

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 5466 - An Ordinance to amend of Chapter 13.16.130 Computation of Charges of the Code of the City of Elizabeth Entitled "Sewer Service System" specifically, to set new sewer rates effective July 1, 2021.

ORD. NO. 5468 - An Ordinance to authorize the City of Elizabeth to execute an agreement with Wakefern Food Corp. and Elberon Development Co., LLC, to install, own and maintain midblock crossing improvements between 501-649 York Street and 602-648 York Street.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in a State Contract with Wireless Communications & Electronics, 153 Cooper Road, Berlin, NJ for computers for the Fire Department and other departments during the period of April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to The Institute of Music for Children, Inc., 780 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ for the purchase of professional services for an enrichment class for an afterschool online program for the period of January 26, 2021 through May 22, 2021 in the total amount of \$7,500.00 in addition, request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents in connection with said contract.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to accept from The Trinitas School of Nursing Student Nurses who will administer vaccinations under direct supervision of a faculty member designated by the Nursing School to assist the City of Elizabeth Public Health Nurses to administer vaccines at no cost to the City.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 301 Riverside Drive, Bldg. D, Millville, NJ for Aluminum Sign Blanks for the Public Works Department for the period of March 31, 2021 through September 30, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Johnston Communications Voice and Data, 322 Belleville Tpke, North Arlington, NJ for the purchase of cameras, radios, antennas and other accessories for the Elizabeth Police Department during the period of February 11, 2021 through March 28, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in renewing a State Contract with SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ for the purchase of Maintenance for Lawsoft, Police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records Management System (RMS) Software, GIS/AVL Mobile and Mapping System for the period of March 6, 2021 through March 5, 2022 at the cost of \$76,201.46; and support for National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Interface according to FBI and NJSP Repository Standards for the period of January 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022 for the Elizabeth Police Department at the cost of \$1,545.00 totaling \$77,746.46.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to purchase a policy of insurance with Chubb Cyber Enterprise Risk, through agent-of-record Otterstedt Insurance Agency, 540 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ covering liability and property insurance for the period of April 10, 2021 to April 10, 2022 at an annual premium of \$38,053.96.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to purchase a policy of insurance with American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, through agent-of-record Otterstedt Insurance Agency Inc, 540 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ covering the Marina shed, office and 519 Trenton Street Pump Station for flood insurance required by FEMA due to the City accepting federal funds for Sandy related damage at an annual premium of \$4,684.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in and execute any documents in connection with a State Contract with SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ for the purchase of predictive policy software and automated vehicle location annual subscription for the Police Department during the period of May 18, 2021 through May 17, 2022 at a total cost of \$40,994.00
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ for the purchase of a Reverse 911 Community Engagement Mass Notification Project for the Elizabeth Police Department during the period of June 13, 2021 through June 12, 2022 at a total cost of \$50,328.55.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the City's participation in and to allow the proper City officials to execute the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto with Newark Liberty International Airport, United Airlines, Inc. to facilitate college student internship opportunities for neighborhood residents of the City of Elizabeth through the United Summer Associate Program; effective date will occur upon full execution of same through July 30, 2021.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 20, 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 April 20, 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 April 20, 2021, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider approving a bond ordinance that authorizes the acquisition of various vehicles/equipment for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$3,000,000.00; with a down payment of \$150,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 14, 2021, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted on May 26, 2020 to allocate \$16,048.00 for the 30-34 Bank Street Affordable Housing project, specifically to reallocate the remaining balance from the 30-34 Bank Street Affordable Housing project to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program due to the State funding the 30-34 Bank Street project, the balance available is no longer needed and funds will assist the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless complete an additional year of rental assistance for various Elizabeth residents in the amount of \$18,752.09; original balance increased because there were lower construction costs. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 14, 2021, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign any documents necessary in connection with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an Action Plan, for Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,619,655.00, and HOME Program in the amount of \$926,612.00 plus any program income and unprogrammed funds available to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment, to expand economic opportunities, and urgent needs in our community. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 14, 2021, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization to amend the resolution adopted on August 25, 2020 for Habitat for Humanity extending the contract end period to December 31, 2020, specifically to extend the contract end period to December 31, 2021 due to not being able to move forward with their Owner-Occupied Home Repairs Program. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted on December 10, 2019 authorizing a modification of the existing HOME documents governing the E-Town Housing and Community Development Corporation Project to reflect a non-recourse provision in the amount of \$1,097,402.00, specifically to increase the funding by allocating an additional \$42,153.00 of RCA Funding due to the stormwater and sewer lines located at 200-214 Third Street must be separated per state regulations and connected to the street by installing a catch basin that was not in the original approved plans. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Director of Planning and Community

