approval by this Governing Body in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.A.C.**5:34-1.2; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby authorizes the award of a contract to **GEN-EL SAFETY PRODUCTS, 961 Route 10 East, Suite 2M, Randolph, New Jersey 07869,** for the purchase of Miscellaneous HazMat Gear at a total cost of $37,001.64 under State Contract #'s 78927, 81302 and 81356;

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended per the request of the Supervisor of Data Processing the award of a contract to **Edmunds & Associates, 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225**, for Software and Hardware Support/Annual Software Maintenance for tax collection, financial accounting and electronic requisitions for the Office of Finance, Purchasing and Revenue in the amount of $33,285.00 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 14-08087, charging the amount of $33,285.00 to Account No. 4-01-20-140-DPR-307, of the Municipal Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the award of a contract to **Edmunds & Associates, 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225**, for Software and Hardware Support/Annual Software Maintenance for tax collection, financial accounting and electronic requisitions for the Office of Finance, Purchasing and Revenue in the amount of $33,285.00 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has advised on October 24, 2006, your Honorable Body adopted a resolution to designate MAR Acquisition Group, LLC as redeveloper for Parcel C within the Midtown Redevelopment Area. The City of Elizabeth is seeking to engage in a new redeveloper designation process for Parcel C, which the principals of MAR Acquisition Group, LLC have no objection; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has requested to rescind the resolution adopted October 24, 2006, de-designate MAR Acquisition Group, LLC as redeveloper of Parcel C within the Midtown Redevelopment Area and to authorize the proper City Officials to execute all documents pertaining to the de-designation of MAR Acquisition Group, LLC for Parcel C; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Midtown Elizabeth Redevelopment Plan, a Request for Qualifications will be solicited for the redevelopment of Parcel C; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth is authorized to rescind the resolution adopted October 24, 2000, designating MAR Acquisition Group as the redeveloper Parcel C, within Midtown Redevelopment Area and authorizing the proper City Officials to execute all documents pertaining to the de-designation of MAR Acquisition Group, LLC for Parcel C.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has advised that sealed bids were received and opened by the Purchasing Agent on April 8, 2014 for the furnishing of Traffic Signal Parts for Electrical Bureau of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Notice for the sealed bid lists bid bond requirements, which contradict the requirements in bid specifications. The Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent request a resolution to reject all bids received and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise for bids with substantially revised specifications; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to reject all bids received on April 8, 2014, for the furnishing of Traffic Signal Parts for the Electrical Bureau of the Police Department and authorize the Purchasing Agent to readvertise for same with substantially revised specifications.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services has requested permission for the proper City Officials to enter into an Memorandum of Agreement - Seventh Amendment with Rutgers University Department of Biological Health Sciences to provide diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, case management and field services for residents of Elizabeth with confirmed or suspect tuberculosis disease; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will be for the period of January 1, 2014 thorough December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $46,729.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 14-08311, charging the amount of $46,729.00 to Account No. 4-01-27-330-HEA-302, of the Municipal Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to accept and sign a Memorandum of Agreement - Seventh Amendment with Rutgers University Department of Biological Health Sciences to provide diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, case management and field services for residents of Elizabeth with confirmed or suspect tuberculosis disease. This agreement will be for the period of January 1, 2014 thorough December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed $46,729.00.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development has requested authorization to prepare and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a five year Consolidated Plan for CD-40, for Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, as required by HUD, on July 15, 2014, the City of Elizabeth will submit a Five Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2018. This Consolidated Plan incorporates into a single submission the applications for funding for the following formula grant allocations for: CDBG - $2,274,538, ESG - $168,692, and HOME - $689,824. The funding goals of the aforementioned grant are to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper City Officials are authorized to execute any and all necessary documents associated with the aforementioned grants.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Planning & Community Development has advised on February 11, 2014, your Honorable Body approved a resolution authorizing an amendment to a contract dated June 10, 2013 between the City of Elizabeth and the Elizabeth Development Company (EDC) with an existing contract period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. This amendment extended the contract period from June 30, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The accurate contract period should be December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes an amendment to the resolution adopted February 11, 2014, with the Elizabeth Development Company for the existing contract period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, specifically to amend the contract period from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby establishes a handicapped parking space in front of **940 Sheridan Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208,** as follows, pursuant to the recommendation of the Elizabeth Police Department:

along the West curb line of Sheridan Avenue
beginning at a point 156' South of Alina Street
and continuing 22'South thereof;

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that said handicapped parking area be posted with proper signs, type R-7-8.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the **NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE" MONTH,** observance was established in 2003, to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, **"NATIONAL DONATE LIFE BLUE AND GREEN DAY"** on April 11, 2014, represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Moreover, the need is increasing. The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) is committed to addressing that need through enhanced awareness; and

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissues is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. Donors not only give the gift of life, but also often restore health and sight to the recipients of the tissue and organs. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. Currently, there are nearly 5,000 New Jersey residents and over 120,000 Americans awaiting life-saving and life-enhancing transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by learning more about donating tissue and organs, registering as organ and tissue donors, making their families aware of their wishes, and be willing to give the precious gift of health, sight, and life to people in need; and

