

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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. 5844 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 13.04, “Water Service System,” of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically to establish Section 13.04.020, “Lead Service Line Replacement”, to require the replacement of lead service lines within the City of Elizabeth.
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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORD. 5856 LISTED BELOW, HAS BEEN CANCELLED
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PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 20, 2023, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the disbursement of \$88,691.88 to the Elizabeth Parking Authority, 233 Commerce Place, Elizabeth, NJ for the reimbursement of FY 2022 and FY2023 construction and installation costs of an automatic gate and electrical engineering for the automatic gate for fifty (50) of the rented spaces located in a secured portion of Lot No. 2 exclusively for the Elizabeth Police Department and City vehicles. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 30, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the Elizabeth Parking Authority, 233 Commerce Place, Elizabeth, NJ for the rental of thirty-five (35) parking spaces in Lot No. 6 and three hundred eighty (380) parking spaces in Lot No. 2 at the rate of \$150.00 per parking space per month for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at the cost of \$62,250.00 per month totaling \$747,000.00 for FY 2024. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 30, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program FY 2023 not to exceed \$100,000.00; anticipated funding will provide up to 50% of the cost of each jurisdiction's vests; matching funds are required. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the renewal of insurance with Western World Insurance Company, 48 South Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ, through agent-of-record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, covering emergency medical malpractice liability insurance for the EMS Associates for the period of June 15, 2023 through June 15, 2024 at an annual premium of \$17,106.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing a policy of insurance with James River Insurance Group, P.O. Box 27648, Richmond VA, through agent-of-record Hughes-Plumer Associates, covering professional liability for the engineer and staff for the period of May 25, 2023 to May 25, 2024 at an annual premium of \$53,348.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the renewal of insurance with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, through the agent-of-record Hughes – Plumer Associates, covering Auxiliary Police Officers for the period of July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024 at an annual premium of \$340.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Business Administrator request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing His Honor the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Local No. 9 with an across-the-board increase in the respective ranges set at the following increments: two and one quarter percent (2.25%) retroactive for July 1, 2022, two and one quarter percent (2.25%) for July 1, 2023, two and one quarter percent (2.25%) for July 1, 2024, and two and three quarters percent (2.75%) for July 1, 2025 for a four-year term from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute an open-ended contract with Dental Services Organization, LLC, 510 Thornall Street, Edison, NJ to provide a seamless transition of dental services for the approximately 100 employees currently enrolled will be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to W.B. Mason Co., Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ for the purchase of office supplies for the period of May 31, 2023 through June 1, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 24, 2023, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body adopt a resolution ratifying his authority to file the appeals on the following properties: 551-563, 601-617, 600-610, 612-622, 613-617 Broadway, 619 Livingston Street and 138-140 Sixth Street for tax year 2022.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the City Attorney, on behalf of the Police Department and the Health and Human Services Department, request your consideration for introduction and approval of an ordinance concerning CBD and THC-infused food products which have become an obvious health hazard to younger people as well as adults who may not be aware of the consequences of the consumption.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the Tax Collector to cancel said disallowed Senior Citizen deductions as per the delineated lists for the Tax Year 2022 in the amount of \$5,500.00.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

