

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Letter dated January 23, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Mathusek Inc., 25B Iron Horse Road, Oakland, NJ for the purchase of replacement gym floors for the Miller Evans Logan and Mickey Walker Recreation Centers in the total amount of \$238,229.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 24, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of equipment to outfit four (4) Police Department Patrol vehicles at a total cost of \$134,400.04. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 24, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY 2023 Department of Energy- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Formula Program Funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 and further authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with the Elizabeth Development Company for the administration of the City of Elizabeth's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for workforce training and electric vehicle charging infrastructure for the period March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; allocation for the City is anticipated to be \$177,390.00 Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 25, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY2022 U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant Program for the Feasibility and Planning Grant for exploration of a ferry service from Elizabeth to Manhattan in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 25, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to renew the policy of insurance with Admiral Insurance Company through the agent-of-record Hughes-Plumer & Associates, Somerville, NJ covering Public Officials & Employees Liability for the period of January 31, 2023 through January 31, 2024 at an annual premium of \$101,248.00. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 27, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, NJ for Armor Express (body armor, vests, and supplies) for the Police Department at a cost of \$76,481.55.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 30, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents necessary with Air & Gas Technologies, 42 Industrial Drive, Cliffwood Beach, NJ for the purchase of one Bauer Unicus 4I All in One High Pressure Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Cylinder Recharging Station in the amount of \$116,700.60.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 30, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Tomahawk Strategic Solutions, 4751 Trousdale Drive, Suite 110, Nashville, TN for the purchase of Helmets, Visors, and Mounts for the Police Department at the cost of \$34,502.50.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 30, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to V.E. Ralph & Sons, Inc., 320 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny, NJ for the purchase of Medical Supplies and Equipment, Health Education and Training for various Departments for the period of January 14, 2023 through January 15, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 2, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into and sign all necessary documents with the County of Union, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ for an Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Certified Health Officer Services and Consulting from the City of Elizabeth for an indeterminate amount of time while Union County searches for a Certified Health Officer effective February 7, 2023 for \$4,000.00 per month which is to be paid to the City of Elizabeth.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 2, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas, for the administration and implementation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$909,744.16; there is no match requirement.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to the following psychologists and their respective practice to serve as psychologists for the City of Elizabeth Fire and Police Departments for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 Richard P. Cevasco, Ed.D. 52 Stratford Drive, Manalapan, NJ; Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, ABPP, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court-Suite 2, Oakland, NJ; Matthew E. Guller, JD, PhD, ABPP, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court-Suite 2, Oakland, NJ, and Krista L. Dettle, PhD, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court-Suite 2, Oakland, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per each practice unless further authorized by your Honorable Body.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into and execute an agreement with the Law Firm of Lum, Drasco & Positan, LLC, 103 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, NJ to provide Employment Counsel Services for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 at a rate of \$175.00 per hour for attorneys, \$75.00 per hour for paralegals and \$25.00 per hour for secretarial overtime, if authorized by the City Attorney, for a total cap of \$60,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 25, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the Cash Management Plan of the City of Elizabeth effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and authorize signers under the Cash Management Plan being: The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 25, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to conduct an Electronic Tax Sale prior to the Fiscal Year End of June 30, 2023 and to sign any documents required by the Electronic Tax Sale Vendor, RealAuction.com LLC and ROK Industries, Inc. to effectuate the purposes of the Electronic Tax Sale provided that it is under the City's bid threshold. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 25, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to accept payment of taxes without interest charges provided said payment is made with the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; that the Governing Body fix as the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes, assessments, water and sewer charges at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment; that the Governing Body add an additional penalty of 6% on delinquent taxes in excess of \$10,000.00 that are not paid prior to the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2023 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 7, 2023, 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 February 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer recommends that your Honorable Body request of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make changes in the 2023 Municipal Budget to account for the City's local share of grants (Chapter 159) approved after the adoption of the budget. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a bond ordinance providing for Phases II(b), III(b), IV, V and VI of the Local Unit's allocable share of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, by and in the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$26,855,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$26,855,000.00 in Bonds or Notes to finance the cost thereof. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a Capital Improvement Fund Ordinance in the amount of \$225,000.00 to pay for the anticipated costs of Environmental Engineering, Compliance and Remediation including consultant fees. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 20, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization for the proper City officials to issue a copy of the City of Elizabeth's Certificate of Insurance for the 2023/2024 calendar year to the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families for the renewal of the Child Care License for the S.O.A.R. and Safe Haven programs. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 30, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents pertaining to an agreement between the City of Elizabeth, Department of Health and Human Services and Union College, 40 West Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ to provide leadership training opportunities to City employees at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 6, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services request to amend the resolution adopted on August 23, 2022 with Chana Zablocki, MD/Union Family Health, LLC, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, NJ for Pediatric Physician Services for the Child/Health Immunization Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$100.00 per hour, not to exceed \$80,000.00, specifically to increase the rate to \$150.00 per hour, not to exceed \$80,000.00. Which was received.

