

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.  
REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the City's participation in the NJ Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting and recommending awarding a contract to Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC, 910 Louisiana Street, Suite B200, Houston, TX for the purchase of Natural Gas for the period of March 2023 through December 2025 at a rate of \$.240755 per therm. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Elite Vehicle Solutions, 1000 Bennett Blvd., Unit 6, Lakewood, NJ for the purchase of law enforcement firearms equipment and supplies for the Police, Fire and EMS Departments during the period of June 14, 2023 through May 13, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 15, 2023, from the Business Administrator request to amend the resolution adopted on February 8, 2022 authorizing the proper City officials to enter into, execute and award a contract to Northern Red, Inc., Pinehurst, NC for Police Tactical Training courses for the Elizabeth Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, specifically to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2023 and increase the total amount not to exceed \$125,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 15, 2025, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents in connection with the award of a contract to Panache Artworks, LLC, 320 S. Harrison Street, Suite 18-0, East Orange, NJ for the purchase of FY23 Professional Service for the 313 Plus Ancestors Speak Monument Design and Development in the amount of \$140,000.00; the monument will be located at 42 Broad Street as part of the City of Elizabeth Department of Recreation grant project funded by the 2021 Preserve Union County Grant. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 15, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into agreements with French & Parrello Associates, 1085 Raymond Blvd., Suite 601, Newark, NJ and Dynamic Traffic, LLC, 1904 Main Street, Lake Como, NJ for on-call/emergency traffic engineering consulting services for a one-year period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for each firm. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 15, 2023, 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, Records Management System Software, GIS/AVL Mobile and Mapping System at the cost of \$80,002.63 during the period of March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2024; and support for National Incident Based Reporting System Interface According to FBI and NJSP Repository Standards during the period of March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2024 at the cost of \$1,594.74 for the Elizabeth Police Department at the total cost of \$81,597.37. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 15, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to participate in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-op and recommending awarding a contract to Ben Shaffer Recreation, Inc., P.O. Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, NJ for the purchase of playground equipment, site furnishing, outdoor circuit training equipment and related products during the period of May 30, 2023 through June 29, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. Which was received.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 15, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents in connection with the award of a contract to Alpine Software Corporation, 120 Assembly Drive, Mendon, NY for proprietary software support and maintenance for the Fire Department Red Alert System for the period of May 15, 2023 through May 15, 2024 in the amount of \$20,970.63. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 6, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the City Treasurer to cancel the premiums totaling the amount of \$154,000.00 and the sum of \$154,000.00 be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 6, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request authorization for the City Treasurer to cancel tax credits as set forth in the attached schedule for tax year 2015 in the amount of \$87,827.43 and the sum of \$87,827.43 be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 20, 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 June 20, 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 June 20, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that transfers for the 2023 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 20, 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 20, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) open accounts receivable balances deemed uncollectible must be canceled in accordance with the recommendation of our City Auditor, Louis C. Mai, CPA & Associates in the amount of \$4,707,263.49; the cancellation of EMS receivables does not preclude the acceptance of any future payments. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 20, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the Elizabeth Avenue Special Improvement District 2023 Fiscal Budget for introduction and approval in the amount of \$332,457.18. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 7, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all necessary documents to submit an application for the Fiscal Year 2023 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Preservation Program – American Rescue Plan (NPP-ARP) Grant for the NPP Colombian District and expenditure of funds consistent with NJ Department of Community Affairs approved plan for up to \$160,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 8, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary to discharge the City's Home Rental Housing Program mortgage, assumption of mortgage and cancellation of the Restrictive Covenant for the property located at 258-260 Orchard Street in the amount of \$110,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 8, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to enter into a contract with Optimum Environmental Solution, 2717 Linwood Road, Union, NJ to provide Municipal Lead Abatement services at 915 Bond Street not to exceed \$20,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 9, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary to discharge the City's Home Rental Housing Program mortgage, assumption of mortgage and cancellation of the Restrictive Covenant for the property located at 715 Newark Avenue in the amount of \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 9, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with Harbor Consultants, Inc., 320 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ for planning services to the Planning and Zoning Boards and the Department of Planning and Community Development for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a total cost of \$75,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary to discharge the City's Home Rental Housing Program mortgage and cancellation of the Restrictive Covenant for the property located at 14-20 Jacques Street in the amount of \$50,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 19, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing the posting of the financial assurance by the City as requested by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the City's Licensed Site Remediation Professional for the property located at 865 Livingston Street (Pointe Grand Plaza, Old Transit Bus Garage Site) as well as authorizing the City Treasurer to apply for and obtain a letter of credit as set forth herein above as in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 plus additional costs and fees associated with obtaining the letter of credit. