

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Organization Meeting: January 3, 2023

Conference Meetings: January 3, 17; February 7, 21;
March 7, 21; April 4, 18; May 2, 16; June 7, 20;
July 5; August 1; September 5, 19; October 3, 17;
November 8, 21; December 5, 19, 2023

Special Conference: October 3, 2023

Regular Meetings: January 10, 24; February 14, 28;
March 14, 28; April 11, 25; May 9, 23; June 13, 27;
July 25; August 22; September 12, 26; October 10, 24;
November 13, 28; December 12, 26, 2023

Special Meeting: July 5, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 5934 – A Capital Improvement Fund Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, appropriating \$200,000.00 for the acquisition of trucks for the Recreation Department.

ORD. NO. 5935 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Juana Calle, 557 Jackson Avenue, Apt. 2F, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5936 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Yolanda Figueroa, 150 Jaques Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5937 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Ashley Castillo, 921 Bond Street, Fl. 2, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5938 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Devika Perez, 1008 Julia Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., Inc., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ for the purchase of Armor Express products for the Elizabeth Police Department at a total cost of \$81,037.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to PMC Associates Wireless Communications, 8 Crown Plaza, Unit 106, Hazlet, NJ for the purchase of computer tablets for Police vehicles at the total cost of \$51,490.35.

Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Warshauer Generator, LLC, d/b/a Warshauer Electric, 800 Shrewsbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ for the purchase of two (2) LED light towers for the Elizabeth Police Department at a total cost of \$25,449.98.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 29, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to RFP Solutions, Inc., 10-F Greenwood Avenue, Woodbury, NJ for the upgrade of the Alcatel-Lucent network switches located at City Hall, Elizabeth Fire and Police Departments and various City buildings in the total amount of \$259,211.52.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 27, 2023, from the City Attorney request a resolution ratifying my authority to file a tax appeal on the property located at 862-878 Woodruff Lane.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 27, 2023, from the City Attorney request authorization to accept GEICO's settlement offer of One Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-three Dollars 14/100 (\$1,853.14) because of an accident their insured Ms. Irene Papakostas was involved in causing the second vehicle to strike a light pole at the corner of West Jersey Street and Grove Street and authorize the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents to settle this matter in full.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 2, 2024, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2024 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159).

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 2, 2024, 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 January 2, 2024, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body requests the Director of the Division of Local Finance to make changes in the 2024 Municipal Budget to account for the City's local share of grants (Chapter 159) approved after the adoption of the budget.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 26, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for Prestige Environmental, 220 Davidson Avenue, Suite 307, Somerset, NJ to provide a Preliminary Assessment for 39-45 and 47-55 Pine Street; the City plans on acquiring these two (2) parcels for open space in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to amend the Neighborhood Preservation Program agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to provide assistance for neighborhood revitalization activities for the Midtown neighborhood, specifically to extend the grant period to April 30, 2024.

Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 21, 2023, from the Police Director request to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 1034 Anna Street (personalized); 761 Cedar Avenue; 358 Cherry Street Fl 1 (personalized); 331 Court Street (personalized); 234 Franklin Street; 132 Marshall Street (personalized); 214 Marshall Street (personalized); 238 Marshall Street (personalized); 618 Marshall Street (personalized) deletions: 19 Amity Street, 139 Catherine Street; 140 Ripley Place; 314 Livingston Street; 610 Franklin Street; 825 Murray Street.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Mr. Terry Gordon, Traffic Investigator, NJ Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Ewing, NJ request to amend Ordinance No. 5907 entitled An Ordinance to Authorize the Establishment of a Personalized Handicapped Parking Space for Leon McNair, 14 North Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ, specifically to change the metes and bounds to "Starting at a point 680 feet north from the northerly curb line of Salem Avenue and extending 22 feet northerly therefrom."
WHICH WAS REFERRED TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5940 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jeremy Ortiz, 1034 Anna Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5941 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Alexis Aguilar, 618 Marshall Street, Apt. 1, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5942 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5672, adopted on June 14, 2022, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Eletice Silva, 19 Amity Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5943 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5598, adopted on February 8, 2022, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jose Lam, 139 Catherine Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5944 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5663, adopted on June 14, 2022, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Heriberto Camacho, 140 Ripley Place, 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 23, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) through FEMA-Early Flood Warning System Grant, in the amount of \$244,000.00.

In compliance with the SFY 2016 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 Atlantic Uniform Co., Inc., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, N.J., for the purchase of Armor Express Products for the Elizabeth Police Department, at a total cost of \$81,037.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to PMC Associates Wireless Communications, 8 Crown Plaza, Unit 106, Hazlet, N.J., for the purchase of Computer Tablets for Police Vehicles through the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Co-Op, at the cost of \$51,490.35.

Authorize the award of a contract to Warshauer Generator, LLC, d/b/a Warshauer Electric, 800 Shrewsbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, N.J., for the purchase of two (2) LED Light Towers for the Elizabeth Police Department, at a total cost of \$25,449.98.

Authorize the award of a contract to RFP Solutions Inc., 10-F Greenwood Avenue, Woodbury, N.J., for the upgrade of the Alcatel-Lucent Network Switches located at City Hall, Elizabeth Fire and Police Departments and various City buildings through the Camden County Educational Services Commission, in the total amount of \$259,211.52.

Adopt a resolution ratifying the City Attorney to file a Tax Appeal on the property deemed to be substantially under assessed located at 862-878 Woodruff Lane.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all necessary documents to settle the matter in full in regard to an accident on February 27, 2023, involving Irene Papakostas for City of Elizabeth damages, accepting Geico Insurance Company's offer in the amount of \$1,853.14.

Authorize the award of a contract to Prestige Environmental Inc., 220 Davidson Avenue, Suite 307, Somerset, NJ to provide a Preliminary Assessment for the properties located at 39-45 Pine Street and 47-55 Pine Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to amend the Neighborhood Preservation Program agreement term with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, to provide assistance for neighborhood revitalization activities for the Midtown Neighborhood, specifically to extend the grant period to April 30, 2024.

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 314 Livingston Street; 610 Franklin Street.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Recognize January 15, 2024, as the Thirty-Ninth Commemorative Anniversary of the life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Authorize the settlement in the worker's compensation litigation matter of Ruscansky v. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of \$27,246.00.

Pay Utility Bills

COMMENDATIONS:

MEMORIALS:

Vernell Virginia Wright
Deaconess Gaynell Borders
Angela DiMaggio

ADJOURNMENT