WHEREAS, registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth recognize **NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE MONTH"** and **NATIONAL BLUE AND GREEN DAY"** as a great opportunity to join in the fight to save lives as giving the greatest gift;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

the City Council of the City of Elizabeth does proclaim April, 2014

"DONATE LIFE" MONTH"

In Elizabeth, New Jersey, the City Council urges all residents to join in promoting organ and tissue donor education through the **NATIONAL "DONATE LIFE" MONTH** observance.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Galiman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: ~~April 14, 2014~~ ~~April 17, 2014~~

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby confirms and approves the payment of all utility bills for the City of Elizabeth as indicated hereinbelow; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing payments are excepted from the requirement of bidding by the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law **N.J.S.A**. 40A:11-5(1)(f); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following certifications of availability of funds are on file in the office of the City Clerk:

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	**4-01-31-446**	**$**	**54,768.87**
HESS CORP -GAS	**4-01-31-446**	**$**	**776.28**
NRG BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	**4-01-31-435**	**$**	**584.24**
PSE&G	**4-01-31-430**	**$**	**19,540.74**
SOUTH JERSEY ENERGY	**4-01-31-430**	**$**	**333.69**
VERIZON	**4-01-31-440**	**$**	**207.69**
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.	**4-01-31-440**	**$**	**16,267.46**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

April 29, 2014

BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

RESOLVED that the following bingo and raffle licenses issued by the City Clerk are here by approved:

ORGANIZATION	AG	B.L.	R.L.	DATE
St. Genevieve Church			5337	4-22-14
St. Genevieve Church			5338	4-22-14

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth's Promise Awards recognizes deserving High School seniors and distinguished educators and commends them for their many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, this year, **Sandra Toll** will receive the Elizabeth's Promise Educators Award; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Toll is a native of the City of Elizabeth and a product of the Elizabeth Public Schools. She holds a B.F.A. in Musical Theater from The Boston Conservatory and an M.A. in Theatre Studies from Montclair State University. Sandra has been a dedicated drama and music teacher in Elizabeth for nearly fifteen years, using her experience in professional, regional and European touring theater companies to enrich the lives of young artists. Sandra also serves as Co-Director of the High School drama program in Elizabeth, directing countless theatrical productions, including bilingual plays; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Sandra Toll** for her dedication as a drama and music teacher in Elizabeth for nearly fifteen years, and for her using her experience in professional, regional and European touring theater companies to enrich the lives of young artists and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Sandra Toll.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of the **Sandra Toll Performing Arts Scholarship** is:

ADIYAH ATWOOD

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Adiyah Atwood** for her dedication to her studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Adiyah Atwood.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of the **The Anthony J. DiMaggio Law Enforcment Scholarship** is:

NICOLE ALZATE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Nicole Alzate** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Nicole Alzate.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of the of **The Rebecca Aiello Exceptional Academic Award** is:

DARWIN BAIDE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Darwin Baide** for his dedication to his studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Darwin Baide.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of the **The Lumina Pacheco English Award** is:

ERICKA ALFARO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Ericka Alfaro** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Ericka Alfaro.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery Excellence In Science Scholarship** is:

IRMA GRANADOS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Irma Granados** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Irma Granados.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of the **The Elizabeth Promise Scholar Athlete Award** is:

ANTHONY COLLETTI, JR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Anthony Colletti, Jr.,** for his dedication to his studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Anthony Colletti, Jr.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of **The Councilman Manny Grova Scholarship** is:

TYLER ARIAS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Tyler Arias** for his dedication to his studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Tyler Arias.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Councilman Carlos Torres Scholarship** is:

WILMAR RUSINQUE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Wilmar Rusinque** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Wilmar Rusinque.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

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BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Jose M. Rodriguez Future Teacher Award** is:

PAOLA PATTI

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Paola Patti** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Paola Patti.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Nufrio, Jr. Academic Excellence Award** is:

ANGEL VELOZ

; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Angel Veloz** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Angel Veloz.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Thomas Jefferson High School Award** is:

ANGELA PINEDA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Angela Pineda** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Angela Pineda.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Elizabeth High School Upper Academy Class of 2007 Award** is:

JESSENIA PALACIO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Jessenia Palacio** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Jessenia Palacio.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Elizabeth High School Jefferson House Class of 2003 Award** is:

IMANI MILLER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Imani Miller** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Imani Miller.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Dr. Miguel Guilare Scholarship** is:

MIKAYLA SINGLETON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Mikayla Singleton** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Mikayla Singleton.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Charlene Bathelus Blue Pearl Scholarship** is:

HERMIONE BRICE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Hermione Brice** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Hermione Brice.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Elizabeth Fire Officers IAFF Local 2040 Scholarship** is:

ELIZABETH TRAMONTANA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Elizabeth Tramontana** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Elizabeth Tramontana.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the eighth annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014 and the Elizabeth Promise Awards will be presented; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients had to complete an application process, be recommended by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, are active in the community and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth Promise Award recipient of **The Elizabeth's Promise Future Nurse Award is:**

