PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

(OFFICIAL)

ELIZABETH, N.J.

Tuesday Evening
December 9, 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: Rocco DiPaola, Second Assistant

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

NOTE: Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Gallman arrived at the meeting at 7:31 p.m.; Councilman Cedeno arrived at 7:35 p.m. and assumed their seats.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

There being no one present who desired to be heard, Council President Grova declared the public hearing 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. 4422** , entitled:

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $1,000,000 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH AND APPROPRIATING $1,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $950,000 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 **November 12, 2014**.

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.**

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. 4423**, entitled:

AMEND CHAPTER 10.28.040 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH ENTITLED "SCHEDULE II - NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS," SPECIFICALLY TO ADD THE SOUTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA STREET BETWEEN MADISON AVENUE AND JEFFERSON AVENUE, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND REMOVE THE "NO PARKING FOR STREET CLEANING" SIGN.

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

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **December 2, 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. 4424**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 4514, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 12, 2014, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR STUART ROBLES, 426 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

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

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **December 2, 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. 4425**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR SHERYL D. THORPE, 459 FRANKLIN STREET, ELIZABETH, N.J.

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

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **December 2, 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 December 1, 2014, from the Municipal Clerk requesting that your Honorable Body consider reappointing Mrs. Mary Murphy, 332 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, NJ, to serve as the Deputy Municipal Clerk for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2015.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 25, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., 1427 Bay Road, Milford, DE, for the purchase of two (2) 2015 Ford Fusion Sedans as replacements for the Police Department at the total cost of $36,690.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 26, 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, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount of $33,285.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 1, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to National Terminal, Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, NJ, for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works Marina for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015, at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 2, 2014, from Robert J. Lenahan, Jr., Special Counsel, requesting that your Honorable Body authorize the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement and delinquent tax payment plan agreement, pursuant to NJSA 54:5-19, together with any other documents that may be required to accomplish the purposes of the settlement for 107 First Street Urban Renewal (107 First Street) and Burnett Investors Urban Renewal Corporation (111-113 First Street).
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 2, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2015 SFY Budget by budget amendments
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 2, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that, in compliance with the SFY 2015 Appropriations Act, requires that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 13, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to provide U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, CD-40 Funding Year 2014 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) as per Schedule A attached hereto totaling $80,084.00 of the awarded $168,692.00; balance will be presented to Council under separate cover.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 13, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to provide U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, CD-40 Funding Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as per Schedule A attached hereto totaling $1,490,963.00 of the awarded $2,274,538.00; balance will be presented to Council under separate cover
Which was received.

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By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 24, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting an amendment to the resolution adopted April 16, 2013, authorizing Prestige Environmental as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the Midtown Redevelopment Area; specifically to extend the contract term until December, 31, 2015.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 1, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting an amendment to the Urban Enterprise Zone 2011 Marketing Plan; specifically to extend the term of the contract until December 31, 2015.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 24, 2014, from the Director of Public Works requesting permission from your Honorable Body to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the boarding up of said properties in the amount of $1,860.49.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 24, 2014, from the Director of Public Works requesting permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the boarding up of said properties in the amount of $1,741.23.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 1, 2014, from the Elizabeth Destination Marketing Company, as required by Ordinance No. 4387, Section 6: b & c, submitting the Annual Report for the period September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014, and the proposed 2015 budget for consideration in the amount of $849,572.65.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated December 1, 2014, from Betty Fouche, Project Manager, APS Contracting, Inc., 155-161 Pennsylvania Avenue, Paterson, NJ, requesting authorization for the full closure of a portion of Lyons Place to stage a crane and perform construction activities in connection with the erection of the new Union County Family Court at 2 Cherry Street.
Which Was Referred To Council As A Whole.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4522** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $1,000,000 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH AND APPROPRIATING $1,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $950,000 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 supplemental amount of $1,000,000, such sum being in addition to the (a) $3,200,000 appropriated in bond ordinance number 4421 of the City finally adopted September 24, 2013, and (b) $1,500,000 appropriated in bond ordinance number 4451 of the City finally adopted March 11, 2014 (Ordinance Nos. 4421 and 4451 are collectively referred to herein as the "Prior Ordinances"), and including the amount of $50,000 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 additional cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the additional down payment or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable

bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $950,000 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 the reconstruction of the fire house for Engine Company #6 at 472 Catherine Street, 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 $5,415,000, including the $4,465,000 of bonds or notes authorized by the Prior Ordinances of the City, and the $950,000 bonds or notes authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is $5,700,000, including the $4,700,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinances, and the $1,000,000 appropriation herein.

