

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**THE GREATER ELIZABETH TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CALENDAR
YEAR 2017 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$833,683.75.**

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 30, 2016, from His Honor the Mayor, subject to your advice and consent, I am making the following appointments for a term of one year, effective January 1, 2017 with regard to the following appointments:
Norma M. Murgado, Esq., Chief Municipal Prosecutor; Ashton E. Thomas, Esq., Patricia A. Mack, Esq., Annette Quijano, Esq., Assistant Municipal Prosecutors; Robert Carroll, Esq., Suzette Cavadas, Esq., William T. Donegan, Esq., Kevin D. Harris, Esq., Anabela Dacruz-Melo, Esq., Christopher Howard, Esq., Daria Smith Isehour, Esq., Jose Rivera-Benitez, Esq., Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq., Shlomo Himmel, Esq., Temporary Municipal Prosecutor.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2016, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the proper City officials to renew the insurance policy with Admiral Insurance Company, 1255 Caldwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ, through agent-of-record Hughes Plumer Associates, Somerville, NJ, covering Public Officials Liability Insurance, for the period of January 31, 2017 to January 31, 2018 at an annual premium of \$69,631.51.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2017, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization to designate Jill McDonough, Quality Purchasing Agent, as Public Agency Compliance Officer and to execute a Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer form.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2017 SFY Budget by budget amendments. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that in compliance with the SFY 2016 Appropriations Act requires that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer advising Mr. Luis Rodriguez, P.O. Box 6482, Elizabeth, NJ, of Default and Termination of the Tax Abatement on the property known as 620 First Urban Renewal LP, 620 First Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer advising Mr. Luis Rodriguez, P.O. Box 6482, Elizabeth, NJ, of Default and Termination of the Tax Abatement on the property known as Millenium Urban Renewal LP, 600 Fulton Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2016, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 29, 2016, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to M & M Construction Company, Inc., 540 North Avenue, Union, NJ, for the Police Headquarters Interior Renovations in the amount of \$762,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2017, from the Director of Public Works advising that on January 1, 2017, he appointed Daniel J. Loomis, PE, 322 Clinton Place, South Plainfield, NJ, Municipal Engineer pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.52.030 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, to serve during the term of my office from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 27, 2016, from Lt. Marcus requesting permission to install a "Child with Autism in Area" sign in the area of 717 Emerson Avenue. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Minutes: Fair Rental Housing Board minutes of September 21, 2016. Which was received.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 4797 Rescind Ordinance No. 4574, adopted April 28, 2015, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Virginia Oles, 839 Garden Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 4798 Authorize an amendment to Chapter 10 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically regarding New Point Road, South Park Street, Broadway, Livingston Street, Sixth Street.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Adopt the Greater Elizabeth Tourism Special Improvement District Calendar Year 2017 budget in the amount of \$833,683.75.
- In compliance with SFY 2016 Appropriations Act (Best Practices Requirement), City Council is requested to approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.
- Confirm the appointment of Norma M. Murgado, Esq., to serve as Chief Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of Ashton E. Thomas, Esq., to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of Patricia A. Mack, Esq., to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of Annette Quijano, Esq., to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of Robert Carroll, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of Suzette Cavadas, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of William T. Donegan, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.
- Confirm the appointment of Kevin D. Harris, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Confirm the appointment of Anabela Dacruz-Melo, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

Confirm the appointment of Christopher Howard, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

Confirm the appointment of Daria Smith Isenhour, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

Confirm the appointment of Jose Rivera-Benitez, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

Confirm the appointment of Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

Confirm the appointment of Shlomo Himmel, Esq., to serve as Temporary Municipal Prosecutor for a one year period, commencing January 1, 2017.

Authorize the award of a contract to Admiral Insurance Company, 1255 Caldwell Road, Cherry Hill, N.J., through the agent of record, Hughes-Plumer and Associates, to renew a policy of insurance covering Public Officials and Employees Liability, for the period January 31, 2017 through January 31, 2018, at an annual premium of \$69,631.51.

Authorize Designation of Jill McDonough, Qualify Purchasing Agent, as Public Agency Compliance Officer and to Execute a Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer form.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute all appropriate documents for the 2017 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

Authorize the award of a contract to M & M Construction Company Inc., 540 North Avenue, Union, NJ, for the Interior Renovations at Police Headquarters at a cost of \$762,000.00.

Install “Autistic Child in Area” signage in the area of 717 Emerson Avenue.

Amend the resolution, adopted June 28, 2016, authorizing and consenting for the proper City officials to enter into a Public Right-Of-Way Agreement with Mobilite, LLC, 3475 Piedmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA., to install wire/wireless antennas and equipment on existing utility poles specifically to include additional sites on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

Urge the NJDOT to conduct an investigation for “No Truck Parking” on Route 1&9 between North Avenue and East Jersey Street on both the North and South bound sides with signs posted.

Urge the NJDOT to conduct an investigation for a “Four-Ton weight” limit on Meadow Street between 1&9 and Fairmount Avenue.

Urge the NJDOT to conduct an investigation for “No Truck Traffic” to be permitted on North Avenue between Newark Avenue and Route 1&9.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 839 Garden Street.

Authorize settlement in the worker’s compensation litigation matter of Colon vs. the City in the total amount of \$16,200.00.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Pay Utility Bills.

COMMENDATIONS:

The Life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Thirty-Second Commemorative Anniversary, January 16, 2017

Officer Romulo Meneses-Alvarez, Elizabeth Police Department
Officer Billy Ly, Elizabeth Police Department

)Armed Carjacking
)at Veterans
)Memorial Bridge

MEMORIALS:

Florence Brennan

ADJOURNMENT