PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

(OFFICIAL)

ELIZABETH, N.J.

Tuesday Evening
November 26, 2013
7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held this evening in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

Council President William Gallman, Jr., announced that this regular meeting is listed in the "Annual Notice", as defined by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and that copies of the "Annual Notice" have been mailed or delivered to the Star Ledger, Home News and 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, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 on December 27, 2012.

PRESENT: Council Members-at-Large: Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Frank J. Cuesta, Manny Grova, Jr.
Council Members: Carlos L. Torres, 1st Ward; Nelson Gonzalez, 2nd Ward; Joseph Keenan, 3rd Ward; [redacted], 4th Ward; Frank O. Mazza, 6th Ward; and President William Gallman, Jr., 5th Ward - 8

ABSENT: Cedeno - 1

ALSO PRESENT: Rocco DiPaola, Second Assistant City Attorney

Councilman Gonzalez delivered the opening prayer and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Mr. James Carey, Peoples Organization for Progress, 612 Inslee Place, read the following prepared statement:

Proposal to increase the smoking age and the purchase of tobacco to 21

Joint collaboration between the People's Organization for Progress and Councilman Carlos Torres

Introduced November 26, 2013

On October 30, 2013, New York City Council voted 35 to 10, to pass a bill that raise the federal minimum age of 18 to purchase cigarettes and any other tobacco products to 21.

Studies show, that increasing the age to purchase tobacco, drastically makes it difficult for kids to purchase cigarettes and it potentially reduces the possibility of being addicted to nicotine and acquiring lung cancer at an early age, studies also show that kids become addicted to nicotine between the ages of 18 and 21.

In Needham, Massachusetts, the buying age of any tobacco product is 21 and in nearby Canton, Massachusetts, they're poised in raising their respective age to 21 also.

Here in the Garden State, Senator Richard Codey is leading an effort in the state's legislature to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco from 19 to 21. The proposed measure, S2810, along with its companion bill in the state assembly, A4135, would establish penalties for retailers who sell tobacco products to those individuals under the age of 21.

Other state legislatures who are mulling over this measure are as followed, Texas, Utah and Oklahoma recently, the county of Suffolk in New York, said they're drafting a similar bill that will be introduced in January of 2014.

During the previous Elizabeth Municipal Alliance meeting, I brought Councilman Carlos' initiative to the table and it was overwhelmingly received, since, I received a phone call from the Alliance's director Ms. Daphney Dupervil who excitingly informed me that she wanted to adopt this measure.

However, I informed her that I would have to get permission from Councilman Torres before I introduced the idea to city council, with that said; I hope this legislative body would take this initiative under strong consideration.

Ms. Jeneen Holmes, 83 Third Street, echoed the sentiments of Mr. Carey and asked for City Council's aide in raising the age to purchase cigarettes.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council President Gallman announced that the next business in order would be a public hearing on **Ordinance No. 4442**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY FOR CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the meeting of City Council held on **November 12, 2013.**

The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Star Ledger issue of **November 18, 2013.**

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title and Council President Gallman asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the adoption of the ordinance.

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

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 1, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ, for the purchase of four (4) 2014 Ford Police Interceptors at a cost of $114,915.00, under the Cranford Co-Op, and one (1) 2014 Ford Explorer at a cost of $33,373.00, totaling $148,288.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 1, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to the sole bidder, Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a Fuelman, 655 Engineering Drive, Suite 300, Norcross, GA, for Motor Fuel Usage and a Billing System for the various departments for a period of two years in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 14, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., 1600 Railroad Avenue, Holbrook, NY, for the purchase of two hundred (200) Honey Locust and Pin Oak Trees to be planted throughout the City in residential areas, under the Union County Cooperative Purchasing Contract at a total cost of $34,400.00.
Which Was Referred To Council As A Whole.