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

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that 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 June 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the SFY 2023 Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 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 June 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider approving the Certification of the Preliminary 2024 State Fiscal Year Tax Levy in order that tax bills for the second half of calendar year 2023 be issued in a timely manner in accordance with state statutes.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 7, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider consent to transfer the NJ Economic Development Authority Economic Development Bonds Kapkowski Road Landfill Reclamation Improvement District Project Refunding Series 2002 Trust Account from the US Bank National Association to its wholly owned subsidiary US Bank Trust Company.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the adoption of the 2024 SFY Municipal, Sewer Utility, and Capital Temporary Budgets at the start of the 2024 SFY (7/1/2023) to avert a shutdown of City operations on July 31, 2023; and that a special meeting be held before the pre-conference meeting of July 5, 2023, at 7:15 p.m. in order that the 2024 SFY Temporary Municipal, Sewer, and Capital Budgets may be adopted; also an ordinance to exceed the 2024 SFY Appropriation "CAP" up to three and one-half (3.5%) percent be considered for introduction as well as possible municipal and utility 2023 SFY Transfers and 2024 SFY Temporary Emergency Appropriations. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 22, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the Planning Board to prepare a Redevelopment Plan specifically for 729-763 Meadow Street, 703 and Rear 703-727 Spring Street, and 705-725 Spring Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body approve substantial amendments to Consolidated Plans for the HOME Investment Partnership Program for PY 2018 through 2022 in the amount \$744,157.06 be reallocated to 825 E. Jersey Street for the creation of affordable housing. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider to amend the resolution adopted on October 11, 2022 to enter into contracts to provide grants for CD48 Funding Year 2022 Spending Plan for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, specifically to extend the contract end period to August 30, 2023 to allow the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless time to draw down funds remaining in the amount of \$22,761.89 for subsistence payment. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 5, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request to amend the resolution adopted on November 9, 2022, authorizing the proper City officials to enter into a contract with Briyana Albornoz for a Mural Project on the East Jersey Street side of the building located at 97 Broad Street at a cost not to exceed \$15,700.00, specifically to include in partnership with the Elizabeth Renaissance Foundation. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 5, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development pursuant to Chapter 12.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth Outreach Evangelism Ministries request permission to host their annual Evangelical Crusade on June 16th, 17th, and 18th 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.in Jefferson Park. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 8, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider support for Valerie's Garden, LLC to apply for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis License with the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to be located at 600-602 Spring Street.
WHICH WAS REFERRED TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 8, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development pursuant to Chapter 12.56 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth the Frank Mazza Civic Association Peterstown Cultural Festival request permission to host their annual Festa San Vito to be held on July 27, 2023 through July 30, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.; set up time at 5:00 p.m. at 800 Fourth Avenue. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 31, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Trench Technologies, LLC, 37 Overlook Road, Livingston, NJ for the traffic signal improvements at the intersection of East Grand Street and Madison Avenue at a cost of \$478,308.50. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept, sign and or digitally sign all appropriate documents for the NJ Department of Transportation Projects Fund FY 2023; with this funding, the City anticipates implementing the Elizabeth Avenue Streetscape Phase 4 between Broad Street and Catherine Street total grant amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept, sign and or digitally sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the NJ Department of Transportation's Municipal Aid Program FY 2024; with this anticipated funding, the City will implement a new traffic light system on North Avenue at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and on East Grand Street at the intersection of Jaques Street total grant amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, NJ to provide professional architectural services in connection with the conceptual design for the Police Headquarters Drone Control Tower and Landing Pad at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$15,300.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request to amend Chapter 13.16 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically to amend Section 13.16.030, "Building Sewers and Connections-Permit", to require the replacement of old building sewer laterals during construction of new buildings within the City. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for His Honor the Mayor to execute the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement and Amendment in connection with the Route 1 & 9, Dennis Place to East Grand Street Safety Improvements Project; the NJ Department of Transportation will fund this project. