CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 4550 - An ordinance to vacate the remaining portion of Brighton Street, from Trenton Avenue in a southeasterly direction to the right-of-way line of the New Jersey Turnpike.

ORD. NO. 4551 - Amend Ord. No. 2707, adopted September 27, 1994, entitled "Rooming Houses," specifically to change the definition of the "licensing authority" to the Department of Health and Human Services and to delete the Rooming and Boarding House Site Licensing Board.

ORD. NO. 4552 - Grant an encroachment permit to Environmental Management Associates, Inc., 5303 Route 33/34, Farmingdale, N.J., to install a replacement monitoring well within the right-of-way on the east side of Neck Lane.

ORD. NO. 4553 - Amend Chapter 10.12.050 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Prohibited Turns on Red Signal," specifically to add East Broad Street at Magnolia Avenue and Jacques Street at Elizabeth Avenue at all times.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 6, 2015, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Garden State Fireworks, 383 Carlton Road, Millington, NJ, for a Fourth of July Fireworks Display in the amount of $16,500.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 13, 2015, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Avaya Inc., 161 Cliveden Drive, Newtown, PA, for the purchase of Telecommunications Wired for various departments for the period of February 2, 2015 through February 1, 2016, at a cost not to exceed $80,000.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated February 13, 2015, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ, to permit the use of City-owned property, designated by the proper City officials, for the purpose of staging a self contained 80 foot trailer to train unemployed and underemployed residents to become machinists from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 at no cost to the City.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated February 13, 2015, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., One River Centre – Building Two, 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, NJ, to provide civil engineering, operation management, repair coordination, scheduling of maintenance procedures associated with Education and Training of Staff in regard to operation procedures for the Fred Erxleben Pool for the Recreation Department, in the amount of $17,700.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated February 17, 2015, from the Business Administrator requesting an amendment to Chapter 5.51.060 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Towing – Fees and Charges" and Chapter 5.51.090 entitled "Mercantile License Fees."
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated February 17, 2015, 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 February 17, 2015, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that in compliance with the SFY 2012 Appropriations Act that your Honorable Body approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated February 13, 2015, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the Urban League of Union County, 288 North Broad Street, 2nd floor, Elizabeth, NJ, to enter into an Emergency Solutions Grant contract for funds to be used for homeless prevention rental assistance and case management for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in the amount of $80,608.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated February 13, 2015, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization to use UEZ Second Generation Funds for a loan to East Grand Associates Urban Renewal Entity, LLC, to finance site work improvements along with tenant improvements to construct a 55,463 sq. ft. building site that will be anchored by a Foodtown and several other small retail, including some fast food establishments that will be located at 860 East Grand Street, a/k/a 801-871 Livingston Street in the amount of $2 million.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 17, 2015, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute a contract with the Elizabeth Conservancy for the demolition of a foundation located at 420-430 Third Avenue, between Redcliff and Doyle Street to be followed by construction of a community garden, specifically to extend the period of the contract to October 31, 2015 due to construction delays and inclement weather conditions.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 10, 2015, from the Director of Public Works recommending the award of a contract to Rapid Pump & Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ, for the restoration and flood mitigation for Mattano Park, Trenton Avenue, and Kapkowski Road Pump Stations Hurricane Sandy related damages for the total bid amount for items 1B and 2 through 9 of $399,340.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 17, 2015, from the Fire Director requesting authorization for the proper City officials to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Elizabeth Fire Department and the Civil Airport Operator of Newark Liberty International Airport for Mutual Aid Response supplied by the Elizabeth Fire Department.
Which Was Referred To Council As A Whole.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 4, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer submitting the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of September, 2014, and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of September 30, 2014.
Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 4555 - An ordinance authorizing an Agreement with the Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, to permit temporary use of City-owned property within the vicinity of the college campus at 12 West Jersey Street and 40 West Jersey Street, for a self-contained 80 foot trailer to train unemployed and under- employed residents to become machinists from April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, at no cost to the City.

ORD. NO. 4556 - Amend Chapter 5.51.060 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Towing of Vehicles from Private Property, Fees and Charges," and Chapter 5.51.090 entitled "Mercantile License Fees," specifically to increase said fees.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015, AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

In compliance with SFY 2012 Appropriations Act (Best Practices Requirement), City Council is requested to approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits.

Authorize the award of a contract to Garden State Fireworks, 383 Carlton Road, Millington, N.J., for the furnishing of Fourth of July fireworks display for the Recreation Department, at a cost of $16,500.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Avaya, Inc., 161 Cliveden Drive, Newtown, PA, for the purchase of telecommunications wired for various departments for the period February 2, 2015 through February 1, 2016, at a cost not to exceed $80,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A., 331 Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, N.J, to provide civil engineering, operation management, repair coordination, scheduling of maintenance procedures associated with education and training of staff in regard to operation procedures for Erxleben Pool for the Recreation Department in the amount of $17,700.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into an Emergency Solutions Grant contract with the Urban League of Union County, Inc., 288 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, to provide funds in the amount of $80,608.00 for homeless prevention, rental assistance and case management for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into an agreement with the Elizabeth Development Company, 205 First Street, Elizabeth, for the use of UEZ Second Generation Funds for a loan in the amount of $2,000,000.00 to East Grand Associates Urban Renewal Entity, LLC, to finance site work/tenant improvements to construct a building anchored by a Foodtown and other small retail/fast food establishments at 860 East Grand Street, a/k/a 801-871 Livingston Street.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Amend a resolution adopted October 14, 2014, authorizing an extension to a contract with the Elizabeth Conservancy, for the demolition of a foundation located at 420-430 Third Avenue, between Redcliff and Doyle Streets, for the construction of the agency's Environmental Education Center and Gardens, specifically to extend the period of the contract to October 31, 2015 due to construction delays and inclement weather conditions.

Authorize the award of a contract to Rapid Pump and Meter Service Company, Inc., 285 Straight Street, Paterson, N.J., for the restoration and flood mitigation for Mattano Park, Trenton Avenue and Kapkowski Road Pump Stations due to Hurricane Sandy related damages for the total bid amount for Items IB and 2 through 9 at a cost of $399,340.00.

Pay utility bills.

Approve Bingo and Raffle licenses.

COMMENDATIONS

MEMORIALS

Stanley Moskal
Helen Obuch, mother of Judge Richard Obuch
Richard Higgins, former Welfare Investigator/Housing Inspector
Josephine Pecoraro

ADJOURNMENT