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 12, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to apply, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Greening Union County Program for the purchase of 150 various street trees that are available, which will be planted curbside and on City owned properties, with the installation of root barriers for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00; the County will reimburse the municipality 50% of the total cost of the purchase of trees..  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Public Works requests extending the contract with Supreme Conditioning Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 206, Hazlet, NJ for two (2) additional years for the preventive maintenance and emergency repair service for heating, air conditioning, and automatic temperature control systems at various public buildings owned by the City at a cost not to exceed \$802,855.00 for a new contract amount of \$1,559,805.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Mott MacDonald, LLC, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ to provide professional engineering services on a time and material basis in connection with the Tier A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) at a cost not to exceed \$190,000.00 plus reimbursable.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending extending the contract with S & A General Contracting, 207 Shelley Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ for two (2) additional years for the maintenance and repair services for roofing on City owned buildings at a cost not to exceed \$363,006.00 for a new contract amount of \$707,086.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Mott MacDonald, LLC, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ to provide professional engineering services on a time and material basis in connection with the Combined Sewer Overflow Permit and Long-Term Control Plan Compliance Program at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 plus reimbursables.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to French and Parrello Associates, 1800 Route 34, Suite 101, Wall Township, NJ to provide professional engineering and landscape architect services for the design and construction administration for the Sisselman Field improvements at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$125,700.00 plus reimbursables.  
Which was received.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 13, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to WSP USA Inc., Two Gateway Center, Suite 1000, Newark, NJ to provide professional engineering services for the preparation of the Kapkowski Road Corridor Improvements Project Local Preliminary Engineering due to heavy volumes of truck, car and pedestrian traffic within an antiquated network of signalized intersections and a low bridge that creates commercial vehicle restrictions and public safety issues on North Avenue East/Dowd Avenue/ Division Street; Veterans Memorial Drive/Trumbull Street/Third Street; Division Street/Trumbull Street and the Underpass Road Lowering; Trumbull Street and Dowd Avenue; North Avenue East/Kapkowski Road/Ikea Drive in accordance with their revised proposal dated June 1, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$1,089,998.04 plus reimbursables.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to PM Construction Corp., 1310 Central Avenue, Hillside, NJ for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program at a cost of \$1,918,221.29.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, 1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program at a cost of \$2,287,767.55.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request authorization for the proper City officials to accept, sign and or digitally sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2022 Stormwater Management Grant Program; this anticipated funding will be applied to the Atlantic Street Stormwater Control Project which has the goal of reducing combined sewer overflow while also reducing flooding along Third Avenue at the intersections of Doyle Street and Atlantic Street; remainder of the funding for this project will be provided by \$3 million dollars in local American Rescue Plan Act money and a long-term loan from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank which is eligible for 80% principal forgiveness; amount of grant dollars awarded is \$150,000.00.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the Director of Public Works request permission to have a lien placed against properties listed on Schedule A attached hereto for the removal and disposal of debris from said properties in the amount of \$9,145.93.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 20, 2023, from the Director of Public Works recommending awarding a contract to Z Tech Contracting, LLC, 1207 US Highway 22, Mountainside, NJ for the Sixth Street Park Improvements, 552-562 Fulton Street, at the corrected cost of \$1,984,126.05; the project will be partially funded by the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and a matching grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the 2021 Union County Kids Recreation Trust Program.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 14, 2023, from the City Engineer, recommends adopting an ordinance authorizing the issuance of an Encroachment Permit to Murray Paving & Concrete, LLC, d/b/a Murray Contracting, 210 S. Newnan Street, Hackensack, NJ to erect and maintain a temporary sidewalk shed and scaffolding within the right-of-way of Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza as depicted on the attached plan for approximately three (3) months for the purposes of providing pedestrian protection during exterior renovations to the Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy.  
Which was received.



REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

By the Clerk:

Letter dated June 7, 2023, from the City Treasurer submitted the City Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month of March 2023 and Statement of Bank Balances and Investments as of March 31, 2023. Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5871 – An Ordinance granting right of way Encroachment Permit to Murray Paving & Concrete, LLC, d/b/a Murray Contracting, 210 South Newman Street, Hackensack, N.J., for the erection of a temporary sidewalk shed and scaffolding within sidewalk area of the public right of way to the Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, located at 27 Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.
- ORD. NO. 5872 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jeffrey Rivas, 232 Atlantic Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5873 – An Ordinance to amend Chapter 5.70 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Rent Control and Stabilization," Specifically to remove the permanent exemption of new construction from the provisions of Chapter 5.70 and to allow certain newly constructed dwellings to be exempt from Section 5.70.060, which limits the regular increases of base rent, in conformity with N.J.S.A. 2 A:42-84.2.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Authorize transfers for the Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal & Sewer Utility Budgets in the amount of \$368,000.00.

Introduce and approve the Elizabeth Avenue Special Improvement District Calendar Year 2024 Budget in the amount of \$332,457.18.

**(PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, EVENING, JULY 25, 2023.)**

Authorize the renewal of a policy of insurance with Western World Insurance Company, 48 South Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, N.J., through agent-of-record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, covering emergency medical malpractice liability insurance for EMS Employees including EMT's Ambulance Drivers and Attendants for the period June 15, 2023 to June 15, 2024, at an annual premium of \$17,106.00.

Authorize a policy of insurance with James River Insurance Group, P. O. Box 27648, Richmond, Virginia, through agent-of-record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, covering professional liability for the City Engineer and Staff for the period May 25, 2023 to May 25, 2024, at an annual premium of \$53,348.00.

Authorize the renewal of a policy of insurance with Hartford Insurance Company, Hartford, CT, through agent-of-record, Hughes-Plumer Associates, for an Accident Insurance Policy covering the Auxiliary Police Officers for the period July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024, at an annual premium of \$340.00.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Authorize the award of a contract to Point Blank Enterprises, Inc., 2102 Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach, FL, for the purchase of Police Vests and Carriers for the Police Department for the period May 15, 2023 through May 13, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Turn Out Fire and Safety, Inc., 3468 Kennedy Boulevard Jersey City, N.J., for Protective Firefighter Clothing and Equipment for the Fire Department for the period May 15, 2023 through May 13, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into an agreement with the Elizabeth Fast Ferry LLC, 217 Laurel Road, East Northport, N.Y. for the operation of a passenger ferry service pilot program.

Authorize the award of a contract to National Office Furniture, Dealer of Record BFI, 1610 Royal Street, Jasper, IN, for the purchase of Furniture Panels for the Internal Affairs Division of the Elizabeth Police Department in the amount of \$1,067.70.

Authorize the award of a contract to Atlantic Uniform Co., Inc., 468 Washington Avenue, Belleville, N.J., for the purchase of Uniforms, Vests, Helmets and Body Armor for the Police Department for the period May 15, 2023 through May 14, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract Atlantic Tactical of New Jersey, Inc., 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA, for the purchase of Police and Homeland Security Supplies for the EMS, Fire and Police Departments for the period May 15, 2023 through May 14, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$350,000.00.

Authorize the City of Elizabeth's participation in the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting (NJSEJM) from Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC, 910 Louisiana Street, Suite B200, Houston, TX, for the purchase of Natural Gas for the period of March 2023 through December 2025, at a rate of \$.240755 per therm.