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request approval of Change Order No. 1 – Final for the contract awarded to Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc., d/b/a GPC Inc., Millburn, NJ at an original cost of \$2,056,200.00; to provide further for additional items of construction not included in the original scope of work, more specifically, additional reinforcing steel required to protect concealed beams, relocation of heater flue, addition of a sink in the Control Room, electrical switch gear changes required by PSE&G and VCT flooring in the corridor leading to the gun range at an additional cost of \$28,724.22 thereby raising the amount of the contract to \$2,084,924.22. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept, sign and or digitally sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the NJ Department of Transportation's Local Aid for Transit Village Grant Program FY 2024; the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of East Jersey Street and Jefferson Avenue for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept, sign and or digitally sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the NJ Department of Transportation's Safe Streets to Transit Program FY2024; the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of East Grand Street and Catherine Street for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 1, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept, sign and or digitally sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the NJ Department of Transportation's Bikeway Grant Program FY2024; the City anticipates completing Phase 4A of the Elizabeth River Trail between Rahway Avenue and Murray Street for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request approval of Change Order No. 1 – Final for the contract awarded to Diaco Contracting, Inc., d/b/a Grade Construction, Paterson, NJ at an original cost of \$1,771,305.55; to provide further for two (2) CCTV poles and conduit were added to the project, changes were made to the exposed aggregate sidewalk to provide for a more uniform finish, additional work was required to provide for ADA compliance at the traffic signal and drainage modifications were required due to a 12 inch gas line conflict unknown at the time of the design of the project at an additional cost of \$99,183.56 thereby raising the amount of the contract to \$1,870,489.11. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request approval of Change Order No. 1 – Final to the contract awarded to Reliable NYC LLC, Stanhope, NJ at an original cost of \$1,575,000.00; to provide further for additional items of construction not included in the original scope of work, more specifically additional concrete footings in the patio area to avoid a gas line, HVAC balancing, overhead door track changes, the replacement of trench drains in the apparatus bay floor, additional mobilizations for the epoxy floor installation to avoid disruptions to occupied areas of the first floor, and additional extra heavy duty concrete apron removal and replacement which was not anticipated at the time of bid at an additional cost of \$253,699.93 thereby raising the amount of the contract to \$1,828,699.93. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 2, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents for a Design and Construction Phase Agreement with National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak who granted the City an Easement allowing the City to operate, install, maintain and repair the Elizabeth River Flood Control Project as well as construct a portion of the Elizabeth River Trail – Phase 4 (now known as Phase 4A), 1-3 Cherry Street, within the Amtrak Northeast Corridor right-of-way between Rahway Avenue and Murray Street; estimated cost of Amtrak's work should not exceed \$100,000.00 and will be billed to the City monthly. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 5, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program at a cost not to exceed \$241,426.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 5, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., 1200 Lenox Drive, Suite 101, Trenton, NJ to provide professional engineering services in connection with the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program at a cost not to exceed \$230,200.00 plus reimbursables. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 24, 2023, from the Director of Recreation request authorization for His Honor the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Elizabeth Board of Education for the purpose of providing food vendor services for the Summer Food Nutrition Program from July 5, 2023 through August 24, 2023 at no cost to the City. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 19, 2023, from the Police Director request to amend Chapter 10.28.030 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth Schedule I entitled: No Parking All Times, specifically to remove Watson Avenue west side; amend Chapter 10.28.040 Schedule II entitled: No Parking Certain Hours, specifically to add Watson Avenue east side Monday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. between Rahway Avenue and Murray Street and remove Watson Avenue west side; amend Chapter 10.28.050 Schedule III entitled: No Stopping Standing City Roads, specifically to change Watson Avenue west side, all times to Watson Avenue west side all times except Monday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 26, 2023, from the Police Director request to establish and delete handicapped parking spaces from in front of the following premises: 216 Bond Street; 551 Third Avenue (personalized); deletions: 1020 Julia Street, 450 Third Avenue, 545 Franklin Street, 535 Franklin Street, 545 Franklin Street, 616 Fulton Street, 327 Palmer Street, 30 Rankin Street, 321 S. 5th Street. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated May 16, 2023, from the City Treasurer submitted the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of February 2023 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of February 28, 2023. Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5856 – An Ordinance to establish Chapter 8.70 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled “Prohibition of CBD and THC Infused Food Products”.