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[redacted]

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 14, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to Thomson Reuters, a Division of West Publishing Corporation., 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, MN, for the purchase of Web Based Data Access Services for the Law Department and Municipal Court Division for the period of November 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed $10,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 18, 2013, from the Business Administrator requesting authorization for the proper City officials to register members of the Elizabeth Fire Department and sign all necessary documents with Rutgers University and New Jersey Task Force One to provide ongoing specialized firefighter training for a period of two years effective upon City Council confirmation.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 18, 2013, from the Business Administrator recommending the award of a contract to the sole qualified and responsible bid to System Engineering International, 5115 Pegasus Court, Suite Q, Frederick, MD, for Maintenance of UPS Systems located at the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments for a period of two years commencing from the date of award in an amount not to exceed $45,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 18, 2013, from the Chief Financial Officer requesting authorization for the proper City officials to submit a request to the Director, Division of Local Finance, to make corrections in the City's 2014 Municipal Budget to account for the City's share (local share) of grants (Chapter 159) approved subsequent to the adopted budget; Matching Funds-City's Share from $1,000,000 to $982,800.00; Local Share: Greening Union County from -0- to $17,200.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 18, 2013, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that temporary emergency appropriations for the 2014 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 20, 2013, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization 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 $7,813.70.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated November 20, 2013, from the Director of Public Works requesting authorization to have liens placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the boarding up of said properties in the amount of $2,516.75.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 4, 2013, from the Police Director requesting authorization to install a stop sign warning, 100' before both existing stop signs at the intersection of Myrtle Street and Grier Avenue.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:
Letter dated November 15, 2013, from the Police Director requesting authorization to establish a Three-Way Stop at the intersection of Fourth Street and Marshall Street.
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:
Minutes: Fair Rental Housing Board meeting held September 18, 2013.
Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Council President Gallman announced that the next business in order would be the introduction of **Ordinance No. 4443** , which was seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.08.020 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED", SPECIFICALLY TO ADD A THREE-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOURTH STREET AND MARSHALL STREET.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance.

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

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, ~~Cedeno~~, Mazza, and President Gallman - ~~7~~ 8

NEGATIVE: None

Councilman Grova congratulated and thanked Councilman Torres for establishing this three-way stop.

Council President Gallman announced that public notice will be published fixing Tuesday, December 10, 2013 , at 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, Elizabeth, N.J., as the time and place that City Council will conduct a public hearing and further consider the foregoing Ordinance No. 4443, adopted on first reading.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

Council President Gallman announced that the next business in order would be the adoption of **Ordinance No. 4442**, which was seconded by Councilman Gonzalez.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY FOR CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH:

SECTION 1. The base salary annual percentage increases for the unclassified positions listed below for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017 are as follows:

	July 1,2013	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
	2% increase	1.5% increase	1.5% increase	1.5% increase
Chief Financial Officer				
City Tax Assessor				
Deputy Tax Assessor				
Municipal Court Director				
Municipal Court Judge				
Municipal Court Judge, chief				
Municipal Engineer				
Municipal Treasurer & Tax Collector				
Secretary to Board of ABC				

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any portion or clause of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be twenty (20) days after its final passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor at the time and in the manner provided by law.

The Clerk read the foregoing ordinance by title.

This ordinance was adopted on its first reading at the City Council meeting held **November 12, 2013.**

Annexed to the ordinance was an affidavit from the publisher of the Star Ledger certifying the publication of the ordinance and notice of public hearing thereon in its issue of **November 18, 2013.**

The ordinance was then adopted on its final passage by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta. Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - ~~7~~ 8