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 hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time 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 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 20 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 $950,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $1,150,000 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 purpose or improvement. Of this amount, $950,000 was estimated for such items of expense in the Prior Ordinances, and an additional $200,000 is estimated therefor herein.

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.

Councilman Gallman announced that this is $2 million well spent for the re-building of a new firehouse. He thanked his colleagues for their support.

Council President Grova is commended Councilman Gallman on doing a fine job on getting this project in motion.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **November 12, 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 XXXXXXXXXXX, **2014.**

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

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

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4523** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AMEND CHAPTER 10.28.040 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH ENTITLED "SCHEDULE II - NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS," SPECIFICALLY TO ADD THE SOUTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA STREET BETWEEN MADISON AVENUE AND JEFFERSON AVENUE, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND REMOVE THE "NO PARKING FOR STREET CLEANING" SIGN.

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

SECTION 1. - That **Chapter 10.28.040** of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Schedule II - No Parking Certain Hours, is amended to **ADD** the following:

Name of Street	Side	Hours	Location
Virginia Street	South	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday	Between Madison Avenue and Jefferson Avenue

SECTION 2. - That **Chapter 10.28.040** of the Code of the City of Elizabeth be amended to remove the "No Parking for Street Cleaning" sign.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Virginia Street	South	Between Madison Avenue and Jefferson Avenue

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 **November 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 **December 2, 2014.**

Councilman Gallman stated that this will alleviate the problem in this area.

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

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

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4524** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 4514, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 12, 2014, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR STUART ROBLES, 426 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

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

SECTION 1. - Ordinance No. 4514, adopted on November 12, 2004, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 2. - All ordinances or 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.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **November 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 **December 2, 2014.**

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

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

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Grova announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4525** , which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR SHERYL D. THORPE, 459 FRANKLIN STREET, ELIZABETH, N.J.

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

SECTION 1. - A personalized handicapped parking space for **Sheryl D. Thorpe,** be established in front of **459 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey,** as follows and pursuant to the recommendation of the Elizabeth Police Director: along the North curb line of Franklin Street beginning at a point 63' East of Sixth Street, and continuing 22' East 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 **November 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 **December 2, 2014.**

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

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

NEGATIVE: None

Councilman Cuesta moved for a **Suspension of the Rules** for the purpose of considering a resolution which did not appear on the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director the Department of Planning and Community Development has requested your Honorable Body authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the 2014 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elizabeth has had great success in its implementation of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, which has enabled tax preparation services to be provided to thousands of residents free of charge. The Program , which is administered in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), has been provided at the Samson Center, Liberty Square Center and Mravlag Manor in past years; and

WHEREAS, working closely with the IRS, residents who cannot afford to pay for tax preparation services are provided with a cost-free alternative. The Tax Preparers, who assist residents with the completion and filing of their required IRS applications, are all volunteers. They receive free training through the IRS and are required to pass a certification exam prior to assisting any individual. Appointments are scheduled for various times throughout the day and evening via the Office of Public Information until the end of tax season; and

WHEREAS, there has been an overwhelming, positive response to the availability of this program, which has been advertised on the local cable access program, within newspapers as well as through the distribution and posting of flyers; and

WHEREAS, residents begin to inquire in the beginning of the year in order to secure an appointment. In addition to providing a valuable service to the community, this program encourages the complete and accurate filing of tax applications through a trained professional and saves participants filing fees, which is increasingly important during this difficult economic climate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the 2014 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program for the reasons stated hereinabove.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

GREATER ELIZABETH TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, for the Calendar Year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District for the Calendar Year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in The Star-Ledger in the issue of January 2, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Elizabeth does hereby approve the following as the Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District Budget for the Calendar Year 2015.

Recorded vote:

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NAYS: (
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ABSENT: (
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Notice is hereby given that the Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District Budget was approved by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, on December 9, 2014.