ORD. NO. 5857 – An Ordinance to amend Chapter 13.16, “Sewer Service System” of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, specifically to amend Section 13.16.030 “Building Sewers and Connections-Permit”.

ORD. NO. 5858 – An Ordinance to amend Section 10.28.030, Schedule I, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled “No Parking All Times on Certain Streets ”, specifically, is hereby amended to delete the following: Name of Street-Watson Avenue, West Side, between Vine Street and Murray Street; Section 10.28.040, Schedule II, entitled “No Parking Certain Hours”, specifically, is hereby amended as follows: Name of Street-Watson Avenue, East Side, Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. between Rahway Avenue and Murray Street; Section 10.28.050, Schedule II, “No Stopping or Standing”, is hereby amended as follows: City Roads, Name of Street-Watson Avenue, West Side, All Times except Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. between Rahway Avenue and Vine Street.

ORD. NO. 5859 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Mercedes Pena, 141 Franklin Street, #2 Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5860 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Magda Pesante, 145 Fulton Street, Fl. 2 Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5861 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Freddy Madrigal, 236 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5862 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5240, adopted on October 8, 2019, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Felipe Cruz-Utrera, 545 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5863 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5018, adopted on June 12, 2018, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Emilio Valera, 545 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5864 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5493, adopted on June 22, 2021, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Miriam Grullon, 535 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5865 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5389, adopted on October 27, 2020, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Paul Zequeira, 616 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5866 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 3497, adopted on February 25, 2003, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Yolanda Malloy, 327 Palmer Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5867 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4612, adopted on August 25, 2015, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Phyllis Gleason, 30 Rankin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING (cont'd)

ORD. NO. 5868 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4386, adopted on June 11, 2013, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Bryan Soto, 321 South Fifth Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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 Distracted Driving Grant awarded by the New Jersey Department of Highway Safety, in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the Clean Communities 2023 awarded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in the amount of \$207,196.94.

Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the Alcohol Ed Rehab Grant 2023 awarded by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, in the amount of \$3,634.23.

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 transfers for the Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal & Sewer Utility Budgets in the amount of \$1,100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to OpenGov, Inc., 6525 Crown Blvd. #41340, San Jose, CA, for the purchase of proprietary software for Financial Transparency System - Operational Performance Reporting and Analysis, for the Finance Department for the period December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$20,900.00.

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Authorize the proper City Officials to accept and sign all appropriate documents to support a grant application by County of Union to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) FY23 Local Transportation Projects Funding Program for the NY Connects to Union County NJ East Coast Greenway Bikeway Project, to create a safe bikeway corridor from the Goethals Bridge to connect to the East Coast Greenway at Centennial Avenue in Cranford, N.J. and authorize the proper City Officials to enter into a shared service agreement with the County of Union for the routine maintenance of the Union County NJ East Coast Greenway Bikeway Project, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Request authorization to disburse to the Elizabeth Parking Authority, 233 Commerce Place, Elizabeth, N.J., for the reimbursement of FY2022 and FY2023 construction and installation costs of an automatic gate for fifty (50) of the rented spaces located in a secure portion of Lot No. 2, exclusively for the Elizabeth Police Department and City Vehicles, in the total amount of \$88,691.88.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute an Agreement with the Elizabeth Parking Authority, 233 Commerce Place, Elizabeth, N.J., for the rental of thirty-five (35) parking spaces in Lot No. 6 and three-hundred eighty (380) parking spaces in Lot No. 2 at the rate of \$150.00 per parking space per month, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at the cost of \$62,250.00 per month, totaling \$747,000.00 for FY 2024.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program FY 2023, for the purchase of ballistic vests, grant not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Authorize His Honor the Mayor to execute the Collective Labor Bargaining Agreement with the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Local No. 9, for a (4) four-year contract from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

Authorize the award of a contract to Dental Services Organization, LLC, 510 Thornall Street, Edison, N.J. for a Dental Insurance Program to provide a seamless transition of dental services for approximately (100) One-Hundred City Employees currently enrolled, effective period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the award of a contract to W.B. Mason Co., Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus N.J., for the purchase of office supplies through the Somerset County Co-Op for the period May 31, 2023 through June 1, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Adopt a resolution ratifying the City Attorney to file the Tax Appeals on properties deemed to be substantially under assessed on the following properties: 551-563, 601-617, 600-610, 612-622, 613-617 Broadway; 619 Livingston Street; 138-140 Sixth Street for the year 2022.

