

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ORD. NO. 5447 - An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 2.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Police Department" and to establish a new Chapter 2.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Police Department".
- ORD. NO. 5448 - An Ordinance to adopt the proposed amended East Broad Street Redevelopment Plan dated January 28, 2021.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 22, 2021, from His Honor the Mayor request that your Honorable Body engage in a discussion and examination of quality of life impacts as they relate to modifying closing times for bars throughout the City of Elizabeth to consider a permanent 1:00 a.m. bar closure on the weekdays and a 2:00 a.m. bar closure on the weekends. F.I.O. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 19, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc., 302 E. Pennsylvania Blvd., Feasterville, PA for the furnishing of Third Party Elevator Inspection Services for the Construction Bureau for a period of two years commencing March 26, 2021; the fee for elevator inspections is 55% of the Department of Community Affairs fee for the Construction Bureau; there is no charge to the City of Elizabeth. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 25, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding respective contracts to Exemplis Corp., c/o BFI, 6415 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA in the amount of \$12,956.40 and BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ in the amount of \$12,812.80 for the purchase of tables and chairs for the Peterstown Community Center. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Fusus, 5550 Triangle Parkway, Suite 385, Peachtree Corners, GA for the purchase of proprietary software for the Elizabeth Police Department for a video management platform and registry/licensing for the period of one (1) year from the date of the award in the amount of \$45,000.00 in addition to authorizing the proper City officials to execute any documents in connection with the abovementioned contract. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Benevate, Inc., d/b/a Neighborly Software, 3423 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, GA for Community Development Software Management Solutions for the HUD entitlement programs administered by the City of Elizabeth; initial amount for the software will be \$42,150.00 which consists of a one-time data implementation fee and an annual licensing fee of \$18,150.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to the sole bidder, Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a Fuelman, 3280 Peachtree Road, Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA for the furnishing of Motor Fuel Usage and a Billing System for various departments for a period of two years from the date of the award in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Cliffside Body Corp., 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, NJ for the purchase of one 20-yard Heavy Duty Roll Off Container in the amount of \$5,681.70. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Cliffside Body Corp., 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 40-yard and one (1) 20-yard Standard Duty Roll Off Containers in the amount of \$18,666.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Buywise Auto Parts, 2087-2091 Springfield Avenue, Vauxhall, NJ for the purchase of non-OEM auto parts and accessories including, but not limited to filers, brakes, gaskets and valves for light duty vehicles for various departments for the period of February 25, 2021 through February 25, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Route 23 Auto Mall, 1301 Route 23 South, Butler, NJ for the purchase of non-OEM auto parts and accessories for light duty vehicles including, but not limited to brakes, spark plugs and filters for various departments for the period of February 25, 2021 through February 25, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider ratifying his authority to file the tax appeals on the specific properties that have been filed as listed on the Schedule A attached hereto for the years 2014 through 2020. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 24, 2021, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to cancel/credit/refund an overbilling of taxes on the property located at 16 Kerlyn Court due to the owner of said property being entitled to a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption for the 2020 Tax Year in the amount of \$816.22. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 2, 2021, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2021 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 2, 2021, 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 March 2, 2021, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider a resolution providing for a Single and Combined Issue and authorizing the sale of up to \$7,000,000.00 principal amount of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2021; authorizing advertisement of a Notice of Sale; authorizing the sale and award of the bonds; determining the form and other details of the bonds; and authorizing other matters relating thereto. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 23, 2021, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Northeast Construction Services LLC, 15 Donna Lane, Flanders, NJ for the Police Headquarters Interview Rooms Alterations and Renovations at a cost of \$130,815.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 25, 2021, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc., d/b/a/ GPC Inc., 20 East Willow Street, Millburn, NJ for the Police Headquarters ID Bureau Exterior Hardening at a cost of \$215,400.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 25, 2021, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Scafar Contracting, Inc., 14 Ridgedale Avenue, Suite 130, Cedar Knolls, NJ for the Ursino Detention Basin Maintenance at a cost of \$499,975.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Director of Public Works request to amend the resolution adopted on January 26, 2021 authorizing the proper City officials to accept and sign an installation and repayment agreement and all appropriate documents with PSE&G for the energy efficiency upgrades at the Emergency Response Facility at a cost of \$102,452.98, specifically to reflect the change in the HVAC units from Fraser Johnson units to Trane units reflecting an increase in cost of \$2,784.01; City would be responsible for 30% of the total cost or \$33,519.90 increasing the total project cost to \$111,732.99. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from the Director of Public Works request to amend the resolution adopted on January 26, 2021 authorizing the proper City officials to accept and sign an installation and repayment agreement and all appropriate documents with PSE&G for the energy efficiency upgrades at the Miller Evans Logan Recreation Center at a cost of \$90,954.22, specifically to reflect the change in the boiler unit from a Lochinvar unit to a Veissmann unit reflecting an increase in cost of \$3,310.17; City would be responsible for 30% of the total cost or \$30,596.44 increasing the total project cost to \$101,988.14. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 17, 2021, from the Police Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Highway Traffic Safety – 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant-U Drive, U Text, U Pay grant program; anticipated funding will allow coordinating safety checkpoints in high volume areas throughout the City of Elizabeth to ensure that motorists are in compliance with the law for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.
Which was received.

