

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 4466 - Amend Chapter 13.16.120; 13.16.130; 13.16.140; 13.16.150; 13.16.160 and 13.16.170 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Sewer Service System," specifically to implement a new Sewer Utility Tariff Design, to set new sewer rates effective August 1, 2014, and to augment the language thereof.

ORD. NO. 4467 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jerry Szocik, 73 Westfield Avenue.

ORD. NO. 4468 - Authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Lillian Blalock, 485 Catherine Street.

THE ELIZABETH AVENUE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,320.00.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 12, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the renewal of insurance with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, C.T., through the agent-of-record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, covering Auxiliary Police Officers for the period of June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at an annual premium of \$310.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 12, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting an amendment to the resolution adopted May 27, 2014, awarding a contract to Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey for simunitions, batteries and other items for simunition training for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, specifically to include additional equipment, ammunition, guns, vests and other crime prevention supplies in the amount of \$100,000.00, raising the cost of the contract not to exceed \$120,000.00.

Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Atlantic Tactical of New Jersey, Inc., 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA, for the purchase of ammunition, protective vests and crime prevention equipment and supplies for the Police Department and Ambulance Service for the period of May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to General Sales Administration, t/a Major Police Supply, 47 North Dell Avenue, Kenil, NJ, for emergency lighting equipment for the Departments of Police, Fire and Ambulance Service Bureau for the period of May 29, 2014 through April 30, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 16, 2014, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of respective contracts to Flemington Aluminum & Brass, Inc., 24 Junction Road, Flemington, NJ; Signal Control Products, Inc., 199 Evans Way, Branchburg, NJ; Marbelite Company, Inc., 1913 Atlantic Avenue, P.O. Box 239, Manasquan, NJ; Traffic Parts, Inc., 27895 Robinson Road, P.O. Box 837, Spring, TX; General Traffic Equipment Corporation, 259 Broadway, Newburgh, NY; Intelligent Traffic Supply Products, LLC, 3005 Hadley Road, Suite 5, South Plainfield, NJ, for the furnishing of traffic signal parts for the Electrical Bureau of the Police Department for a two year period from the date of the award of the contract for all vendors combined in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Business Administrator advising that being satisfied that an emergency did exist, recommends the award of a contract to Cummins Metropower, Inc., 41-85 Doremus Avenue, Newark, NJ, for the emergency repair of the generator and generator transfer switch at City Hall on May 23, 2014 at a cost of \$26,048.62. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Elizabeth Fire Department Emergency Medical Service Supervisors Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting that your Honorable Body consider amending the City's Table of Organization of Classified and Unclassified Titles, specifically Ordinance No. 1747. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting that your Honorable Body consider amending Chapter 2.56.110 (B) of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Elizabeth Police Department. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Business Administrator requesting that your Honorable Body consider amending Chapter 2.60.090 (B) of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Elizabeth Fire Department. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 6, 2014, from the City Attorney requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute a Memorandum of Understanding among the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, The New Jersey Department of Transportation, the County of Union, the City of Linden and the City of Elizabeth for Planning, Environmental Assessment, Design, Construction, and Right-of-Way acquisition of I-278/Route 1 & 9 Interchange Improvements. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 11, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Treasurer to cancel the premiums in the amount of \$94,100.00 and the sum of \$94,100.00 be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 11, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Treasurer to cancel the tax credits set forth in the attached schedule for tax years of 2005 and 2006 in the amount of \$80,739.26 and the sum of \$80,739.26 be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated and the Treasurer be authorized to issue a replacement check in the same amount and to charge the amount thereof to the contingent account. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the Tax Collector to cancel the said disallowed senior citizen deductions as per the delineated lists for the Tax Year 2013 in the amount of \$10,250.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting that a special meeting be held on July 1, 2014 to consider the adoption of the 2015 SFY Municipal, Sewer, and Capital Temporary Budgets; 2015 SFY Appropriation "CAP" Ordinance, and 2015 SFY Temporary Emergency Appropriations and 2014 SFY Transfers. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the 2014 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that in compliance with the SFY 2014 Appropriations Act requires your Honorable Body to approve all payments related to accumulated/uncompensated absence benefits. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 23, 2014, from the Director of Health and Human Services recommending the award of a contract to Chana Zablocki, MD, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, NJ, for Pediatric Physician Services/Sexually Transmitted Disease Services for the period of May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, at a rate of \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$50,000.00 unless further authorized by your Honorable Body. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 11, 2014, from the Director of Health and Human Services requesting authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of HIV, STD and TB Services grant funds to address sexually transmitted diseases through screenings and education conducted through interviews and/or counseling in an amount not to exceed \$39,337.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2014, from the Director of Health and Human Services requesting permission for the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with United Negro College Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships for students from the City of Elizabeth, NJ, attending any accredited four year institution. Which Was Referred As Council As A Whole.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 9, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to postpone the second mortgage held by the City, through the Elizabeth Home Improvement, First Time Homebuyer Program, on the property located at 817 Martin Street in the amount of \$38,650.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting authorization to utilize UEZ Zone Assistance Funds for a direct loan to Danic Five, LLC for the acquisition of a commercial property, formerly known as Kristen Distributors, 2 Slater Drive, Elizabeth, necessary to enable Atalanta Corp to continue the expansion of its operations in Elizabeth, NJ; creating between 30 and 50 full-time jobs in the next 2 years for residents and surrounding towns. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 16, 2014, from the Director of Planning and Community Development requesting that your Honorable Body consider approving the designation of Y HOMES, Inc., as a Community Housing Development Organization within the City of Elizabeth for the purpose of supporting and to help low/moderate income persons through the provision of decent, integrated and affordable housing, as well as support services, to facilitate living in the community. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 9, 2014, from the City Engineer requesting authorization for the proper City officials to execute an Access Agreement with the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties to allow the City access to the Elizabeth River levee system order to complete levee maintenance associated with the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project-South Front Street to Trenton Avenue. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 9, 2014, from the Director of Public Works requesting approval of Change Order No. 1 to the contract awarded to Simpson & Brown, Inc., for the Elizabeth Municipal Marina Rehabilitation at an original cost of \$2,334,890.96, to provide further for additional hidden damages involving the existing steel wave screen that protects the marina from the navigation channel, specifically the replacement of loose and damaged stainless steel nuts, bolts, and splice plates; and welding of connections performed underwater by divers at an additional cost of \$95,213.00, increasing the original contract amount to \$2,430,103.76. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 10, 2014, from the Director of Public Works recommending the award of a contract to Fai-Gon Electric, Inc., 140 11th Street, Piscataway, NJ, for the traffic signal improvements on Elizabeth Avenue at Jefferson Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue at Bridge Street and Winfield Scott Plaza at a cost of \$886,474.10. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 16, 2014, from the Director of Public Works recommending the award of a contract to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 1200 Lenox Drive, Suite 101, Trenton, NJ, to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2014 Road Resurfacing Program; in the process of determining the cost which will be provided for the June 24th meeting. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 16, 2014, from the Director of Public Works recommending the award of a contract to T & M Associates, Eleven Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ, to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2014 Road Resurfacing Program; in the process of determining the cost which will be provided for the June 24th meeting. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 17, 2014, from the Director of Public Works recommending the award of a contract to Hatch Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ, to provide engineering and field services during construction, including conducting meeting, review of submittals and shop drawings, full time inspection and administrative services on a time and materials basis, in connection with the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project, Levee Maintenance Contract – South Front Street to Trenton Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 6, 2014, from Mr. William Alston, 410 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, NJ, requesting to be appointed as a Constable for a period of three years. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 4469 - Amend Chapter 2.56, Section 110 (B), of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Police Department; Police Personnel, as provided on attached schedule.
- ORD. NO. 4470 - Amend Chapter 2.60.090 (B), of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically relating to the Table of Organization of the Fire Department; Fire Personnel, as provided on attached schedule.
- ORD. NO. 4471 - Amend Ord. No. 1747 entitled "An Ordinance to Establish Certain Classified and Unclassified Positions in the City's Table of Organization and To Set The Annual Compensation For Said Positions To Be Paid From April 1, 1984, Except As Otherwise Provided, As Provided By The Municipal Budget To Be Paid As Other Employees Are Paid," as provided on attached schedule.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014, AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

- ORD. NO. 4466 - Amend Chapter 13.16.120; 13.16.130; 13.16.140; 13.16.150; 13.16.160 and 13.16.170 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Sewer Service System," specifically to implement a new Sewer Utility Tariff Design, to set new sewer rates effective August 1, 2014, and to augment the language thereof.
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NEW BUSINESS