Certify the Preliminary 2024 State Fiscal Year Tax Levy for the second half of Calendar Year 2023, in the amount of \$184,857,583.85.

Consent to the transfer the NJ Economic Development Authority Economic Development Bonds Kapkowski Road Landfill Reclamation Improvement District Project Refunding Series 2002 Trust Account from the US Bank National Association to its Wholly Owned Subsidiary US Bank Trust Company.

Authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the said disallowed Senior Citizen deductions for the Tax Year 2022, as per the delineated list on file in the City Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Authorize the Planning Board to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for the following parcels in the Redevelopment Area: 729-763 Meadow Street, 703 and Rear 703-727 Spring Street and 705-725 Spring Street.

Approve substantial amendments to Consolidated Plans for the HOME Investment Partnership Program for PY2018 through 2022, to be reallocated to 825 E. Jersey Street, for the creation of affordable housing, for a total amount of \$744,157.06.

Amend resolution adopted October 11, 2022, to enter into contracts to provide grants for CD48 Funding Year 2022 (FY2023), Spending Plan for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, specifically to extend the contract end period to August 30, 2023 to allow the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless additional time to draw down funds remaining in the amount of \$22,761.89 for subsistence payment.

Amend resolution adopted November 9, 2022, authorizing a contact with Briyana Albornoz to paint a Mural Project on the side of the building located at 97 Broad Street, specifically to include Elizabeth Renaissance Foundation as a partner in the mural.

Authorize the award of a contract to Trench Technologies, LLC, 37 Overlook Road, Livingston, N.J., for the traffic signal improvements at the intersection of East Grand Street and Madison Avenue, at a cost of \$478,308.50.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all documents including reimbursement forms to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Elizabeth Avenue Streetscape – Phase 4 from the 2023 Local Transportation Project Fund, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2024 Municipal Aid Funding, with this funding the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system on North Avenue at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and on East Grand Street at the intersection of Jaques Street, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, N.J., to provide professional architectural services in connection with the Conceptual Design for the Police Headquarters Drone Control Tower and Landing Pad, at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$15,300.00 plus reimbursable.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute the New Jersey Department of Transportation Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement and Amendment in connection with the Route 1 & 9 between Dennis Place and East Grand Street Safety Improvement Project, the NJDOT will fund this project.

Authorize Change Order No.1 – FINAL to the contract awarded to Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc., d/b/a GPC Inc., 20 East Willow Street, Millburn, N.J., for the Police Headquarters Gun Range Upgrade in the original amount of \$2,056,200.00, change order represents final quantity adjustments for additional items of construction not included the original scope of work for a total increase of \$28,724.22, for a new contract amount of \$2,084,924.22.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2024 Local Aid for Transit Village Program, with this funding the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of East Jersey Street and Jefferson Avenue, for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2024 Safe Streets to Transit Program, with this funding the City anticipates implementing a new traffic light system at the intersection of East Grand Street and Catherine Street, for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for including reimbursement forms to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2024 Bikeway Grant Program, with this funding the City anticipates completing Phase 4A of the Elizabeth River Trail between Rahway Avenue and Murray Street, for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

Authorize Change Order No.1 – FINAL to the contract awarded to Diaco Contracting, Inc., d/b/a/ Grade Construction, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, Paterson, N.J., for the Elizabeth River Trail Phase 5 Extension and Traffic Signal Replacement at Clifton Street and Cole Place in the original amount of \$1,771,305.55, change order represents final quantity adjustments from the estimated bid quantities to the final as-built quantities, for a total increase of \$99,183.56, for a new contract amount of \$1,870,489.11.