Development request to amend the Kapkowski Redevelopment Plan to rezone the following parcels: Rear 575, 577, 583, 601, 627, 631, 655, 667, Kapkowski Road. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 14, 2021, from the Director of Public Works request to amend the

resolution adopted on March 23, 2021 authorizing the award of a contract to Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d/b/a Maser Consultants, Inc., Red Bank, NJ to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Elmora Racquet Club Playground and Tennis Court Improvements at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$21,300.00 plus reimbursables, specifically to correct the name of the company to Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d/b/a/ Maser Consulting. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

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resolution adopted on March 23, 2021 authorizing the award of a contract to Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d/b/a Maser Consultants, Inc., Red Bank, NJ to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Lynch Memorial Playground Improvements at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$247,700.00 plus reimbursables, specifically to correct the name of the company to Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d/b/a Maser Consulting. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 14, 2021, from the Director of Public Works request that your

Honorable Body consider supporting the NJ Department of Transportation's Concept Development Study Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) for Route 1 & 9 Safety, from Dennis Place, Linden to East Grand Street, Elizabeth. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Director of Recreation request authorization for

the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Local Recreation Improvement Grant; with this anticipated funding it will increase opportunities and services at Kellogg Park through upgrades and modifications as well as other enhancement items for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated March 26, 2021, from the Police Director request to amend Chapter

10.40.070 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled No parking of trucks-Portion affected. Trucks are prohibited from parking on the following streets, specifically to include Catherine Street both sides between E. Grand Street and Magnolia Avenue. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 8, 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 FY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program; anticipated funding is to be used toward the costs of implementing the Body-Worn Camera Program for a 60-month period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 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 2022 State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Fund; anticipated funding will be used for coordinating pedestrian safety check points in high volume areas throughout the City to ensure that motorists are in compliance with laws not to exceed \$20,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 15, 2021, from the Police Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Click It or Ticket 2021 – Statewide Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization Grant; anticipated funding will assist the Elizabeth Police Department in overtime enforcement for the period of May 24, 2021 through June 6, 2021 in the amount of \$5,500.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 14, 2021, from the Fire Director request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA – FY21 Port Security Grant Program; anticipated grant funds will be used to purchase a 150 HP Evinrude E-Tec Outboard for Marine 4, one (1) XM-100F Unity Mobil 136-870 Mhz Tactical Radio; one (1) Hale 10.5 HP Super Chief Floating Fire Pump as well as a Garmin AIS 600 Class B Blackbox Transceiver; grant application requires 25% in matching funds for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated April 16, 2021, from the Fair Rental Housing Board advising that Herbert Goodfriend, currently a Tenant Representative, is requesting to serve as a One or Two Family Homes Representative; this request will move Renee Rhett, currently Alternate Tenant Representative, to serve as Tenant Representative and Veronica Weston Blalock, currently a One or Two Family Homes Representative, to an Alternate Tenant Representative, leaving a vacancy for an Alternate One or Two Family Homes Representative on the Fair Rental Housing Board. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5467 - An Ordinance to amend Section 10.40.070, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "No Parking of Trucks - Portion Affected" specifically to add Catherine Street, both sides, between East Grand Street and Magnolia Avenue.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING
ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.**

ORD. NO. 5472 - A Bond Ordinance of the City of Elizabeth, in the County of Union, New Jersey, providing for the acquisition of Public Works vehicles and equipment and appropriating \$3,000,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,850,000.00 Bonds and Notes of the City of Elizabeth to finance the cost thereof.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING
ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.**

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

ORD. NO. 5466 - An Ordinance to amend of Chapter 13.16.130 Computation of Charges of the Code of the City of Elizabeth Entitled "Sewer Service System" specifically, to set new sewer rates effective July 1, 2021.

ORD. NO. 5468 - An Ordinance to authorize the City of Elizabeth to execute an agreement with Wakefern Food Corp. and Elberon Development Co., LLC, to install, own and maintain midblock crossing improvements between 501-649 York Street and 602-648 York Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize an amendment to the 2021 Fiscal Year Capital Budget in the amount of \$3,000,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Wireless Communications & Electronics, 153 Cooper Road, Berlin, N.J., for the purchase of computers for the Fire Department and other departments for the period April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to The Institute of Music for Children, Inc., 780 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., for the purchase of professional services for enrichment classes for an afterschool online program and authorize the proper City Officials to execute all documents in connection with the contract, for the period of January 26, 2021 through May 22, 2021, in the total amount of \$7,500.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute any documents with The Trinitas School of Nursing Student Nurses to administer vaccinations to residents, to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 under direct supervision of a faculty member designated by the Nursing School, to assist the City of Elizabeth Public Health Nurses administer vaccines, at no cost to the City.