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Letter dated February 6, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services request to amend the resolution adopted on August 23, 2022 with Chana Zablocki, MD/Union Family Health, LLC, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, NJ for the provision of a Physician for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00, specifically to increase the rate to \$150.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 6, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services recommending awarding a contract to Iona Concepts Inc., 703 North Fremont Avenue, Baltimore, MD, or Five Greentree Center, 525 Route 73 – Suite 104, Marlton, NJ to provide Health Equity and Diversity Consulting Services for the period of February 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk

Letter dated February 6, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services recommending awarding a contract to Sumros KP Tech LLC, 1431 Martine Avenue, Plainfield, NJ to provide Medical Billing Consulting Services for the period of February 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 18, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend Chapter 3.24.080(B) of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled Tax on Fees for Parking, specifically to exempt the Parking Authority of the City of Elizabeth from the collection of all parking taxes. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 19, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to discharge the City's First Time Home Buyer/ADDI Program Mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 715 Newark Avenue, Unit 1C, Elizabeth, NJ in the amount of \$57,960.00. Which was received.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 24, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into and sign all necessary documents with the City of Linden for an Intergovernmental Services Agreement for License Inspectors for the period of December 15, 2022 through December 14, 2023 for a fee of \$10,000.00 payable to the City of Elizabeth. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted on December 13, 2022, authorizing an Owner-Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 1056 Bond Street, Elizabeth, NJ in the amount of \$18,014.00, specifically to reflect the correct certificate numbers and budget account numbers. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted on December 13, 2022, authorizing an Owner-Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 826 Jackson Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ in the amount of \$18,712.00, specifically to reflect the correct name of Wilma Carrasco as well as the correct Certificate Number and Budget Account Number. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 3, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to apply to the NJ Department of Community Affairs, for the Neighborhood Preservation Program funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 for Year III from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in addition to authorizing the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to request approval of the Implementation Plan for Year III for the Colombian District Area for the Calendar Year of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 2, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for Pasquale Vella, the City of Elizabeth's Municipal Recycling Coordinator, to endorse the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that the application is properly filed. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 16, 2022, from Appalachia Hydrogeologic and Environmental Consulting, LLC, 678 Route 202-206, Bldg. 5, Unit 4, Bridgewater, NJ request an Encroachment Permit to perform environmental work consisting of one (1) monitoring well within the right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fairmount Avenue. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 19, 2023, from the Police Director request to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 1064 Bond Street (personalized); 521 Burnham Road (personalized); 819 Canton Street (personalized); 215 Delaware Street (personalized); 65 Florida Street (personalized); 216 Pine Street (personalized); 817 Rebecca Place (personalized); 227 South Street (personalized) 11-13 Third Street (personalized); 551 Fourth Avenue; 1016 Madison Avenue; 221 Mellon Place; 335 South Pearl Street; 1014 Sheridan Avenue deletions: 435 Maple Avenue. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 2, 2023, from the Board Secretary, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Elizabeth, NJ request to amend Chapter 5.8.030 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled Annual Fees, specifically to increase the renewal fees for Plenary Retail Distribution License from \$618.00 to \$741.00 and Hotel/Motel License from \$1,380.00 to \$1,656.00; the statutory limit for the annual fee for renewal may not be raised more than 20% of the fee charges from the preceding year. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 25, 2023 from the City Treasurer submitted the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of October 2022 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of October 31, 2022. Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5808 - An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Elizabeth Chapter 3.24 entitled "Tax on Fees for Parking", specifically to exempt the Parking Authority of the City of Elizabeth from the collection of parking taxes.

ORD. NO. 5809 - An Ordinance to amend Section 5.08.030 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth Entitled "Annual License Fees".

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING (cont'd)

ORD. NO. 5810 - An Ordinance granting an Environmental Encroachment Permit to Appalachia Hydrogeologic & Environmental Consulting, LLC, to perform environmental work consisting of one (1) monitoring well within the right-of-way of 581-599 Pennsylvania Avenue and Fairmount Avenue.