Authorize Change Order No.1 – FINAL to the contract awarded to Reliable NYC LLC, 1286 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, N.J., for the Fire Headquarters Flood Damage Restoration in the original amount of \$1,575,000.00, change order represents final quantity adjustments for additional items of construction not included the original scope of work for a total increase of \$253,699.93, for a new contract amount of \$1,828,699.93.

Authorize the proper City officials to execute all documents with National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak for the Design and Construction Phase Agreement for the Elizabeth River Trail – Phase 4A, 1-3 Cherry Street, the City agrees to reimburse Amtrak for all costs incurred by Amtrak in connection with the project, estimated cost of Amtrak's work should not exceed \$100,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program, a list of streets is on file in the City Clerk's Office, at a cost not to exceed \$241,426.00 plus reimbursables.

Authorize the award of a contract to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., (JMT), 1200 Lenox Drive, Suite 101, Trenton, N.J., to provide professional engineering services in connection with the design and construction administration of the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program, a list of streets is on file in the City Clerk's Office, at a cost not to exceed \$230,200.00 plus reimbursables.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with the Elizabeth Board of Education for the 2023 Summer Food Nutrition Program for the purpose of providing food vendor services from July 5, 2023 through August 24, 2023, at no cost to the City.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 216 Bond Street.

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 327 Palmer Street; 1020 Julia Street; 450 Third Avenue.

Permit the Outreach Evangelism Ministries, 953 East Grand Street, Elizabeth, N.J. to hold an Evangelical Crusade Festival at Jefferson Park, 441-487 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., Friday, June 16th through Sunday, June 18th 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with set-up time at 12:00 p.m. noon.

Permit the Frank Mazza Civic Association, 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., to host the Peterstown Cultural Festival at 800 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., Thursday, July 27th through Sunday, July 30th, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. with set-up time at 5:00 p.m.

Authorize the settlement in the worker's compensation litigation matter of Geddes v. the City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of \$47,500.00.

Pay Utility Bills

COMMENDATIONS:

Puerto Rican Parade Madrina	Iliana Chevres) Puerto Rican
Puerto Rican Parade Padrino	Luis Matos) Alliance
Mi Pueblo Award	Kevin Navas) 2023
Educational Excellence Award	Sharon Calixto) Award
Community Safety Excellence Award	Abner Rodriguez) Recipients
Cultural Business Excellence Award	Taino's Kitchen-Maytee Cordero	
Corporate Excellence Award	Unity Bank-Carolina Alvarez	
Non-Profit Excellence Award	Jennifer Marie Costa	
Cultural Excellence Award	Rebekah Grace	
Humanitarian Excellence Award	Marisol Maldonado Rodriguez	
Estrella Award	Jenny Saldana	
Women Empowerment Excellence Award	Miraida Gerhart	
Public Service Excellence Award	Tina Maria Lopez	
Community Leadership Excellence Award	Alejandro Chappotin	

1st Place Overall Winner Princess
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 Royal Court King
 Royal Court Queen
 Royal Court Ambassador
 Royal Court Cultural Queen
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Suehayle Aquino
 Edell Gomes Ponce
 Andy Lebron
 Victoria Rivera
 Jose Carlos Hernandez) 2023
 Alexis Mariel Catala) Beauties
 Kaitlyn Aponte) of Puerto Rico
 Roman Rigo
 Annelie Lopez
 Eilianne Carrasquillo
 Yomar Reyes
 Noelani Nicole Munoz
 Michael Rabess
 Olivia M. Aponte

The Elizabeth Board of Education
 Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

Gionelle Munoz) 2023
) Scholarship
) Recipient

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

ELIZABETH BOARD OF EDUCATION
TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

George Washington Academy School No. 1

Ms. Story S. Thompson – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Karen Boone – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Winfield Scott School No. 2