NEGATIVE: None

NEW BUSINESS

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended per the request of the Director of Police Department the award of a contract to **BEYER FORD, 170 Ridge Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962,** for the purchase of four (4) 2014 Ford Police Interceptors at a cost of $114,915.00 under the Cranford Co-Op and one (1) 2014 Ford Explorer at a cost of $33,373.00 under the State Contract #A83013, setting the total cost of the vehicles at $148,288.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purpose and Certification No. 13-03520, charging the amount of $148,288.00 to Account No. 4-01-25-240-POL-362, of the Municipal Budget is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to **BEYER FORD, 170 Ridge Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962,** for the purchase of four (4) 2014 Ford Police Interceptors at a cost of $114,915.00 under the Cranford Co-Op and one (1) 2014 Ford Explorer at a cost of $33,373.00 under the State Contract #A83013, setting the total cost of the vehicles at $148,288.00.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - ~~7~~ 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has advised that sealed bids were received and opened by the Purchasing Agent on October 31, 2013 for the furnishing of Motor Fuel and Billing System for its usage for Various Departments for a period of two (2) years from the date of award of contract. The sole bid received from **Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a Fuelman** meets our specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator concurs with the Purchasing Agent and recommends the award of a contract for Motor Fuel Usage and Billing System for Various Departments for a period of two (2) years to the sole bidder **Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Fuelman, 655 Engineering Drive, Sutie 300, Norcross, GA 30092** in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract in question exceed $50,000.00 and the provisions of Chapter 2.92 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth for **Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Fuelman** are exempt because it is a corporation listed on the American or New York Stock Exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is determined to fall within the Open-end Contract Rule 5:30-14.4 as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes an award of contract to the sole bidder **Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, LLC d/b/a Fuelman, 655 Engineering Drive, Suite 300, Norcross, GA 30092** for Motor Fuel Usage and Billing System for the Various Departments for a period of two (2) years in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - X8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have recommended the award of a contract to **THOMSON REUTERS, a Division of West Publishing Corp., 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, MN 55123**, for the purchase of Web Based Data Access Services for the Law Department and Municipal Court Division for the period of October 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed $10,000.00 under their State Contract No. 68460; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is determined to fall within the Open-end Contract Rule 5:30-14.4 as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have advised that the contract in question is a purchase through a State of New Jersey Contract No.68460 requiring approval by this Governing Body in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.A.C.**5:34-1.2; now, therefore, be it ,

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby awards a contract to **THOMSON REUTERS, a Division of West Publishing Corp., 610 Opperman Drive, Eagan, MN 55123**, for the purchase of Web Based Data Access Services for the Law Department and Municipal Court Division for the period of October 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed $10,000.00 under their State Contract No. 68460.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - ~~7~~ 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Fire Department has informed the Busness Administtator that pursuant to changes to regulations governing firefighter training, Rutgers University and New Jersey Task Force One have partnered together to coordinate and provide ongoing specialized firefighter training in the following courses:

1. Structural Collapse 1
2. Structural Collapse 2
3. Confined Space/Rope and Rigging
4. Trench Rescue 1
5. Trench Rescue 2
6. Annual UASI Drill
7. Remedial Modular Training

WHEREAS, these training courses will fulfill State requirements, ensure that the Elizabeth Fire Department complies with the regulations which govern specialized rescue disciplines and ensure that the Elizabeth Fire Department's skill level remains as one of the best in the State. The above referenced courses will commence for a period of two (2) years effective upon adoption of a resolution by your Honorable Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to sign all necessary documents and register members of the Elizabeth Fire Department with Rutgers University and New Jersey Task Force One to participate and to provide ongoing specialized firefighter training in the following courses:

1. Structural Collapse 1
2. Structural Collapse 2
3. Confined Space/Rope and Rigging
4. Trench Rescue 1
5. Trench Rescue 2
6. Annual UASI Drill
7. Remedial Modular Training

for a period of two (2) years effective upon adoption of a resolution by your Honorable Body.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have requested authorization per the recommendation of the Directors of the Fire and Police Departments the award of a contract to the sole qualified and responsible bid, which meets our specifications, to **System Engineering International, 5115 Pegasus Court, Suite Q, Frederick, MD 21704 in** an amount not to exceed $45,000.00; for Maintenance of UPS Systems located at the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments for a period of two (2) years commencing from the date of award; and

