

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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. 5887 – An Ordinance to amend Section 2.48.010 entitled, "Departmental Administration-Bureau", Section 2.48.060 entitled, "Bureau of Planning and Zoning", Section 2.48.070 entitled, "Bureau of Planning and Zoning-Organization, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth and to establish Section 2.48.160 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled, "Bureau of Zoning".

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PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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Letter dated August 29, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to authorize a Policy of Insurance with Western Surety Bond Company of Sioux Falls, SD, through Hughes-Plumer Associates, covering Municipal Court Judges and the entire Municipal Court Personnel for the period of September 1, 2023 to September 1, 2024 at the annual premium of \$1,565.33. Which was received.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 31, 2023, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute a contract with Union Square Medical Associates, 824 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ to provide professional services covering Fire, Police and City Employees for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00. Which was received.

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By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 23, 2023, from the City Attorney request that your Honorable Body consider authorizing settlement between the City of Elizabeth and Sean A. Martinez the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for damages sustained to a City of Elizabeth emergency vehicle on November 19, 2022, and authorize the proper City officials to execute the Release. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated September 5, 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.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated September 5, 2025, 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 September 5, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that temporary emergency appropriations for the 2024 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets may be necessary. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated September 5, 2023, from the Chief Financial Officer request that your Honorable Body consider the introduction and approval of the 2024 SFY Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets at the regularly scheduled meeting of September 12, 2023. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 3, 2023, from the Director of Health and Human Services request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any documents pertaining to an agreement between the City of Elizabeth and Union College, 40 West Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ to provide leadership training opportunities to City employees at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 28, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to provide grants for FY2024 as per Schedule A attached hereto in the amount of \$1,602,030.92. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 7, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary to discharge the City's Owner-Occupied Housing Program mortgage and cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant for 474 Henry Street in the amount of \$16,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 16, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization for the proper City officials to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to provide an Owner-Occupied Basic Program Deferred Payment Loan on the property located at 258 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, NJ in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 21, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request authorization to rescind resolutions adopted on June 27, 2023, discharging mortgages for the Community Access Unlimited HOME Projects located at 258-260 Orchard Street in the amount of \$110,000.00; 715 Newark Avenue in the amount of \$50,000.00 and 14-20 Jaques Street in the amount of \$50,000.00 and return said funds totaling \$210,000.00 to Community Access Unlimited. Which was received.

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Letter dated September 5, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider approving a Special Event License for the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership to host a Hispanic Heritage Month Concert to be held on September 16, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Union Square Plaza; set up time to begin at 11:00 a.m.  
Which was received.

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Letter dated September 5, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider approving a Special Event License for Iglesia Jesuscristo Es El Senor for their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Parade to be held on September 23, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from Third Street to Elizabeth Avenue and ending at Winfield Scott Plaza; set up time to begin at 9:30 a.m.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated September 5, 2023, from the Director of Planning and Community Development request that your Honorable Body consider approving a Special Event License for the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center to host a Community Resource Fair to be held on September 30, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Magnolia Avenue between First and Second Streets; set up time to begin at 9:00 a.m.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 26, 2023, from the Police Director request permission to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 851 Bond Street; 101 Broadway (personalized); 525 Court Street (personalized); 211 Florida Street (personalized); 826 Jackson Avenue (personalized); 314 John Street (personalized); 137 Murray Street (personalized); 334 New York Avenue (personalized); 1015 Olive Street (personalized) deletions: 553 Court Street; 43 Jaques Street.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 25, 2023, from the Police Director request authorization to enter a Memorandum of Understanding between Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Prevention Links and the City of Elizabeth Police Department for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Pilot program that allows police officers to utilize their discretion to divert low-level offenders, whose real issues are drug dependency, mental illness, or homelessness, away from the criminal justice system and into services within the 7 and 10 police patrol posts during the pilot program.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated July 24, 2023, from Talon Drilling Company, 100 Lexington Avenue, Trenton, NJ request an Encroachment Permit to perform environmental work consisting of three (3) groundwater monitoring wells, two (2) within the right-of-way of Fanny Street and one (1) within the right-of-way of Walnut Street.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 17, 2023, from Furino & Sons Inc., Brothers Four, 66 Columbia Road, Branchburg, NJ request an Encroachment Permit to install temporary jersey barrier, construction fence and signage within the right-of-way of Chestnut Street and Jefferson Avenue during the construction of the new PSE&G substation.  
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated August 24, 2023, from The Kleinfelder Group, Inc., 2 South Gold Drive, Suite A, Hamilton, NJ request an Encroachment Permit to perform environmental work consisting of one (1) temporary monitoring well within the right-of-way along the east side of Elizabeth Avenue in the parking lane in front of 451-453 Elizabeth Avenue.  
Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 5892 – An Ordinance granting an Environmental Encroachment Permit to Talon Drilling Company, 100 Lexington Avenue, Trenton, N.J., to perform environmental investigation activities related to the proposed Baker Center Redevelopment site on Newark Avenue.

ORD. NO. 5893 – An Ordinance granting a right-of-way Encroachment Permit to Furino & Sons, Inc. Brothers Four, 66 Columbia Road, Branchburg, N.J., for the new PSE&G substation relocation – 1130 Chestnut Street.

