

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ORD. NO. 5011 - An Ordinance for Certain Unclassified City Employees Base Salary Annual Percentage increase for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.
- ORD. NO. 5012 - An Ordinance to establish Chapter 15.32 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled, "Permit to Operate a Construction Crane".
- ORD. NO. 5013 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.28.030, Schedule I, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "No Parking All Times on Certain Streets", specifically to include Dickinson Street, north side, west of curb line of Winfield Scott Plaza.
- ORD. NO. 5014 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth to adopt the 1029-1061 Newark Avenue Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 24, 2018, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider amending Ordinance No. 3599 to renew the continued use of the streets and public ways in the City of Elizabeth by Verizon New Jersey Inc. for its telecommunications facilities under the same terms and conditions for a fifteen (15) year period retroactive to year 2014 through 2029 and authorize the proper City officials to execute the necessary documents in connection with said request. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 24, 2018, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to The DRS Group, 43 Fadem Road, Springfield, NJ for the purchase of document storage – scanning and cloud based storage of documents and other records for the Bureau of Construction in the amount of \$275,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 24, 2018, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Garden State Fireworks, 383 Carlton Road, Millington, NJ to provide Fourth of July Fireworks Display for the Department of Recreation in the amount of \$19,350.00. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 27, 2018, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Gold Type Business Machines, Inc., GTBM, 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ for the furnishing of additional electronic traffic ticketing systems for the Police Department to commence from the date of the award of contract and to expire August 24, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 27, 2018, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to PSE&G, 472 Weston Canal Road, Somerset, NJ for the purchase of nine (9) 25 foot Montclair Deco Poles with Holiday Receptacles for the East Grand Street Streetscape project in the amount of \$53,817.01. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 27, 2018, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing a policy of insurance with James River Insurance Group, P.O. Box 27648, Richmond, VA, through the agent of record, Hughes – Plumer Associates, covering professional liability insurance for the engineer and staff; term of the policy is May 25, 2018 to May 25, 2019 at an annual premium of \$47,883.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 26, 2018, from the Rent Regulation Representative request that your Honorable Body consider the appointment of two (2) commissioners to serve as a commissioner and alternate commissioner for the two (2) vacancies for Owners of One or Two Family Homes Representatives. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 1, 2018, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2018 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 1, 2018, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that in compliance with the SFY 2016 Appropriations Act requires your Honorable Body to approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 1, 2018, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the 2018 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 1, 2018, from the City Treasurer request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing a special tax sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:19-101 for the properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto to be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 13, 2018, from the Director, Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider the adoption of the 1029-1061 Redevelopment Plan to allow for the construction of a refrigerated warehouse. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 24, 2018, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to discharge the City's second mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant for 144-152 First Street – Unit D in the amount of \$10,000.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 25, 2018, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider to pre-qualify prospective real estate appraiser to provide real estate appraisals as the need arises from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019: Stanley Jay Real Estate Appraisal Consultants, 1 Morton Place, Colonia, NJ; Cohn Reznick LLP, 4 Becker Farm Road, P.O. Box 954, Roseland, NJ.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 26, 2018, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to reprogram the following unexpended Community Development Block Grant Contract balances to the Community Development Block Grant Holding Account; CAPC, \$120,000; EHIP Activity Delivery Cost, \$275,000; City of Elizabeth/Internet; \$25,000 totaling \$420,000.  
WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 27, 2018, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to amend the resolution adopted October 24, 2017 granting the Elizabeth Public Library (Elmora Branch), \$43,000 for Bathroom ADA Improvements for grant year CD43 July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 specifically to allocate an additional \$20,000 and to extend the term to December 30, 2018.  
WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 27, 2018, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted October 24, 2017 granting the City of Elizabeth/Green Acres, \$125,000, for park improvements for grant year CD43 July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, specifically to allocate an additional \$491,985.00 and to extend the term to December 30, 2018.  
WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 25, 2018, from the Police Director request to amend Chapter 10.40.070 – No parking of trucks – Portion affected, specifically to include Van Buren Avenue both sides from North Avenue to Neck Lane.  
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Minutes: Fair Rental Housing Board minutes of January 17, 2018.  
Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5015 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.40.070 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled, “No Parking of Trucks - Portion Affected” specifically to add Van Buren Avenue, both sides from North Avenue to Neck Lane.
- ORD. NO. 5016 - An Ordinance regulating the Statutory Authority of Verizon New Jersey Inc., its Successors and Assigns to use the various public streets, roads, avenues, highways and other public ways in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, New Jersey, for its local and through lines and other communications facilities and prescribing the conditions thereof.
- ORD. NO. 5017 - An Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey approving transfer of existing Financial Agreement from IKEA Center Urban Renewal, Inc. to an urban renewal entity to be created by Raymour & Flanigan Properties, LLC.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018, AT 2:00 P.M. (YOUTH IN CITY GOVERNMENT DAY)**

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

In compliance with SFY 2016 Appropriations Act (Best Practices Requirement), City Council is requested to approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.

Authorize transfers for the Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal & Sewer Utility Budgets in the amount of \$2,380,800.00.

Authorize the Tax Collector to conduct a special tax sale, pursuant NJSA 55:19-101, Abandoned Properties Act, on June 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., in City Council Chambers; Properties: 130 Magnolia Avenue; 126 Fourth Street; 616 Chetwood Street; 18 Rankin Street; 20-22 Rankin Street; 523-527 Westminster Avenue; 1077-1079 Bond Street.

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Authorize the adoption of a resolution that would pre-qualify Stanley Jay Real Estate Appraisal Consultants, 1 Morton Place, Colonia, N.J.; Cohn Reznick LLP, 4 Becker Farm Road, Roseland, N.J., who submitted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as prospective Real Estate Appraisers, to serve the City.

Authorize settlement in the worker's compensation litigation matter of Posso vs. the City in the total amount of \$50,238.00.

Authorize settlement in the litigation matter of Cooper vs. the City of Elizabeth in the total amount of \$47,500.00.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 534 Magnolia Avenue for resident of 532 Magnolia Avenue due to a fire hydrant.

Pay Utility Bills

**COMMENDATIONS:**

Naomi Spencer-1<sup>st</sup> Place, William F. Halloran, #22  
Audrey Sanchez-2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Mabel G. Holmes, #5

Jairus E. Kendle-Jr.-3<sup>rd</sup> Place, William F. Halloran #22

Maria Hernandez-Honorable Mention, Nicholas Butler Murray #23

Sheyla Chavez-Honorable Mention, Nicholas Butler Murray #23

Nicholas Santos-1<sup>st</sup> Place, Victor Mravlag, #21

Payton Calixto-2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Victor Mravlag, #21

Marciel Sierra-3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Nicholas Butler Murray, #23

Stephanie Martinez-Espinosa-Honorable Mention, Nicholas Butler Murray #23) Mayor for a  
Hannah Spencer-Honorable Mention, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy, #26 ) Day Contest

)3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
)Winners  
)If I Were  
)Mayor for a  
)Day Contest

)5th Grade  
)Winners  
)If I Were  
)Mayor for a  
)Day Contest

**MEMORIALS:**

Betty Anne McConkey  
Velia Olga Heinkele

**ADJOURNMENT**