WHEREAS, the contract in question is determined to fall within the Open-end Contract Rule 5:30-14.4 as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall execute the Certificate of Availability of Funds at each time an order is placed, and covering the amount of the order, and said execution is to be made just before this City incurs a contractual liability on its part; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth authorizes the proper City Officials to enter into a contract with **System Engineering International, 5115 Pegasus Court, Suite Q, Frederick, MD 21704,** for Maintenance of UPS Systems located at the Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments for a period of two (2) years commencing from the date of award in an amount not to exceed $45,000.00.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works after notice from the Police Department has caused the boardup of properties listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the buildings or structures listed on the attached **Schedule A** have become unsafe, or unsanitary or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare or which by reasons of illegal or improper use or occupancy have become unsafe; and

WHEREAS, structures on premises listed on the attached **Schedule A** meet one or more of the criteria hereinabove mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has caused to be boarded up the structures on premises listed on the attached **Schedule A** and the owners having been notified of the cost to the City in the amounts as set fort on the attached **Schedule A** and said costs not having been paid to the City of Elizabeth as required and the Director of Public Works having issued Certificates to City Council of the cost to the City in the amounts listed on the attached **Schedule A;** and

WHEREAS, the City Council having examined the Certificates of the Public Works Director and having found the same to be correct; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by Works Director of the City of Elizabeth for the boarding up of structures on premises and the costs listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby established as a lien upon the lands listed on the attached Schedule A, which said lien shall hereafter form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes, in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.S.A.** 40:48-2.5 and the provisions of the Code of the City of Elizabeth.

Certificate/Invoice 11/20/2013 Total Amount $2,516.75.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has caused certain **clean up and removal of debris** from the properties at the costs listed on **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof after due and proper notice to the owners thereof as required; and the owners thereof having been notified of the cost to the City in the sums listed on **Schedule A** and said costs not having been paid to the City of Elizabeth as required; and the Director of the Department of Public Works having issued certificates to City Council of the costs to the City of same; and

WHEREAS, City Council having examined the Certificates of the said Director of the Department of Public Works and having found the same to be correct; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Elizabeth that the cost of clean up and removal of debris as shown for the properties listed on the **Schedule A** attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby made a lien on said properties, which lien shall hereafter form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands in the sums set forth on **Schedule A** the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes in accordance with the provisions of **N.J.S.A.** 40:48-2.14 and Chapter 15.12.180, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth.

Certificate Invoice 11/20/2013 Total Amount: $7,813.70.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - ~~7~~ 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: [redacted]

RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby confirms and approves the payment of all utility bills for the City of Elizabeth as indicated hereinbelow; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing payments are excepted from the requirement of bidding by the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law **N.J.S.A**. 40A:11-5(1)(f); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following certifications of availability of funds are on file in the office of the City Clerk:

ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	**4-01-31-446**	**$**	**6,127.75**
HESS CORP-GAS	**4-01-31-446**	**$**	**25.91**
NRG BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	**4-01-31-435**	**$**	**7,891.77**
PSE&G	**4-01-31-430**	**$**	**525.58**
SPRINT	**4-01-31-440**	**$**	**3,501.27**
VERIZON	**4-01-31-440**	**$**	**174.61**
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	**4-01-31-440**	**$**	**81.15**

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - ~~7~~ 8

NEGATIVE: None

November 26, 2013

BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

RESOLVED that the following bingo and raffle licenses issued by the City Clerk are here by approved:

ORGANIZATION	AG	B.L.	R.L.	DATE
Trinitas Health Foundation			5323	11-15-13
St. Anthony of Padua		1333		11-13-13

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted], Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, this Governing Body of the City of Elizabeth wishes to express to ***John William Noonan, III a*** member of Boy Scout Troop 23 of Saint Genevieve's Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, its pride on his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, to become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must advance through the ranks, earn merit badges, and complete an approved service project. The Eagle award is an accomplishment achieved by only four percent of all boys who join scouting; and