ORD. NO. 5894 – An Ordinance granting an Environmental Encroachment Permit to Kleinfelder, 2 South Gold Drive, Suite A, Hamilton, N.J., to perform environmental assessment activities related to the former gasoline service station at 460 Elizabeth Avenue, well location at 451-453 Elizabeth Avenue.

ORD. NO. 5895 – An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Beatriz Cruz, 211 Florida Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORD. NO. 5896 – An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5221, adopted on September 24, 2019, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Stephanie Torres, 43 Jaques 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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 7:30 P.M.**

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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 Temporary Emergency Appropriations for the 2024 Fiscal Year Municipal and Sewer Utility Budgets, in the amount of \$66,206,305.04.

Introduce and approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Budget in the amount \$312,948,687.16; Fiscal Year 2024 Sewer Utility Budget in the amount of \$37,500,000.00; and Capital Budget in the amount of \$278,061,740.00

**(PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, EVENING, NOVEMBER 28, 2023.)**

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Authorize the proper City officials to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to provide grants for CD-49 Funding Year 2023 (FY2024), Spending Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to those agencies listed on Schedule A on file in the City Clerk's Office, to provide the services set forth in the descriptions of each contract in the amounts shown on Schedule A for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Authorize the proper City Officials to execute any and all documents necessary for the Discharge of the City's Owner-Occupied Housing Program Mortgage and Cancellation of the Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 474 Henry Street, in the amount of \$16,000.00.

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Authorize the proper City Officials to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Trinitas Regional Medical Center (Project Management Agency), Prevention Links (Community-Based Agency), and the Elizabeth Police Department for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Pilot Program (LEAD), for the period of 18 months from the date of adoption.

Establish a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 101 Broadway, #3D, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 553 Court Street.

Permit the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, 913 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J., to hold a Hispanic Heritage Concert, on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a set-up time at 11:00 a.m. at Union Square Plaza.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Permit the Iglesia Jesuscristo Es El Senor, 201 Spring Street, Elizabeth, N.J., to hold a Parade, on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a set-up time at 9:30 a.m., starting at the corner of Third Street and Elizabeth Avenue and ending at Winfield Scott Plaza.

Permit the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center, 184 First Street, Elizabeth, N.J., to hold a Community Resource Fair, on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a set-up time at 9:00 a.m. at Magnolia Avenue, between First Street and Second Streets.

Authorize the execution of the release and all necessary documents the acceptance of GEICO Insurance Company's offer of damages to a City of Elizabeth emergency vehicle on November 19, 2022, in the amount of \$5,000.00 to settle this matter in full.

Authorize the settlement in the litigation matter of Sntaxi-Fernandez v. City of Elizabeth, in the total amount of \$150,000.00.

A resolution in opposition to the use public and private property in the City of Elizabeth for the purposes of the Federal Government detaining immigrants awaiting due process.

**COMMENDATIONS:**

Pastor R. Lenton Buffalo Jr. & Sister Cheryl L. Buffalo

- ) Union Baptist Church
- ) 35<sup>th</sup> Pastoral
- ) Anniversary

Phyllis Depczynski, Advancement Chair, Scouts BSA Troop 4 Elizabeth NJ  
Abner Rodriguez, Deputy Police Chief, City of Elizabeth

- ) Patriots Path Council,
- ) Boy Scouts of America,
- ) 2023 Union County
- ) Lifetime Achievement
- ) Awards-Honorees

Adam Abouzied  
Arashel Chavez  
Ariana Gaffney  
Brandon Mejia  
Brianna Martinez  
Ciara Lopez-Lessane  
Daniel Montoya  
Deborah Pereyra  
Dory Madrid  
Elias Larancuent  
Eva Kotsonis  
Gabriella Ramirez  
Giovanni Arcieri  
Gustavo Soto  
Harold Gomes  
Isaac Chirino  
Jared Severe  
John Tixi  
Jonathan Tejada  
Jose Cedeno  
Journey Beech-Wilson  
Juliet Luchsinger  
Julissa Sainvil

Karma Beech-Wilson  
Karol Raeyl Moscoso  
Kelsey Guillen  
Laila Ekatan  
Layla Martinez  
Lizandra Hernandez  
Lucas Luchsinger  
Mary-Kate Severe  
Melina Pizarro  
Melissa Blanc Doblas  
Natalia Ocampo  
Natalie Rodriguez  
Nicole Fano  
Penny Kotsonis  
Raquel Forbes  
Rebecca Charmel  
Renee Gomez  
Samantha Mendez  
Saniyah Mccallam  
Shamar Thomas  
Taqwa Singleton  
Victor Ramirez  
Ydalis Cedeno

- ) Commending for their
- ) Participation in the
- ) Elizabeth Theater
- ) Ensemble 2023 Walking
- ) the Beat Program

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Iglesia Jesucristo Es El Senor

)30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian  
) Parade

Danielle M. Dorta  
Sulisnet Jimenez  
Jacques Gonzales  
Sharon Calixto

) Hispanic Heritage  
) Month  
) Recognition as  
) Outstanding Leaders  
) of our Community

MEMORIALS:

Rosa Taveras Pinho  
Lakeisha Brooks

ADJOURNMENT