Authorize the award of a contract to Elite Vehicle Solutions, 1000 Bennett Blvd, Unit 6, Lakewood, N.J., for the purchase of Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies for the Police, Fire and EMS Departments for the period June 14, 2023 through May 13, 2024, at a cost no to exceed \$150,000.00.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Amend resolution adopted February 8, 2022 with Northern Red, Inc., P. O. Box 5431, Pinehurst, N.C., for Police Tactical Training Courses for the Elizabeth Police Department, for the period February 9, 2022 through April 30, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, specifically to extend the contract to December 31, 2023, increasing the total amount of the contract not to exceed \$125,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Panache Artworks, LLC, 320 Harrison Street, Suite 18-0, East Orange, N.J., for the purchase of FY23 Professional Service for 313 Plus Ancestors Speak Monument Design and Development, the monument will be located at 42 Broad Street as part of the City of Elizabeth, Department of Recreation grant project funded by the 2021 Preserve Union County Grant and authorize the proper City Officials to execute any documents in connection with the contract, in the amount of \$140,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into respective contracts with French & Parrello Associates, 1085 Raymond Blvd., Suite 601, Newark, N.J., and Dynamic Traffic, LLC, 1904 Main Street, Lake Como, N.J., for Professional On-Call/Emergency Traffic Engineering Consulting Services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for each firm.

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 through the Bergen County Co-Op for the period of March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2024, at a cost of \$80,002.63 and support for National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Interface according to FBI and NJSP Repository Standards for the period of March 6, 2023 through March 5, 2024, at a cost of \$1,594.74 for the Police Department, for a total cost of \$81,597.37.

Authorize the award of a contract to Ben Shaffer Recreation, Inc., P. O. Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, N.J., for the purchase of Playgrounds Equipment, Site Furnishings, Outdoor Circuit Training Equipment and Related Products through the Educational Services Commission of NJ for the period May 30, 2023 through June 29, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Alpine Software Corporation, 120 Assembly Drive, Mendon, N.Y., for Proprietary Software Support and Maintenance for the Fire Department Red Alert System for the period May 15, 2023 through May 15, 2024, in the amount of \$20,970.53.

Authorize the cancellation of Emergency Medical Services accounts receivable balances accumulated through June 30, 2020 is deemed uncollectible in accordance with the recommendation of the City Auditor, Louis C. Mai, CPA & Associates, the cancellation of EMS receivables does not preclude the acceptance of any future payments, in the amount of \$4,707,263.49.

Authorize the City Treasurer to cancel tax lien records premiums in excess of five (5) years old or liens that are foreclosed, totaling \$154,000.00 as per the delineated list on file in the City Clerk's Office and said sum be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated.

Authorize the City Treasurer to cancel tax credits for Tax Year 2015 in the amount of \$87,827.43, as per the delineated list on file in the City Clerk's Office and said sum be credited to Miscellaneous Revenue not anticipated.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute all necessary documents for the submission of a funding application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for Fiscal Year 2023 Neighborhood Preservation Program-American Rescue Plan (NPP-ARP) grant for the NPP Colombian District and expenditure of funds consistent with the NJDCA approved plan, grant for an amount up to \$160,000.00.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any and all documents necessary for the Discharge of the City's Home Rental Housing Program Mortgage, Assumption of Mortgage and Cancellation of the Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 258-260 Orchard Street, in the amount of \$110,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to enter into a contract with Optimum Environmental Solution Limited, 217 Linwood Road, Union, N.J., to provide Municipal Lead Abatement Services at the property located at 915 Bond Street, Elizabeth, N.J., for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any and all documents necessary for the Discharge of the City's Home Rental Housing Program Mortgage, Assumption of Mortgage and Cancellation of the Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 715 Newark Avenue, Unit 1A, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any and all documents for the Discharge of Mortgage of the City's Home Rental Housing Program Mortgage and Cancellation of the Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 14-20 Jacques Street, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Authorize the proper City Officials to post the Financial Assurance requested by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the City's Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the 865 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, N.J. (Pointe Grande Plaza, Old Transit Bus Garage Site) and authorize the City Treasurer to apply for and obtain a letter of credit in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, plus additional costs and fees associated with obtaining the letter of credit.