A hearing on said budget will be held at Elizabeth City Hall on January 13, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the Calendar Year 2015 may be presented by the Greater Elizabeth Tourism Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

REVENUES	
Hotel Assessment Fees	$540,180.57
Surplus Utilized	309,392.08
Total Revenues	**$849,572.65**

APPROPRIATIONS	
Marketing	$594,700.86
Staff	$148,675.21
Office	$25,487.18
Professional	$59,470.09
Reserve	$21,239.31
Total Appropriations	**$849,572.65**

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. 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 $1,167,590 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via the City of Newark Department of Health and Human Services and wishes to amend its FY2015 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 2015 in the total sum of $1,167,590 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:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOPWA Grant 2015	$1,167,590

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of $1,167,590 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:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOPWA Grant 2015 Other Expenses	$1,167,590

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

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

Scott Inderwies $8,418.10

; 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;

Scott Inderwies $8,418.10

; and

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

Rs_Best Practices_Accumulated Absences_12-9-14

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:

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth does hereby appoint **Mary C. Murphy, 332 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey**, as Deputy Municipal Clerk, for a term of five (5) years effective January 1, 2015.

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 Police Department the award of a contract to **HERTRICH FLEET SERVICES, INC., 1427 Bay Road, Milford, DE 19963**, for the purchase of two 2015 Ford Fusion Sedans as replacements for the Police Department at the total cost of $36,690.00 under their State Contract #A86922; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 15-04082, charging the amount of $36,690.00 to Account No. 5-01-25-240-POL-362 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 #A86922 requiring approval by this Governing Body in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.A.C** 5:34-1.2; now, therefore, be it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to **HERTRICH FLEET SERVICES, INC., 1427 Bay Road, Milford, DE 19963**, for the purchase of two 2015 Ford Fusion Sedans as replacements for the Police Department at the total cost of $36,690.00 under their State Contract #A86922.

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, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 15-04141, charging the amount of $33,285.00 to Account No. 5-01-20-140-DPR-307 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 #A86922 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 awards 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, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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 **NATIONAL TERMINAL INC., 175 Orange Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103,** for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works Marina for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00 under their State Contract #A82768; 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 of 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; 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 #A82768 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 awards a contract to **NATIONAL TERMINAL INC., 175 Orange Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103,** for the purchase of diesel fuel for the Public Works Marina for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00 under their State Contract #A82768.

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 the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to execute the attached Settlement Agreement between the City of Elizabeth and Novus Equities, LLC and CPC Funding SPE 2, LLC relating to a financial agreement with 107 First Street Realty Urban Renewal Corp concerning real property located at105-109 First Street, Elizabeth, (Block 2 Lot 305) and Burnett Investors Urban Renewal Corporation concerning real property located at 111-113 First Street, Elizabeth, (Block 2, Lot 308) and any other document that maybe required to accomplish the purposes setforth in the settlement agreement.

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 advised that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City the amount of $2,274,538.00 for CDBG FY 40 covering the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development has requested authorization to execute **CD-40 Funding Year 2014** for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for the period of **July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015** awarded with the agencies shown on the attached **Schedule A** which is made a part hereof to provide the services set forth in the descriptions of each contract for the periods shown in the amounts indicated for each contract shown on **Schedule A**. The following spending plan was approved by HUD and represents allocations totaling 66% of $1,490,963.00 of the entire award. The balance will be presented to Council under separate cover; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of funds for **CD-39** contracts listed on the attached **Schedule A** that exceed $50,000.00 have complied with the provisions of Chapter 2.92 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for these purposes and certifications charging the appropriate amounts to the appropriate account for the respective contracts shown on **Schedule A** are on file in the Office of the City Clerk; 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 a Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts in the certifications of EUS which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to authorization to execute **CD-40 Funding Year 2014** for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) for the period of **July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015** awarded with the agencies shown on the attached **Schedule A** which is made a part hereof to provide the services set forth in the descriptions of each contract for the periods shown in the amounts indicated for each contract shown on **Schedule A** .

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City $2,274,538.00 for CDBG FY 40 covering the period July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. The following spending plan was approved by HUD and represents allocations totaling 66% of $1,490,963.00 of the entire award. The balance will be presented to Council under separate cover.

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 advised that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City the sum of $168,692.00, for ESG Year 2014 July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Community Development has requested authorization to execute **CD-40 Funding Year 2014** for **Emergency Solutions Grant Funding (ESG) for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015** awarded with the agencies shown on the attached **Schedule A** which is made a part hereof to provide the services set forth in the descriptions of each contract for the periods shown in the amounts indicated for each contract shown on **Schedule A**. The total spending plan represent allocations totaling $80,084.00. The balance will be presented to Council under separate cover; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of funds for **CD-40** contracts listed on the attached **Schedule A** that exceed $50,000.00 have complied with the provisions of Chapter 2.92 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for these purposes and certifications charging the appropriate amounts to the appropriate account for the respective contracts shown on **Schedule A** are on file in the Office of the City Clerk; 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 a Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contracts in the certifications of EUS which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute **CD-40 Funding Year 2014 Emergency Solutions Grant Funding (ESG) Funding Year 2014 for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015** for the purposes set forth on the attached **Schedule A**. The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City $168,692.00 for ESG Year 2014. The following spending plan represent allocations totaling $80,084.00. The balance will be presented to Council under separate cover.

