

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 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

ORD. NO. 5821 - 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 (The "Local Unit"); appropriating \$26,855,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$26,855,000.00 Bonds or Notes to finance the cost thereof.

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.

ORD. NO. 5823 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Arlene Phillips, 536 Court Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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Which was received.

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Which was received.

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Which was received.

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Letter dated March 1, 2023, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body renew the contract with Highway Service Corp., 548 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, NJ for Towing and Road Services for Municipal Vehicles for the third and final year under the same terms and conditions for the period of February 11, 2023 through February 10, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
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Which was received.

By the Clerk:

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Which was received.

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Letter dated March 2, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Motorola, P.O. Box 161, Wharton, NJ for the renewal of a Service Agreement for Communications Infrastructure and Maintenance on all Portable Radios for the Elizabeth Police, Fire and Public Works Departments at a cost of \$314,047.37.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 3, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorizing the renewal of a policy of insurance with Global Aerospace Risk Placement Services, Minneapolis, MN through agent-of-record Offerstedt Insurance Agency covering Liability and Property Insurance of Police Drones for the period of March 1, 2023 to March 1, 2024 at an annual premium of \$10,193.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 6, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to National Office Furniture, Dealer of Record BFI, 1610 Royal Street, Jasper, IN in the amount of \$17,091.60 and BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ in the amount of \$38,050.44 for the purchase of office furniture and shelving storage units for the Municipal Court totaling \$55,142.04.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 3, 2023, from the City Attorney request to amend Section 12.08.050 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled "Street Obstructions Prohibited," specifically to properly define and enforce certain obstructions to highways, streets, and sidewalks.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 3, 2023, from the City Attorney request authorization for the City Attorney or his designee to execute initial participation forms and to participate in the Nationwide Settlement Agreements with Teva, Allegan, Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS to resolve claims involving their roles in the country's opioid crisis.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 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 March 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 March 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer recommends that your Honorable Body request of the Director of the Division of Local Finance 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.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that your Honorable Body must certify, by resolution, that City Council has familiarized themselves with the contents of the 2022 Annual Audit Report and have reviewed, as a minimum, the General Comments and Recommendations section of the audit.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider approving a Tax Exemption for Newark Avenue Renewal, LLC (“Newark”) for the construction of two state of the art warehouse facilities at the former Baker Center Site located at 891 Newark Avenue consisting of two tax accounts; project would provide an Annual Service Charge to the City of approximately \$630,000.00 with incremental increases while creating about 100 to 200 construction jobs; and upon completion 150 to 225 warehouse permanent jobs or equivalents.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer authorization for His Honor the Mayor to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement for thirty (30) years with 891 Newark Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC who plans to construct two state of the art warehouse facilities consisting of collectively 300,000 square feet of gross leasable area with associated site improvements; project would provide an Annual Service Charge of approximately \$630,000.00 with incremental increases while creating about 100 to 200 construction jobs; and, upon completion 150 to 225 warehouse permanent jobs or equivalents.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 27, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services request permission to apply, accept and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all documents pertaining to a grant from US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC to purchase six low or no emission buses for the transportation of seniors and other residents by the Transportation Office; buses would replace the current fleet and the grant amount to be determined by the cost of the vehicles.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 27, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services advising that the City of Elizabeth has been awarded a grant from the National Association of City and County Health Officials in the amount of \$300,000.00; said grant is to allow a special project under the National Association of City and County Health Officials called the Implementation of Prevention Strategies on the Local Level; the City’s project is called “Project Recover: allowing for implementation of recovery support strategies that will confront the current opioid epidemic and decrease overdose fatalities in this city and country; the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization for the proper City officials to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Elizabeth and the following sub-grantees: PROCEED Inc., Harm Reduction Services in the amount of \$50,000.00; Prevention Links, Linkages to Care and Stigma Reduction in the amount of \$100,000.00; Elizabeth Presbyterian Center, Communications Campaign in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Kean University, Evaluation and Assessment in the amount of \$10,000.00 the balance of \$90,000.00 covers City of Elizabeth expenses for managing the project.

Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 8, 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 HOME Rental Housing Program second mortgage and cancellation of the affordability agreement on the property located at 548 Franklin Street in the amount of \$90,000.00.

Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 10, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the Planning Board to conduct a study to determine if the Catherine Street, Magnolia Avenue, Madison Avenue area is an area in need of redevelopment with the power of condemnation.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 22, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend in the Code of the City of Elizabeth Section 15.12.860 entitled Certificate of Occupancy required; Sections 17.08.060 entitled Certificate of Occupancy for new uses; 08.070 entitled Certificate of Occupancy for existing uses; 08.080 entitled Change of use; and Section 28.020 entitled Conformance required prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy and delete in Section 15. 20.040 entitled Certificate of Occupancy, specifically to properly reflect who issues a certificate of occupancy for a transfer of real property and for new construction also, recommends to change the name of a Certificate of Occupancy for a transfer of real property to “resale certificate” in order to avoid confusion with a Certificate of Occupancy for new construction as well as update the requirements for Certificate of Occupancy for a transfer of real property to reflect the current requirements for a transfer of real property, including vacant property registration fees.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 23, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider local support for Botera JC, LLC to apply for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License with the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to be located at 908-916 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ.
Which was received.

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Letter dated February 23, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider local support for Urge New Jersey, LLC to apply for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License with the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to be located at 941 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ.
Which was received.

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Letter dated February 24, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization to execute a Rental Housing Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 830-836 East Jersey Street in the amount of \$360,000.00.
Which was received.

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Letter dated March 2, 2023, from the Fire Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY2022 FEMA Staffing for adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants; allowing for the Fire Department to hire ten (10) additional firefighters to provide more efficient and effective safety services to the City for the period of thirty-six (36) months with no match requirement; total grant amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated February 28, 2023, from the Police Director request to establish an "Autistic Child in the Area" signs in the vicinity of 759 Murray Street at the north curb line of Murray Street 128' east of Bellevue Street and the south curb line of Murray Street 12' east of Bellevue Street. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5834 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Chimene Collin, 1062 Dewey 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, MARCH 28, 2023 AT 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the Fiscal Year 2023 Government Funding Bill, Federal Government Funding Bill - Lead Removal Grant, in the amount of \$2,170,000.00.

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the Fiscal Year 2023 Government Funding Bill, Federal Government Funding Bill – Equipment Grant, in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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.

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Certify to the State of New Jersey Local Finance Board that each member of the City Council has reviewed and is familiar with, as a minimum, the contents of the 2022 Annual Audit Report entitled: The General Comments and Recommendations.

Authorize the proper City Officials to apply for and accept the FY2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity, “Low or No Emission Grant Program” from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, for the purchase of six (6) low or no emission buses for the transportation of Seniors and other residents by the Transportation Office and for the authorize proper City Officials to execute all documents pertaining to the same

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) between the City of Elizabeth and the following sub-grantees: PROCEEDS Inc., Harm Reduction Services in the amount of \$50,000.00; Prevention Links, Linkages to Care and Stigma Reduction in the amount of \$100,000.00; Elizabeth Presbyterian Center, Communications Campaign in the amount of \$50,000.00; and Kean University Evaluation and Assessment in the amount of \$10,000.00; the City has been funds from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), 1201 Eye Street NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC, in the amount of \$300,000.00, to allow a special project called the Implementation of Prevention Strategies on the Local Level (IOPSLL), the City's local project is called “Project Recover”, allowing for the implementation of recovery support strategies that will confront the current opioid epidemic and decrease overdose fatalities in our City and the County.

Authorize the Planning Board of the City of Elizabeth to conduct a study to determine if the Catherine Street/ Magnolia Avenue/ Madison Avenue area, addresses on file in the City Clerk's Office, constitutes an area in need of redevelopment with the power of condemnation.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate for the Discharge of the City's HOME Rental Housing Program second mortgage and Cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 548 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, N.J, in the amount of \$90,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to provide a Rental Housing Program Deferred Payment Loan for the property located at 830-836 East Jersey Street, (aka 828-832 and 834-836 East Jersey Street) Elizabeth, N.J., in the amount not to exceed \$360,000.00.

Adopt a resolution in support of Urge New Jersey, LLC in its application to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License for a Cannabis Establishment to be located at 941 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J.

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Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the FY2022 FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (Safer) Grant, allowing for the Fire Department to hire ten (10) additional firefighters to provide more efficient and effective safety services to the City; the period of performance for this opportunity is thirty-six (36) months with no match requirement, total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 1014 Sheridan Avenue.

Install “Autistic Child in Area” signage in the area of 759 Murray Street.

Designate May 23, 2023 as “Youth in City Government Day” and appoint Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste as Chairwoman of said affair.

Authorize the settlement in the worker’s compensation litigation matter of O’Brien v. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of Thirty-five Thousand Dollar xx/100 (\$35,000.00).

Authorize the settlement in the litigation matter of Walsh v. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars xx/100 (\$212,500.00).

Pay Utility Bills.

COMMENDATIONS:

Elizabeth High School Girls Basketball Team

MEMORIALS:

ADJOURNMENT