ORD. NO. 5811 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Nylissia Holmes, 1064 Bond Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5812 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Towana Wise, 819 Canton Street, Apt. 8B, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5813 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Latiesha Howard, 215 Delaware Street, Apt.3, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5814 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Nicolas Jimenez, 65 Florida Street, Fl.2, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5815 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Michael Darden, 216 Pine Street, Fl.1, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5816 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Devon Foster, 817 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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ORD. NO. 5819 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Maria Guerrero, 127 Orchard Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5820 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4012, adopted on January 13, 2009, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Hugo Almeida, 435 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 7:30 P.M.

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ORD. NO. 5822 - A Capital Improvement Fund Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey appropriating of \$225,000.00, for Environmental Engineering, Compliance and Remediation in and for the City Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

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NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the 2023 Fiscal Year Capital Budget in the amount of \$27,080,000.00.

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation – Kapkowski Road North Avenue East Improvement Grant, in the amount of \$1,090,000.00.

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the State of New Jersey Department of Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) River Trail Phase 2-4, in the amount of \$3,613,050.00.

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.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize His Honor the Mayor to execute the Collective Labor Bargaining Agreement with the Elizabeth Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 4, for a (4) four-year term from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

Authorize His Honor the Mayor to execute the Collective Labor Bargaining Agreement with the Elizabeth Superior Officer's Association, for a (4) four-year term from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

Authorize the award of a contract to Mathusek Inc., 25B Iron Horse Road, Oakland, N.J. for the purchase of Replacement Gym Floors at the Miller Evans Logan and Mickey Walker Recreation Centers, through the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, in the total amount of \$238,229.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Winner Ford, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, N.J., for the purchase of equipment to outfit four (4) Police Department Patrol Vehicles, at a total cost of \$134,400.04.

Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY 2023 Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Formula Program Funding and authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with the Elizabeth Development Company (EDC) for the Administration of the City of Elizabeth's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for workforce training and electric vehicle charging infrastructure for the period March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; allocation for the City is anticipated to be \$177,390.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the execution of a grant agreement for FY2022, U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, awarded for feasibility and planning grant for exploration of a ferry service from Elizabeth to Manhattan, including the grant agreement between the City of Elizabeth and the United States Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to renew a policy of insurance with Admiral Insurance Company, 1255 Caldwell Road, Cherry Hill, N.J., through the agent-of-record Hughes-Plumer & Associates, covering Public Officials and Employees Liability for the period January 31, 2023 to January 31, 2024, at an annual premium of \$101,248.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, N.J., for the purchase of Armor Express (Body Armor, Vests, and Supplies) for the Police Department, at a total cost of \$76,481.55.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any documents required by the National Purchasing Partners Government Division National Co-op (NPPGOV) to enter into a contract with Air & Gas Technologies, 42 Industrial Drive, Cliffwood Beach, N.J., for the purchase of one (1) Bauer Unicus 4I All In One High Pressure Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Cylinder Recharging Station, utilizing NPPGOV, in the amount of \$116,700.60.

Authorize the award of a contract to Tomahawk Strategic Solutions, 4751 Trousdale Drive, Suite 110, Nashville, TN, for the purchase of Helmets, Visors, and Mounts for the Police Department through the Bergen Co-Op, at the cost of \$34,502.50.

Authorize the award of a contract to V.E. Ralph & Sons, Inc., 320 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny N.J., for the purchase of Medical Supplies and Equipment, Health Education and Training for various departments through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System, for the period January 14, 2023 through January 15, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into and sign all necessary documents with the County of Union, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, N.J., for an Intergovernmental Shared Services Agreement for Certified Health Officer Services and Consulting from the City of Elizabeth for an indeterminate amount of time while the County of Union searches for a certified Health Officer, for \$4,000.00 per month effective February 7, 2023, which is to be paid to the City of Elizabeth.

Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into an agreement with Trinitas Regional Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas for the administration and implementation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP) Program, through a joint effort, the Police Department will participate and collaborate with Trinitas Regional Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas, in the implementation of a Law Enforcement Assistance Division (LEAD) Program through COSSAP, within the City of Elizabeth, for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$909,744.16; there is no match requirement to this funding opportunity.