Ms. Maria E. Moench – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Jennifer King Berkin – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3

Ms. Michelle Heilmann-Roumeliotis – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Mildred Cruz – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Joseph Battin School No. 4

Ms. Nicole Tarallo Greenwood – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Lizet Linero Suarez – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5

Ms. Christie Yoder – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Laura Kratzer – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6

Ms. Josephine Rodriguez – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Lyubov Roman – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Terrence C. Reilly School No. 7

Ms. Tanya E. Tenturier-Brinkley – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Janet De LaCruz – Educational Service Professional of the Year

iPrep Academy School No. 8

Ms. Sigal Y. Hasson – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Berta Romelus – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9

Ms. Cristina DaSilva Cia- Teacher of the Year
Ms. Tiffany Sturgis – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Elmora School No. 12

Ms. Dawn Sandholm – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Vanessa Lambert Rodriguez – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Benjamin Franklin School No. 13

Ms. Lakeya Hix-Thompson – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Cindy Goncalves – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Abraham Lincoln School No. 14

Ms. Michelle Renee Buska – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Veronica M. Salazar De Cobra – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Christopher Columbus School No. 15

Ms. Martha Cedeno – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Devann Stisi – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Madison-Monroe School No. 16

Ms. Kathryn Retsinas- Teacher of the Year
Mr. Melvin Luciano – Educational Service Professional of the Year

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Robert Morris School No. 18

Ms. Angela D. Pereira – Teacher of the Year

Dr. Stacey Perez – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Woodrow Wilson School No. 19

Ms. Jacqueline D. Gaston – Teacher of the Year

Ms. Juana Zuloaga – Educational Service Professional of the Year

John Marshall School No. 20

Ms. Maria Avella – Teacher of the Year

Ms. Stella Murillo – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Victor Mravlag School No. 21

Ms. Alysia Boyd – Teacher of the Year

Ms. Tameka Lee Walton – Educational Service Professional of the Year

William F. Halloran School No. 22

Ms. Jessica Leroux – Teacher of the Year

Ms. Daniela Grinienko – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23

Mr. Marc Riemann – Teacher of the Year

Ms. Consuelo Torres – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25

Ms. Alba Botnick – Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jason Modesto Colcol – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26

Ms. Satoria Figueroa – Teacher of the Year

Ms. Carmen Peraza – Educational Service Professional of the Year

Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27

Mr. Victor A. Felipe - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Elsa Mederos - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28

Ms. Marina A. Moriello - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Johanna Ojeda - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29

Ms. Zainab Salaam - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Erin Reed - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30

Ms. Lauren B. Herrmann - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Uticka Chaney-Wilson - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50

Ms. Maria Teresa Greco - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Maria Dopazo - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51

Ms. Milagrosa Sader - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Melissa Llano - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School No. 52

Ms. Amanda Livres-Haustein - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Ann Marie Green - Educational Service Professional of the Year

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

Ms. Christine Irwin - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Dayana Gil - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy

Mr. Neil Day - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Briana Kane - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy

Mr. Uri Perez - Teacher of the Year

Dr. Nalin Beaumont - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy

Ms. Lovely Pappachen - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Erica Forbes - Educational Service Professional of the Year

Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy

Ms. Linda Gwizdz - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Stefanie Vargas - Educational Service Professional of the Year

John E. Dwyer Technology Academy

Ms. Kelly Ann Kielbasa - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Monica Caicedo Sarmiento - Educational Service Professional of the Year

J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy

Ms. Brittany Palubniak - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Ana A. Arias Educational - Service Professional of the Year

Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, and Mary Jackson (JVJ) STEM Academy

Mr. Vincent Caldarulo - Teacher of the Year

Ms. Karen Strahan - Educational Service Professional of the Year

MEMORIALS:

Minister Ran Lawson

Mercedes Cotos

Ralph Cicchetti

Michael J. Mazza

ADJOURNMENT