

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

(OFFICIAL)

ELIZABETH, N. J.

Tuesday Afternoon  
July 19, 2011  
4:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon in Room #307, City Hall, pursuant to the following call by President Joseph Keenan:

July 14, 2011

MAYOR; MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL; CITY ATTORNEY;  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR; CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A special meeting has been called for Tuesday afternoon, July 19, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in Room #307, City Hall, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for the purpose of considering long term tax abatement agreements with the Westminster Heights Urban Renewal, LLC., c/o Community Investment Strategies, for the renovation of 380 Irvington Avenue and the addition of a new structure at 400 Irvington Avenue, and with The Oaks at Westminster Urban Renewal, LLC., c/o Community Investment Strategies, for the renovation of 350 Irvington Avenue; authorize payment of \$1,000.00 to the City Clerk for services rendered as Chairman of the City of Elizabeth Ward Commission and \$800.00 each to the Union County Board of Elections Ward Commissioners for services rendered as members of the City of Elizabeth Ward Commission.

Formal action is contemplated.

By Order of President Joseph Keenan

Yolanda M. Roberts, R.M.C.  
City Clerk

President Keenan announced that notice of this special meeting was mailed or delivered to the Star Ledger, Home News & 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, Chap. 231, P.L. 1975 on December 15, 2010.

PRESENT: Council Members-at-Large: [REDACTED], Frank J. Cuesta,

[REDACTED],

Council Members: Manny Grova, Jr., 1st Ward ; Nelson Gonzalez, 2nd Ward;  
Carlos Cedeno, 4th Ward; William Gallman, Jr., 5th Ward; Frank O. Mazza, 6th  
Ward, and President Joseph Keenan, 3rd Ward; - ~~7~~ 7

ABSENT: Perkins-Auguste; Jackus - 2

ALSO PRESENT: William R. Holzapfel, City Attorney

**NOTE:** Councilman Grova was present at the meeting via telecommunication.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Council President Keenan announced that the next business in order would be the introduction of **Ordinance No. 4231**, which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta, entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTMINSTER HEIGHTS URBAN RENEWAL, L.L.C., FOR A LONG TERM TAX-EXEMPTION FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 380 IRVINGTON AVENUE AND DEMOLITION AT 400 IRVINGTON AVENUE, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION OF 24 UNITS AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 11, LOTS 451 AND 1199A.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

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

AFFIRMATIVE: [REDACTED], Cuesta. [REDACTED]  
Grova, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza,  
and President Keenan - ~~X~~ 7

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Keenan announced that the next business in order would be the introduction of Ordinance No. 4232, which was seconded by Councilman Cuesta, entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKS AT WESTMINSTER URBAN RENEWAL, L.L.C. FOR A LONG TERM TAX-EXEMPTION FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 350 IRVINGTON AVENUE, LOCATED ON BLOCK II, LOTS 451 AND 1199A

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

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

AFFIRMATIVE: [redacted], Cuesta, [redacted], Grova, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza, and President Keenan - 9 7

NEGATIVE: None

Council President Keenan announced that public notice will be published fixing Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 7:15 p.m., in Room #307, City Hall, Elizabeth, N.J., as the time and place that City Council will conduct a public hearing and further consider the foregoing Ordinances No. 4231 and No. 4232, adopted on first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

**BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:**

**WHEREAS**, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes payment of One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Municipal Clerk, Yolanda M. Roberts, R.M.C. for services rendered as Chairman of the City of Elizabeth Ward Commission.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: [redacted], Cuesta, [redacted], Grova, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza, and President Keenan - 9 7

NEGATIVE: None

**BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:**

**RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes payment of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) each to the Union County Board of Election Ward Commissioners, John DeSimone, Clara Harelik, Marie Oakie, and Mary Ellen Harris; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assistants to the Elizabeth Ward Commissioners are Dennis Kobitz and Joanne Arena.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

**AFFIRMATIVE:** [Redacted], Cuesta, [Redacted], Grova, Gonzalez, Cedeno, Gallman, Mazza, and President Keenan - **7**

**NEGATIVE:** None

Councilman Cuesta moved that City Council do now adjourn,

Which was carried unanimously.

Whereupon Council President Keenan declared City Council adjourned at

**4:10** p.m.

**APPROVED**

**JOSEPH KEENAN**  
President of City Council

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