Adopt a resolution of local support from Valerie's Garden, 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 600-602 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Authorize the proper City officials to apply for, accept and sign all appropriate documents for the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation – Greening Union County Grant Program, for the purchase of 150 various street trees and installation of root barrier to be planted curbside and on City-owned properties, in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Authorize the extension of a contract with Supreme Conditioning Systems, Inc., P. O. Box 206, Hazlet, N.J. for two (2) additional years for the Preventive Maintenance (PM) and Emergency Repair Service for Heating, Air Conditioning and Automatic Temperature Control Systems at various public buildings owned by the City of Elizabeth, at a cost not to exceed \$802,855.00, for a new contact amount of \$1,559,805.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Mott MacDonald, LLC, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, N.J. to provide professional engineering services on a time and material basis in connection with the Tier A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Compliance Assistance, at a cost not to exceed \$190,000.00 plus reimbursables.

Authorize the extension of a contract with S & A General Contracting, 207 Shelley Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. for two (2) additional years for the Maintenance and Repair Services for Roofing on City of Elizabeth owned buildings, at a cost not to exceed \$363,006.00, for a new contract amount of \$707,086.00.

Authorize the award of a contract to Mott MacDonald, LLC, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, N.J. to provide professional engineering services on a time and material basis in connection with the Combined Sewer Overflow Permit and Long-Term Control Plan Compliance Program, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 plus reimbursables.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Authorize the award of a contract to French and Parrello Associates, 1800 Route 34, Suite 101, Wall Township, N.J., to provide professional engineering and landscape architect services in connection with the design and construction administration for the Sisselman Field Improvements, at a lump sum cost not to exceed \$125,700.00 plus reimbursables.

Authorize the award of a contract to PM Construction Corp. 1310 Central Avenue, Hillside, N.J., for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program, list of streets is on file in the City Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$1,918,221.29.

Authorize the award of a contract to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, 1316 Englishtown Road Old Bridge, N.J., for the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program, list of streets is on file in the City Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$2,287,767.55.

Authorize the proper City officials to accept and sign all appropriate documents including reimbursement forms for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2022 Stormwater Management Grant Program, this anticipated funding will be applied to the Atlantic Street Stormwater Control Project, total grant amount awarded is \$150,000.00.

Establish liens for the removal and disposal of debris from properties listed on Schedule A, on file in the City Clerk's Office, in the total amount of \$9,145.93.

Authorize the award of a contract to Z Tech Contracting, LLC, 1207 US Highway 22, Mountainside, N.J., for the Sixth Street Park Improvements, (552-562 Fulton Street), at the corrected amount of \$1,984,126.05 for the base bid plus alternate A-1.

**COMMENDATIONS:**

***Students***

Layaiea Almedia  
 Rosario Chavez  
 Linya Gedeon  
 Zaraqie Castillo  
 Raven Davis  
 Francesca Figueroa  
 Darlineka Joanus  
 Crystal Burbano  
 Reyana Trail  
 Kathy Valle  
 Alex Koon  
 Naiomy Mezu  
 Maisha Valme  
 Sakiyya Brooks  
 Crystal Batts  
 Joselyn Carranza  
 Daphne Manuel  
 Jackayla Wiley  
 Idanalysse Perez Munoz

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 Daniella Esteves  
 Alani Gordon  
 Sarah Munoz  
 Brianna Reyes  
 Yellin Vargas  
 Aniyah Murrell-Sanders  
 Tiffany Vigil  
 Samiya Bryant  
 Ka-Deen Scarlett  
 Sofia Velez  
 G'yon Agostinho  
 Gabriela Cardona  
 Isabella Lopez  
 Glori Sanchez

Mike Penta  
 Austin Holman  
 Mike Sacca  
 Tony Williams ) Elizabeth High School  
 Angela Vaughn ) Girls Track & Field  
 Anthony Ziobro ) Team and Coaches  
 Sarah Regha ) Winning the NJ  
 ) Group 4, Section 2  
 ) Championship  
 ) June 3, 2023  
 ) AND  
 ) the NJSIAA Track  
 ) & Field, Group 4  
 ) Championship  
 ) June 10, 2023

**MEMORIALS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**