WHEREAS, John William's parents are John and Marie Noonan; and

WHEREAS, John William graduated Union County Vocational Technical High School - 2013 and is attending Rutgers University in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, ***John William's*** Eagle Scout Service Project: Refurbished the chapel and a meeting room in a former convent at St. Genevieve's Church, Elizabeth. The project included removing old carpeting, sanding and varnishing the floor, painting walls and ceilings, and installing new light fixtures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of Elizabeth hereby extends its congratulations to **John William Noonan, III** attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted] Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, this Governing Body of the City of Elizabeth wishes to express to ***Sean Curtis Spillane a*** member of Boy Scout Troop 23 of Saint Genevieve's Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, its pride on his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, to become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must advance through the ranks, earn merit badges, and complete an approved service project. The Eagle award is an accomplishment achieved by only four percent of all boys who join scouting; and

WHEREAS, Sean Curtis Spillane's parents are Maythe and Robert Spillane; and

WHEREAS, Sean Curtis graduated from David Brearley High School, Kenilworth - 2013 and is attending United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, ***Sean Curtis's*** Eagle Scout Service Project: Restored a Colonial-era brick bridge over the Blue Brook in the Watchung Reservation. The project included removing fallen trees and other debris, and rebuilding both brick parapet walls with old brick and bluestone caps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of Elizabeth hereby extends its congratulations to **Sean Curtis Spillane** attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and wishes him every success in his future endeavors.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted] Mazza, and President Gallman - X 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned that Our Lady of Fatima Church, 403 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, an anniversary Mass celebrating Our Lady of Fatima Church will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, after the mass, there will be a gala affair at the Portuguese Instructive Social Club, Elizabeth, New Jersey; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth congratulates Our Lady of Fatima Church on its 40th Anniversary and wishes Our Lady of Fatima Church and its parishioners success and prosperity in all of the Church's future endeavors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that as a token of appreciation, a copy of this resolution shall be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and that a certified copy be forwarded to Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted] Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Mercedes Rosada, an Elizabeth resident, on her 90th Birthday, and therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby extends their best wishes on her birthday; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of City Council and that a certified copy be forwarded to Ms. Mercedes Rosada.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AFFIRMATIVE: Perkins-Auguste, Cuesta, Grova, Torres, Gonzalez, Keenan, [redacted] Mazza, and President Gallman - 8

NEGATIVE: None

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Edith Jackson Pryor; and

WHEREAS, Edith was raised and educated in Elizabeth Public School System; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Board of Directors for the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center and was a member of the Helping Hand Club of the Center; and

WHEREAS, Edith leaves to cherish he memory by her loving husband, Claiborn W. Pryor, her children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; now, therefore, be it and

RESOLVED, that we, the members of City Council of the City of Elizabeth, hereby express our sincere sorrow at the death of Edith Jackson Pryor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and an acknowledgement thereof be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Ayanah D. Wilson-Thomas, 31; and

WHEREAS, Ayanah was a lifelong resident of the City of Elizabeth. She was formerly employed at the Elizabeth Head Start Program, Enterprise Rental Cars, and also Forman Mills; and

WHEREAS, Ayanah was predeceased by her mother, Thya (Bas) Wilson, Ayanah is survived by her loving husband Kalifi Thomas Sr., her father, Rickie Garner, daughters, Mahasin Wilson, Makiah Lewis, and Maliyah Thomas, sons, Jarel, Arahn, Isaiah and Khalifi Thomas, Jr., and a host of family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Ayanah D. Wilson-Thomas to her family and friends; and be it

FURTHER RESOVLED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

BY CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth has learned of the recent death of Nancy C. Cordts, 74; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cordts was a clerk for Ford County for six years; and

WHEREAS, she was predeceased by her husband, Henry; sister, Ruth Corretjer, brother, Henry J. Palmer and grandson. She is survived by daughter, Marion Hallgring; son, Bruce Hough and grandchildren, Tara and Jacqueline, and companion, Ray Balzer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby expresses its condolences at the passing of Nancy C. Cordts to her family and friends; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this expression of our sympathy be recorded in full upon the minutes of City Council and a certified copy be sent to her family.

Which was adopted unanimously by a standing vote and minute of silent prayer.

Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste moved that City Council do now adjourn, Which was carried unanimously.

Whereupon Council President Gallman declared City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED

WILLIAM GALLMAN, JR.
President of City Council

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