NONE.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5449 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Germaine Curry, 730 Eugenia Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

ORD. NO. 5447 - An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 2.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Police Department" and to establish a new Chapter 2.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Police Department".

ORD. NO. 5448 - An Ordinance to adopt the proposed amended East Broad Street Redevelopment Plan dated January 28, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, State of N.J. Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Grant 2019, in the amount of \$1,800,000.00.

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 Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc., 302 E. Pennsylvania Blvd., Feasterville, PA, for the furnishing of Third Party Elevator Inspection Services for the Construction Bureau for a period of two (2) years commencing March 26, 2021, in an amount not to exceed 55% of the Department of Community Affairs rate, at no charge to the City of Elizabeth.

Authorize the award of respective contracts to Exemplis Corp., c/o BFI 6415 Katella Avenue, Cypress, CA, in the amount of \$12,956.40 and BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ, in the amount of \$12,812.80, for the purchase of Tables & Chairs for the Peterstown Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the award of a contract to Fusus, 5550 Triangle Parkway, Suite 385, Peachtree Corners, GA, for the purchase of Proprietary Software for a Video Management Platform and Registry/ Licensing for the Elizabeth Police Department and authorize the proper City officials to execute any documents in connection with the contract for the period of one (1) year from the date of the award, in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Benevate, Inc., d/b/a Neighborly Software, 3423 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, GA, for Community Development Software Management Solutions for the HUD entitlement programs administered by the City of Elizabeth, for a period of three (3) years from April 15, 2021 through April 14, 2024, in the amount of \$42,150.00, which consists of a one-time data implementation fee of \$24,000.00 and an annual licensing fee of \$18,150.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Fleetcor Technologies Operating Company, L.L.C., dba Fuelman, 3280 Peachtree Road, Suite 2400, Atlanta, Ga, for the furnishing of Motor Fuel Usage and a Billing System for various departments for a period of two (2) years from the date of the award, in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Cliffside Body Corp., 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, N.J., for the purchase of one (1) 20-yard Heavy Duty Roll Off Container through the Educational Services Commission of NJ, in the amount of \$5,681.70.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Amend resolution adopted January 26, 2021, authorizing the proper City officials to accept and sign an installation and repayment agreement and all appropriate documents with PSE&G Direct Install Program for energy efficiency upgrades at the Emergency Response Facility, 442-464 Trumbull Street, specifically to reflect the change in the HVAC units from Fraser Johnson units to Trane units, total project cost has increased from \$102,452.98 to \$111,732.99, the City would be responsible for 30%.

Amend resolution adopted January 26, 2021, authorizing the proper City officials to accept and sign an installation and repayment agreement and all appropriate documents with PSE&G Direct Install Program for energy efficiency upgrades at the Miller Evans Logan Recreation Center, 161-163 First Street, specifically to reflect the change in the boiler unit from Lochinvar unit to a Veissmann unit, total project has increased from \$90,954.22 to \$101,988.14, the City would be responsible for 30%.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents in connection with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Highway Traffic Safety - 2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant Program, - U DRIVE, U TEXT, U PAY, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Declare the month of March, 2021 as Women's History Month

Pay Utility Bills

COMMENDATIONS:

MEMORIALS:

Anna M. Bisconti
Dr. Orlando Edreira Fit
Vito Chirichiello

ADJOURNMENT