EMILY SOSA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Emily Sosa** for her dedication to her studies and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Emily Sosa.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of the of **The Anthony and Santina Conte Memorial Scholarship is:**

CHRISTOPHER MARKOWITZ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Christopher Markowitz** for his dedication to his studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Christopher Markowitz.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of the of **The Superfoods Academic Award** is:

WILLY SILVA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Willy Silva** for his dedication to his studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Willy Silva.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that the Eighth Annual Elizabeth's Promise Scholarship Dinner will be held on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, prior to being selected for a scholarship applicants are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA, submit recommendations by their teachers and/or guidance counselors, and need to be active in the community and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Elizabeth's Promise Award recipient of the of the **Elizabeth Promise Civic Award** is:

KEVIN MENDOSA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends **Kevin Mendosa** and his dedication to his studies, as well as participation in community activities and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to **Kevin Mendosa.**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, Autism has been diagnosed as affecting more and more children; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of America in order to make aware the growing need for concern and awareness about autism has designated April as National Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the United States recognizes the month of April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues associated with autism in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth supports the efforts of the Autism Society of America in order to educate the public about autism; and

WHEREAS, as City Council recognizes National Autism Month it would like to recognize Ina Silva for her advocacy for Autism Awareness in the City of Elizabeth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth designates April as Autism Awareness month in the City of Elizabeth and recognizes Ina Silva contributions to making our community aware of Autism; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth encourages the citizens of Elizabeth to join with the Autism Society of America in bringing public awareness to autism and the issues associated with autism.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE:	Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9
NEGATIVE:	None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the Someone's Daughter Program; and

WHEREAS, Someone's Daughter's is a community based non-profit 501 c 3 organization founded in 2012 established and directed by a group of women who are primarily concerned with educating and empowering young females to strive for success against all odds; and

WHEREAS, Someone's Daughter's primary mission is to improve the quality of life for young females in urban communities. It's goal is to advocate for and sponsor programs which assist such individuals in attaining a higher level of economic, social, education, cultural, and spiritual well being; and

WHEREAS, Someone's Daughter seeks to identify and support effective strategies for engaging adolescent females in character education and leadership development opportunities in order to:

- Decrease their likelihood of involvement in risk behaviors (early pregnancy, juvenile delinquent activities, substance abuse, etc., and
- Enhance their bonding with community through civic activities.

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth recognizes and congratulates Someone's Daughter for achieving it's which is to help girls develop pride in themselves, their bodies and in their relationships with peers, as well as to main core values that will protect them from negative influences, enhance their leadership skills and support their success as adults and wishes them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza and President Grova - 9

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Phyllis I. Hamilton, a lifelong resident of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hamilton was the beloved daughter of the Late Joseph and late Irene Hamilton, loving sister of Lee, Marcus, Richard and Elaine Hamilton, the Late Joann Smith and Joseph Boone, caring niece of Fannie Davis and Amy Simmons;

WHEREAS, she is survived by her spiritual mother, Rev. Altamese Marion D.D., and goddaughter Ar'Luve Pippens and other extended family members; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Phyllis I. Hamilton to her family and friends; now, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council of the City of Elizabeth and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Domenica Pugliese, 94; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Spilinga, Italy and moved to the U.S. in 1975; and

WHEREAS, her family was always the most important thing in her life; and

WHEREAS, Domenica was predeceased by her beloved husband Michele in 2000;

WHEREAS, is survived by three sisters, Michelina Barbalace of Argentina, Annuzaiata Barbalace of Italy and Antonia Barbalance of Argentina; two sons, Tomaso and Raffaele Pugliese and three cherished grandchildren and two precious great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Domenica Pugliese to her family and friends; now, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Nicolina Maimone (nee Nastasi), 83; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Torregrotta, Italy. Naicolina came to the United State in the early 1950's, settling in Elizabeth, NJ before recently moving to Murrells Inlet, S.C.;and

WHEREAS, she was predeceased by her beloved husband, Francesco Maimone; and

WHEREAS, Nicolina is survived by three loving children, Frank and Nicholas Maimone, and Chris Carrara, and four adored grandchildren, Christina, Jaclyn, Alexandra and Christopher; and

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Nicolina Maimone to her family and friends; now, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eilzabeth has learned of the recent death of Paulo H. Fonseca, 66; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Porgugal and came to the U.S. and Elizabeth in 1968 before moving to Edison in 1984; and

WHEREAS, he was an agent for New York Life Insurance Co. for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fonseca was the beloved husband for forty-five years of Leodina M. (Silveira) Fonseca; devoted father of Claudio Fonseca and cherished grandfather of Jeremy and Dylan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that we, the members of City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby express our sincere sorrow at the death Paulo H. Fonseca; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and an acknowledgement thereof be sent to his family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

Councilman Cuesta moved that City Council do now adjourn,

Which was carried unanimously.

Whereupon Council President Grova declared City Council adjourned at

8:05 p.m.

APPROVED

MANNY GROVA, JR.
President of City Council

YOLANDA M. ROBERTS, R.M.C.
City Clerk