- Adopt the Elizabeth Avenue Special Improvement District Fiscal Year 2015 Budget in the amount of \$325,320.00.
- Authorize Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal and Sewer Utility Budget transfers in the amount of \$81,000.00.
- In compliance with SFY 2014 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 Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, CT., through the agent-of-record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, to provide a policy of insurance covering Auxiliary Police Officers, for the period June 30, 2014, to June 30, 2015 at an annual premium of \$310.00.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Amend a resolution adopted May 27, 2014, authorizing the award of a contract to Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey, for the purchase of items for simulation training for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, specifically to include additional equipment and crime prevention supplies in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Atlantic Tactical, Inc., 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA, for the purchase of ammunition, protective vests and crime-prevention equipment and supplies for the Police Department for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to General Sales Administration, t/a Major Police Supply, 47 North Dell Avenue, Kenil, N.J., for the purchase of emergency lighting equipment for the Departments of Police, Fire and Ambulance Service Bureau for the period May 29, 2014 through April 30, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Authorize the award of respective contracts to Flemington Aluminum & Brass, Inc., 24 Junction Road, Flemington, N.J.; Signal Control Products, 199 Evans Way, Branchburg, N.J.; Marbelite Company, Inc., 1913 Atlantic Avenue, Manasquan, N.J.; Traffic Parts, Inc., 27895 Robinson Road, Spring, TX, General Traffic Equipment Corporation, 259 Broadway, Newburgh, NY, and Intelligent Traffic Supply Products, LLC., 3005 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, N.J., for the furnishing of traffic signal parts for the Electric Bureau of the Police Department for a period of two years, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for all vendors combined.

Authorize the Mayor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the Elizabeth Fire Department Emergency Medical Service Supervisors for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Elizabeth and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the County of Union and the City of Linden for planning, environmental assessment, design, construction and right-of-way acquisition of I-278/Routes 1 & 9 Interchange Improvements.

Authorize the City Treasurer to cancel tax lien records premiums in excess of five (5) years or liens that are foreclosed, totaling \$94,100.00 and said sum be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated.

Authorize the City Treasurer to cancel tax credits for Tax Years 2005 and 2006 in the amount of \$80,739.26 and said sum be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated.

Authorize the Tax Collector to cancel disallowed senior citizen deductions for Tax Year 2011, pursuant to a delineated list submitted June 17, 2014, in the total amount of \$10,250.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Chana Zablocki, M.D., 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, N.J., to provide Pediatric Physician Services/ Sexually Transmitted Disease Services for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, unless further authorized by City Council.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

Authorize the proper City officials to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$39,337.00, from the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of HIV, STD and TB Services, to address sexually transmitted diseases through screenings and education.

Authorize the postponement of the City's second mortgage held on the property located at 817 Martin Street, in the amount of \$38,650.00.

Authorize the approval of UEZ Zone Assistance Funds for a direct loan to Danic Five, LLC., in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, for the acquisition of commercial property located at 2 Slater Drive, formerly known as Kristen Distributors, to enable the Atalanta Corporation to continue its expansion of operations in the City of Elizabeth.

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Authorize the award of a contract to Hatch Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, N.J., to provide professional engineering and field services in connection with the construction phases of Elizabeth River Flood Control Project, Levee Maintenance on South Front Street to Trenton Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00.

Authorize Change Order No. 1 to the contract awarded to Simpson & Brown, Inc., for the Municipal Marina rehabilitation at a cost of \$2,334,890.44, specifically to provide for hidden damages to the steel wave screen protecting the Marina from the navigation channel at an additional cost of \$95,213.00.

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Authorize the award of a contract to Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc., 1200 Lenox Drive, Trenton, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2014 Road Resurfacing Project, at a cost not to exceed \$159,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to T & M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middleton, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2014 Road Resurfacing Project, at a cost not to exceed \$168,680.00.

Appoint Mr. William Alston, 410 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, to serve as a Constable in and for the City of Elizabeth for a term of three (3) years.

Grant permission to place a Vanity Street Sign on High Street and Third Street, in recognition of Joe Long, a member of the famous Four Seasons singing group.

Pay utility bills.

Approve Bingo and Raffle licenses.

COMMENDATIONS

Joe Long, member of the famous Four Seasons and former Elizabeth resident

MEMORIALS

ADJOURNMENT