

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ORD. NO. 4960 - An Ordinance approving the Financial Agreement with C & L 1107-1115 Chestnut Realty Urban Renewal, LLC for a Long Term Tax Exemption for a Project on property located at 1107-1115 Chestnut Street.
- ORD. NO. 4961 - An Ordinance approving the Financial Agreement with Jersey Walk E. Jersey Urban Renewal LLC, for a Long Term Tax Exemption for a project located on property at 901-931 East Jersey Street, for new construction of a mixed-use residential and commercial building.
- ORD. NO. 4962 - An Ordinance to approve the Financial Agreement for a Long Term Tax Exemption with Jersey Walk Garage Urban Renewal LLC, for a project located at 901-931 East Jersey Street, for the substantial rehabilitation of an existing five-story garage to include 441 parking spaces.
- ORD. NO. 4963 - An Ordinance approving the Financial Agreement with Jersey Walk Lafayette Urban Renewal LLC, for a Long Term Tax Exemption for a project located at 901-931 East Jersey Street, for the new construction of a market-rate residential building with 111 units.
- ORD. NO. 4964 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Miriam Jerez, 524 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 4965 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Rufino Reynoso, 520 Franklin, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 12, 2017, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the issuance of insurance with Nautilus Insurance Company, 7233 E. Butherus Dr., Scottsdale, AZ through agent-of-record, Otterstedt Insurance Agency, covering EMS Medical Director for the period of December 24, 2017 to December 24, 2018 at an annual premium of \$4,600.00.  
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 12, 2017, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to renew the insurance policy with Fidelity & Deposit Company & Maryland, a member of Zurich Financial Services Group, Zurich Towers, 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL through agent-of-record Hughes Plumer Associates for the renewal of the policy of insurance covering the Fidelity Blanket Bond for Public Employees dishonesty for the period of January 1, 2018 through January 1, 2019 at an annual premium of \$3,616.31. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 12, 2017, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to renew the policy of Eyemed, The Eye Care Plan of America, 4000 Luxottica Place, Mason, OH covering City of Elizabeth, Elizabeth Parking Authority, and Elizabeth Public Library employees for a three-year period commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 14, 2017, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 2018 Ford Explorers 4 WD Base as replacement vehicles for the Recreation Department at the total cost of \$58,420.66. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 18, 2017, from the Business Administrator request to amend the resolution adopted September 8, 2015 with Taser International, Inc. authorizing the purchase of body cameras and the first year data storage at no cost to the City, specifically to reflect the name change to Axon Enterprise, Inc. and allow for the third year of data storage, maintenance and replacement body cameras for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$173,430.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 14, 2017, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the execution of a contract and sale of certain City-owned properties along the Elizabeth River to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties to construct their flood protection system and comply with FEMA requirements at the sale price of \$356,800.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 11, 2017, from the City Attorney request to amend the resolution adopted November 28, 2017 authorizing the proper City officials to apply for an Accidental Disability Pension for Jerry Pridgen specifically, to correct the statement to "that although Mr. Pridgen may apply, that he has not done so, and that the City as his employer may apply on his behalf. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 7, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to credit said individual's taxes entitled to a Senior Citizen or Disability Deduction and a Veteran Deduction for the 2017 Tax Year as per the delineated list in the amount of \$2,750.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 19, 2017, 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.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)**

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 19, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer advising 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 December 19, 2017, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body accept the sale of City property listed as follows: RPT 111 Chilton Street successful bidder CP Suites, LLC, 7 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ, \$100.00; 656 Magnolia Avenue Rear successful bidder DYFLIP, LLC, 564 Spring Street, Elizabeth, \$500.00; 401 Schiller Street successful bidder Patricia Gray, 548 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, \$500.00; Rear 53 Cherry Street, successful bidder AMF Acquisitions, LLC, 525 E. Country Line Road – Suite 2, Lakewood, NJ, \$100.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 11, 2017, 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 \$2,988.14. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 11, 2017, from the Director of Public Works requesting permission to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the removal and disposal of debris from said properties in the amount of \$9,825.04. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 19, 2017, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Maser Consulting P.A., 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ to provide Graphic Information System (GIS) services for the Development of an Enterprise GIS and GIS Based Parcel Mapping in accordance with State of New Jersey Tax Map Regulations and Standards at a lump sum cost of \$541,000.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 6, 2017, from the Police Director request to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the premises located at 522 Livingston Street (personalized); 608 Norwood Terrace (personalized) deletions: 548 Marshall Street, 523 Franklin Street, 427 Franklin Street. Which was received.