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 amend the resolution adopted April 16, 2013 authorizing Prestige Environmental to provide Licensed Site Remediation Professional services for the Midtown Redevelopment Area, specifically to extend the term of the contract December 31, 2015; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes an amendment to the resolution adopted April 16, 2013 authorizing Prestige Environmental to provide Licensed Site Remediation Professional services for the Midtown Redevelopment Area, specifically to extend the term of the contract until December 31, 2015.

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 Planning and Community Development has advised that the UEZ 2011 Marketing Plan is in need of an extension until December 31, 2015 so to allow for its proper completion; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth that the proper City Officials are authorized to execute an amendment to the UEZ 2011 Marketing Plan to extend the program until December 31, 2015 in order to allow for proper completion of the Marketing Plan.

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 Public Works after notice from the Police Department has caused the boardup of properties listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the buildings or structures listed on the attached **Schedule A** have become unsafe, or unsanitary or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare or which by reasons of illegal or improper use or occupancy have become unsafe; and

WHEREAS, structures on premises listed on the attached **Schedule A** meet one or more of the criteria hereinabove mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has caused to be boarded up the structures on premises listed on the attached **Schedule A** and the owners having been notified of the cost to the City in the amounts as set forth on the attached **Schedule A** and said costs not having been paid to the City of Elizabeth as required and the Director of Public Works having issued Certificates to City Council of the cost to the City in the amounts listed on the attached **Schedule A;** and

WHEREAS, the City Council having examined the Certificates of the Public Works Director and having found the same to be correct; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by Works Director of the City of Elizabeth for the boarding up of structures on premises and the costs listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby established as a lien upon the lands listed on the attached Schedule A, which said lien shall hereafter form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes, in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.S.A.** 40:48-2.5 and the provisions of the Code of the City of Elizabeth.

NOTE: The above referenced "attached Schedule A" is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Certificate/Invoice 11/24/2014 Total Amount $1,860.49.

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 Public Works after notice from the Police Department has caused the boardup of properties listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the buildings or structures listed on the attached **Schedule A** have become unsafe, or unsanitary or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare or which by reasons of illegal or improper use or occupancy have become unsafe; and

WHEREAS, structures on premises listed on the attached **Schedule A** meet one or more of the criteria hereinabove mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has caused to be boarded up the structures on premises listed on the attached **Schedule A** and the owners having been notified of the cost to the City in the amounts as set forth on the attached **Schedule A** and said costs not having been paid to the City of Elizabeth as required and the Director of Public Works having issued Certificates to City Council of the cost to the City in the amounts listed on the attached **Schedule A;** and

WHEREAS, the City Council having examined the Certificates of the Public Works Director and having found the same to be correct; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by Works Director of the City of Elizabeth for the boarding up of structures on premises and the costs listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby established as a lien upon the lands listed on the attached Schedule A, which said lien shall hereafter form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes, in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.S.A.** 40:48-2.5 and the provisions of the Code of the City of Elizabeth.

NOTE: The above referenced "attached Schedule A" is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Certificate/Invoice 11/24/2014 Total Amount $2,485.44.

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 **23 Florida Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206** , as follows, pursuant to the recommendation of the Elizabeth Police Department:

along the West curb line of Florida Street

beginning at a point 114' North of Merritt Avenue

and continuing 22' North 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, pursuant to **N.J.S.A**. 40:56-84, City Council has requested authorization to accept and approve the annual report for the Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization, the Management Corporation for the Special Improvement District-Tourism for the period September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 and the proposed 2015 budget in the amount of $849,572.65; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes pursuant to **N.J.S.A**. 40:56-84 to accept and approve the annual report for the Elizabeth Destination Marketing Organization, the Management Corporation for the Special Improvement District-Tourism for the period September 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014 and the proposed 2015 budget in the amount of $849,572.65.