Authorize the award of respective contracts to Richard P. Cevasco, Ed.D, 52 Stratford Drive, Manalapan, N.J.; Lewis Z. Schlosser, PhD, ABPP; Matthew E. Guller, JD, PhD, ABPP and Krista L. Dettle, PhD, Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court, Suite 2, Oakland, N.J., to provide psychological services for the City of Elizabeth Police and Fire Departments, for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 per each practice, unless further authorized by City Council.

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into and execute a contract with the Law Firm of Lum, Drasco and Positan, LLC, 103 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, N.J., to provide Employment Counsel Services for the City of Elizabeth for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024, for a total cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Authorize the Tax Collector to conduct an Electronic Tax Sale prior to the Fiscal Year End of June 30, 2023 and sign any documents required by the Electronic Tax Sale Vendor, RealAuction.com LLC and ROK Industries, Inc., pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 et seq.

Authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment of taxes without interest charges, provided said payment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable and fix the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes, assessments, water and sewer charges, effective for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

Approve the Tax Year 2023 Cash Management Plan of the City of Elizabeth for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.

Authorize the proper City Officials to issue the copy of the City of Elizabeth Certificate of Insurance for the 2023-2024 Calendar Year for the renewal of the Child Care License for S.O.A.R and Safe Haven Programs to the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with Union College, 40 West Jersey Street, Elizabeth, N.J., to provide leadership training opportunities to City employees, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Amend resolution adopted August 23, 2022, with Chana Zablocki, MD, Union Family Health, LLC, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, N.J., to provide Pediatric Physician Services for Child/Health Immunization Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services for the period of September 2, 2022 through September 1, 2023 to reflect a new rate of \$150.00 per hour not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Amend resolution adopted August 23, 2022, with Chana Zablocki, MD, Union Family Health, LLC, 845 Jerome Avenue, Hillside, N.J., for the provision of a Physician for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic for the Department of Health and Human Services for the period September 2, 2022 through September 1, 2023, to reflect a new rate of \$150.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the award of a contract to Iona Concepts Inc., 703 North Fremont Avenue, Baltimore, MD, and Five Greentree Center, 525 Route 73, Suite 104, Marlton, N.J. to provide Health Equity and Diversity professional/consulting services to the City of Elizabeth for the period of February 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Sumros KP Tech LLC, 1431 Martine Avenue, Plainfield, N.J., to provide Medical Billing professional/consulting Services for the period February 15, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to Discharge the City's First Time Home Buyer/ADDI Program mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 715 Newark Avenue, Unit 1C, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of \$57,960.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to Discharge the City's First Time Home Buyer/ADDI Program mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 100 West Grand Street, Unit C1, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of \$57,420.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into and sign all the necessary documents for a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Linden, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, N.J. to provide the City of Elizabeth's License Inspectors, on a part time basis, to assist in the enforcement of the City of Linden taxicab and limousines codes, for the period of December 15, 2022 through December 14, 2023, said services of \$10,000.00 to paid to the City of Elizabeth.

Amend resolution adopted December 13, 2022, authorizing an Owner-Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan for the property located at 1056 Bond Street, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of \$18,014.00, specifically to correct the Certificate Numbers and Budget Account Numbers.

Amend resolution adopted December 13, 2022, authorizing an Owner-Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan for the property located at 826 Jackson Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount of \$18,712.00, specifically to correct the spelling of name of Wilma Carrasco; and correct the Certificate Number and Budget Account Number.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to apply for the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) funds for Year III, to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, (NJDCA), submission of funding application to the NJDCA, NPP funds allocation for Calendar Year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for the Colombian District Area, in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Authorize Pasquale A. Vella, City of Elizabeth's Municipal Recycling Coordinator to endorse the submission of the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 551 Fourth Avenue.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 1016 Madison Avenue, Fl.2

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 221 Mellon Place, Apt. 2.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 335 South Pearl Street.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 737 Rahway Avenue Apt. 1R.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

In Support of Senate Bill S1221, which require school districts to provide feminine hygiene products in certain public schools at the cost of the State.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute the appropriate documents for a total monetary settlement for the three (3) cases for Two-Hundred Five Thousand Dollars xx/100 (\$205,000.00) inclusive of attorney's fees to the following: McDonald, Ninety-Five Thousand xx/100 Dollars (\$95,000.00); Brennan, Ninety-Five Thousand xx/100 Dollars (\$95,000.00); and Kearns, Fifteen Thousand Dollars xx/100 (15,000.00).

COMMENDATIONS:

MEMORIALS:

Jean Peplowski
Jorge M. Amaral
Carmin Corsentino

ADJOURNMENT