**NONE.**

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE**

ORD. NO. 4953 - An Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 10.08.080 B 11a. of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Schedule I, through Streets" specifically to remove yield right of way sign between New Jersey Route 439 and Lower Road on the easterly approach of Cross Avenue and replace with: a. Between New Jersey Route 439 and Durant Street; b. Between Alina Street and Lower Road.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING (cont'd)

- ORD. NO. 4966 - An Ordinance to authorize the Sale of Land to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties for Flood Control Project purposes along the Elizabeth River.
- ORD. NO. 4967 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Lidia Trasancos, 522 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 4968 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4412, adopted on September 10, 2013, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Emmanuel Turcios, 548 Marshall Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018, AT 7:30 P.M.**

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

Confirm the reappointment of Teresa Iturralde Estrada to the position of Municipal Court Director of the Elizabeth Municipal Court for a term of three (3) years in accordance with the provision of Chapter 2.68.090 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Appoint Giovanna Rua, of 815 Bailey Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., to serve as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Secretary effective January 2, 2018.

Authorize His Honor the Mayor to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Recreation Maintenance Workers Association for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021.

Authorize the award of a contract to Nautilus Insurance Company, 7233 East Butherus Drive, Scottsdale, AZ, through the agent of record, Otterstedt Insurance Agency, to provide insurance covering EMS Medical Director, for the period December 24, 2017 to December 24, 2018, at an annual premium of \$4,600.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Fidelity & Deposit Company & Maryland, (a member of the Zurich Financial Services Group) Zurich Towers, 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, IL, for the renewal of a policy of insurance covering the Fidelity Blanket Bond for public employee's dishonesty for the period January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019, at an annual premium of \$3,616.31.

Authorize the award of a contract to Eyemed Vision Care, 4000 Luxottica Place, Mason, OH, for the renewal of the Vision Care Program covering the City of Elizabeth, Elizabeth Parking Authority and Elizabeth Public Library employees for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021.

Authorize the award of a contract to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, N.J., for the purchase of two (2) 2018 Ford Explorers 4WD, as replacement vehicles, for the Department of Recreation, at a cost not to exceed \$58,420.66.

Amend resolution adopted September 8, 2015, with Taser International, Inc., 17800 North 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, AZ, authorizing the purchase of body cameras and first year data storage at no cost to the City, specifically to reflect the name change to Axon Enterprise, Inc., and awarding a contract to allow for a third year of data storage, maintenance and replacement body cameras for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, in the amount of \$173,430.00.

Amend resolution adopted on November 28, 2017, authorizing the proper City Officials to apply for an Accidental Disability Pension on behalf of Jerry Pridgen, specifically to correct statement of the New Jersey Law is that Mr. Pridgen may qualify and apply for an Accidental Disability Pension, but he has not yet applied for such a pension, the City as his employer may apply for this pension on his behalf.

Authorize the Tax Collector to credit senior citizen, disability and/or veteran deductions for Tax Year 2017, pursuant to a delineated list submitted December 7, 2017, in the total amount of \$2,750.00.

Accept a bid in the amount of \$100.00 offered by CP Suites, LLC, at a private auction of non-conforming vacant lots held December 12, 2017, for the purchase of City-owned property at RPT 111 Chilton Street.

Accept a bid in the amount of \$500.00 offered by DYFLIP, LLC, at a private auction of non-conforming vacant lots held December 12, 2017, for the purchase of City-owned property at 656 Magnolia Avenue Rear.

Accept a bid in the amount of \$500.00 offered by Patricia Gray, at a private auction of non-conforming vacant lots held December 12, 2017, for the purchase of City-owned property at 401 Schiller Street.

Accept a bid in the amount of \$100.00 offered by AMF Acquisition, LLC, at a private auction of non-conforming vacant lots held December 12, 2017, for the purchase of City-owned property at Rear 53 Cherry Street.

**NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)**

Establish liens for the boarding up of properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$2,988.14.

Establish liens for the removal and disposal of debris on properties listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office in the total amount of \$9,825.04.

Authorize the award of a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A, 331 Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, N.J., to provide the City of Elizabeth with Graphic Information System (GIS) services in connection with the development of an Enterprise Geographic Information Services (GIS) & GIS Based Parcel Mapping in accordance with the State of New Jersey Tax Map Regulations and Standards, in the amount not to exceed \$541,000.00 plus reimbursables.

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 522 Livingston Street; 523 Franklin Street; 427 Franklin Street.

Adopt a resolution "In Support" of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks.

Approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses

Pay Utility Bills

**COMMENDATIONS:**

Mr. Vacarro

)Court Stenographer for Alcoholic Beverage  
)Control Commission, Retirement

Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth, Inc.

Assemblywoman Annette Quijano

Councilman Nelson Gonzalez

Councilman Manny Grova, Jr.

Councilman Kevin Kiniery

Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste

Elizabeth EMS

Elizabeth Fire Department

Elizabeth Police Department

Elizabeth Borinquen Lions

Elizabeth Cubano Lions

Elizabeth Parent Support Group

Cafeteros of NJ

Hispanic Law Enforcement

Hispano Unidos

Jersey Jeep Flow

Knights of Columbus

Prevention Links

Puerto Rican Alliance of Elizabeth

Union County Sheriffs

)Organizations who helped in providing

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) assistance to the victims of

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) Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico

**MEMORIALS**

Gerarda Petralia

**ADJOURNMENT**