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 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:

AVAYA	**5-01-31-440**	**$**	**5,810.95**
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	**5-01-31-446**	**$**	**1,254.22**
ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	**5-01-31-446**	**$**	**3,829.17**
FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	**5-01-31-460**	**$**	**90,835.01**
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	**5-01-43-490-MCO-302**	**$**	**1,624.96**
NRG BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	**5-01-31-435**	**$**	**552.20**
PSE&G	**5-01-31-430**	**$**	**260,474.25**
SOUTH JERSEY ENERGY	**5-01-31-430**	**$**	**5,166.57**
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	**5-01-31-440**	**$**	**96.99**

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 Bishop Fetson Leak has been installed as Pastor of Mt. Calvary-New Life Family Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leak is a proud graduate of the New Rochelle School system where he still finds time to volunteer. He also served as chairman of the New Rochelle Community Action Program Advisory Board and was involved in its youth summer camp and senior lunch program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leak is one of three Chaplains for the New Rochelle Police Department and was appointed commissioner on New Rochelle Civic Service Commission ; and

WHEREAS, he also served as Pastor of Shiloh Temple Church of God in Christ located in Bellport, New York for twenty years. In 2005 he received a Doctor of Theology and served as Pastor of Gateway Deliverance Ministries;

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth congratulates Bishop Fetson Leak Pastor in new endeavor as Pastor of Mt. Calvary-New Life Family Center; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and that a certified copy be forwarded to Pastor Sheila Fall.

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, Mrs. Altamease Williams (affectionately known as Mama Bea), coached and provided transportation for several basketball and football teams in the Elizabethport; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams gave outstanding support to the E.E.A.; P.A.L.; The Saint and Net games; The Boy's Club; and be it

RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Elizabeth commends Mrs. Altamease Williams for her loyal, faithful and dedicated service to the youth of the Elizabethport.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

Council President Grova announced that Councilman Keenan is retiring from City Council.

Councilman Gallman stated that he admired him for being married, dedicated, loyal and stayed in Elizabeth. He stated further that he is truly a "trooper" and he got the job done.

Councilman Cedeno stated that he will miss him and it was a pleasure working with him. He continued that he loved his perspective and Councilman Keenan brought a different perspective to Council. He stated further that no matter where Councilman Keenan stood politically, no one sees the sacrifices behind the scenes.

Councilman Cuesta stated that he was saving his compliments for the last meeting for this year. He continued that he commended him for his years of service. He stated further that it was a pleasure working with him and he will miss his intellectual perspectives. In closing, he announced that he worked with Joe on the Library Board.

Councilman Gonzalez stated that it was a pleasure working with Councilman Keenan. He continued that they came on Council together and since he has been on Council he has enlightened us a great deal. He wished Councilman Keenan all the best to him and his family.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste stated that as she heard of his retirement as the Library Director, she asked him to join her on City Council. She continued that he has done a great job and it was a family decision for him to retire. In closing, she wished him the best and to his family.

Councilman Torres thanked Councilman Keenan for his service and wished him the best.

Councilman Mazza echoed the sentiments of his colleagues. He continued that he has known him since he was the Director of the Library and he will miss him.

Council President Grova thanked Councilman Keenan's wife, Mona, and his chlldren, because it is tough being a councilman due to the amount of hours that you are away from home.

Councilman Keenan stated that he has known many of his colleagues for many years. He continued that Kevin Kiniery will be a wonderful model.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Manuel Antonio Lopes; and

WHEREAS, he was employed as welder in the City of Elizabeth for twenty-five years and recently retired; and

WHEREAS, Manuel Antonio was the beloved husband of Joana Lopes, father of Marco Lopes, 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 of Manuel Antonio Lopes; 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.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Leonard Zeik; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Zeik was a leader in the Cuban-American business community and founder of Leonardo Jewelers; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Zeik immigrated to the U.S. with his wife and four young children in October 1961; and

WHEREAS, he immediately started working in a factory to support his family. He soon opened a store where he sold furntiure, appliances, shoes, coats and clothing, as well as, a small selection of jewerly. He then spun off elements of his original business to bring in the Italian jewelry industry. For the last dozen years, Leonardo's five children have been operting the business their father started 50 year ago; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lourdes Zeik, his five children, Michael Zeik, Lourdes Zeik-Chivi, Vivian Zeik Lund, Leo Zeik and Ivette Fernicola and his nine grandchildren; 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 of Leonard Zeik; 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 wife.

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 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED

MANNY GROVA, JR.
President of City Council

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