Authorize the award of a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 301 Riverside Drive, Bldg. D, Millville, N.J., for aluminum sign blanks for the Public Works Department for the period March 31, 2021 through September 30, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Johnston Communications Voice and Data, 322 Belleville Tpke., North Arlington, N.J., for the purchase of cameras, radios, antennas and other accessories for the Police Department through the Union County Co-Op for the period February 11, 2021 through March 28, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J., for the purchase of maintenance for Lawsoft, Police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records Management System (RMS) Software, GIS/AVL Mobile and Mapping System for the period of March 6, 2021 through March 5, 2022, at a cost of \$76,201.46 and support for National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Interface according to FBI and NJSP Repository Standards for the Police Department for the period of January 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022, at a cost of \$1,545.00, for a total cost of \$77,746.46.

Authorize the proper City officials to obtain a policy of insurance with Chubb Cyber Enterprise Risk, 55 Waters Street, New York, N.Y, through the agent-of-record, Otterstedt Insurance Agency, for liability and property insurance for the City Cyber Network for the period April 10, 2021 to April 10, 2022, at an annual premium of \$38,053.96.

Authorize the award of a contract to American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, 11222 Quail Roost Dr., Miami, Florida, through the agent-of-record, Otterstedt Insurance Agency, to obtain a flood insurance policy covering the Marina Shed/Office Building located at 63-99 Front Street and 519 Trenton Avenue Pump Station for the period April 22, 2021 to April 22, 2022, at an annual premium of \$4,684.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J., for the purchase of predictive policing software and automated vehicle location annual subscription for the Police Department and authorize the proper City Officials to execute any documents in connection with the contract for the period May 18, 2021 through May 17, 2022, at a total cost of \$40,994.00.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the award of a contract to SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J., for the purchase of a Reverse 911 Community Engagement and Mass Notification Project for the Police Department for the period June 13, 2021 through June 12, 2022, at a total cost of \$50,328.55.

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into and execute all documents pertaining to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with United Airlines, Inc., in order to facilitate college student internship opportunities for Elizabeth residents through the United Summer Associate Program (USA Program), at Newark Liberty International Airport.

Amend resolution adopted May 26, 2020, approving the Substantial Amendment to Fiscal Years 2014-2019 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Action Plan Budget, specifically to reallocate the remaining balance of \$16,048.00 from 30-34 Bank Street Affordable Housing Project and allocate additional available unallocated Home funds in the amount of \$2,704.19 for a total amount of \$18,752.19 to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program.

Authorize the proper City officials to prepare, submit and sign any documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the CD47 Action Plan (FY2021-2022) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,619,655.00 and HOME Program in the amount of \$926,612.00 plus any program income and unprogrammed funds available to provide affordable housing, a suitable living environment, to expand economic opportunities and urgent needs in the community.

Amend resolution adopted on August 25, 2020, authorizing the extension of the contract period for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) CD-45 agencies from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020, specifically to extend the contract period for Habitat for Humanity due to not being able to move forward with its Owner-Occupied Home Repairs Program to December 31, 2021 and authorize the proper City Officials to sign any and all documents pertaining to this extension.

Amend resolution adopted October 22, 2019, allocating a total of \$1,157,402.00 (\$1,097,402.00 Home funds and \$60,000.00 RCA Funds), to the E-Town Housing and Community Development Corporation Project, specifically to increase funding by allocating an additional \$42,153.00 of RCA funds for a grand total of \$102,153.00, due to a change order to separate the storm line from the sewer line at 200-214 Third Street, Rental Program-File # RHP-50, with maximum assistance not to exceed \$1,199,555.00.

Amend resolution adopted March 23, 2021 with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d.b.a Maser Consultants Inc., 331 Newnan Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Elmora Racquet Club Playground and Tennis Court Improvements, at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$21,300.00 plus reimbursables, specifically to correct the name of the company to read Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d.b.a. Maser Consulting.

Amend resolution adopted March 23, 2021 with Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d.b.a Maser Consultants Inc., 331 Newnan Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the Lynch Memorial Playground Improvements, at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$247,700.00 plus reimbursables, specifically to correct the name of the company to read Colliers Engineering and Design, Inc., d.b.a. Maser Consulting.

Adopt a resolution in support of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Concept Development Study Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) for Route 1 & 9 Safety from Dennis Place to East Grand Street.

Authorize the proper City Officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs - Local Recreation Improvement Grant, with this anticipated funding the Department of Recreation will increase opportunities and services at Kellogg Park through upgrades and modifications as well as other enhancement items, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

