

The Organization Meeting of the City Council was held Sunday, July 1, 2012 in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica presided temporarily as chairman and called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. He announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail and fax to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Present: Councilmembers-Elect Glenn A. Mati, Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Tana M. Raymond and Joseph Delaney  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Attorneys John J. Bruno and Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro, Labor Counsel John Lavin of the Law Firm of Tesser and Cohen and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

#### INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Father Peter Palmisano, the Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, who offered a Special Invocation. City Clerk Pavlica then introduced Christian Raymond, the grandson of Councilmember-Elect Raymond, and Collin Doyle, the Nephew of Councilmember-Elect Delaney, who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

City Clerk Pavlica made the following announcement:

“I, Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby CERTIFY that at the Municipal Election held in the City of Garfield on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, the following candidates were elected to the City Council with the total votes as listed:

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| Joseph Delaney          | 1,694 |
| Gaetana M. Raymond      | 1,592 |
| Francis J. Calandriello | 1,444 |
| Louis G. Aloia          | 1,382 |
| Glenn A. Mati           | 1,381 |

The following information is also pertinent to the Municipal Election:

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| Total Registered Voters | 12,389 (as of March 30, 2012) |
| Absentee Voters         | 287                           |
| Provisional Ballots     | 53                            |
| Total Persons Voting    | 3,597                         |
| Total Votes Cast        | 14,245”                       |

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember-Elect Glenn A. Mati was called forward and Congressman William Pascrell administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Glenn A. Mati as his family members stood beside him and held the Bible.

Councilmember-Elect Louis G. Aloia was called forward and Garfield City Clerk and Municipal Clerks’ Association of New Jersey President Andrew J. Pavlica administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Louis G. Aloia as his family members stood beside him and held the Bible.

Councilmember-Elect Francis J. Calandriello was called forward and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Francis J. Calandriello as his family members stood beside him and held the Bible.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember-Elect Gaetana M. Raymond was called forward and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Gaetana M. Raymond as her family stood beside her and held the Bible.

Councilmember-Elect Joseph Delaney was called forward and Wood-Ridge Mayor and New Jersey State Senator Paul A. Sarlo administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Joseph Delaney as his family stood beside him and held the Bible.

SPECIAL BLESSING

Pastor Ronald Stephens of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church offered a Special Blessing.

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Councilmember Mati said, "Thank you. First, I'd like to welcome and thank Congressman Pascrell for swearing me in, today. I know you are a big supporter of Police and Fire Organizations in our State and in our Country and I'm proud for people like you in Washington that I know are looking out for our best interest, so thank you very much. Thank you Lieutenant Governor, I'm glad to have you here. The last time I saw Senator Sarlo we were on a baseball field, he is coaching the American All Stars from his District and I was umpiring his game, it is nice to see you, again. Senator Pou, Assembly Members, Clergy, guests and friends and family, I first would like to thank my wife, Debra, for all her support during my election. She ran around for me doing the things that needed to be done and gave me that support that when, sometimes, things seem to be not going good, she was always there to pump me up. So, I thank you, Debra, for your help. I'd like to thank Fire Company No. 1, all the guys standing in the back, with all the blue shirts on; that's my other family. They helped me prove that you can run in the City of Garfield, with a low budget, and get a lot of support, from friends and residents. I went door to door, to try to meet people, to send out my message, while Fire Company No. 1 was walking the streets, handing out my cards, to save me money, on the mailings. They were out every night, doing what they can do, even people from other companies like Ernie Rosolen, and Chief John Pinto, were out working the neighborhood, with his dog, handing out my cards, and all my friends, that did a lot of work for me, and never asking for anything --- they just wanted to see me get elected. That's what meant the most to me, while I was running. So guys, thank you. I appreciate it and love all of you. My friends in the City, that I've known through the Police Department, different organizations, the Boys Club, Little League, Babe Ruth, I'd like to thank all of you, for your support. I sent out a message to the people that I was going to be their voice on the Council. I have no agenda. People asked me what I was going to do if I got here, and I said I don't know, because I didn't expect to get elected. So, I really just wanted to run. So now, I'm here, and I'm looking forward to working with the Council for the betterment of our City. In 1985, a movie was made that was called "Back to the Future", with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd. The reason I bring this up, is because, they were to travel to the future in a 1981 Delarean. The future was twenty thousand and ten, and that seemed so far away. What would we be driving, cars in space, or what? And actually, it passed up, two years ago, and the reason I mention this, is because the future, is really now. What we do here today, and in the next four years, will determine the future of the City, so if we work together, I know we can accomplish a lot of things. I look forward to working with our new Mayor Delany, the Deputy Mayor Tana Raymond, Louie Aloia and Frank Calandriello. I thank them for all their services in the past, and I know we will do great things for the City. Thank you very much."

Councilmember Aloia said, "Thank you to all the Clergy, Lieutenant Governor, Congressmen, Senators, Assembly people, City staff, to the Delaney Family, the Raymond family, the Calandriello Family, and the Mati Family, I congratulate everyone, and thank them all for being here, and their participation. To my family, Rosemarie and the girls, my grandchildren, I want to thank you. My son-in-law, Greg, I want to thank you, for all the support, for all the years, and time and effort, and for all the times you covered for me because I'm here doing City work, and they are covering me for home and business work. To the citizens of Garfield, of course, I want to say thank you, for showing your support to me, including the four more years. To Drew Pavlica, I have to mention something here about our Clerk, Drew Pavlica. I was fortunate enough, I didn't think it was a good thing, because it was 8:00 in the morning and that meant I had to drive 6:00 in the morning from Garfield all the way to Atlantic City to see him being sworn in as the President of the Clerk's

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Association, but it was very fortunate for me, because as I said to Drew, when I asked him, if he would swear me in. I'm very fortunate that I have only two sisters left. I had three sisters, but I never had a brother. Drew, in front of the entire State of New Jersey, addresses me as a brother. Well, I felt very warm and fuzzy over that. I didn't actually see the similarity, quite frankly, but I appreciated that, and the one thing I learned after being here since 1996, you want to find anyone who will call you brother, you want to hold on to that person. So Drew, thank you for swearing me in. I just want to say briefly, a few things about change. Since 1996, a lot has changed in Garfield, my beard was black, my weight was less, the town was different. The issues were substantially different. What we thought we were facing, now it's been something that we didn't see coming half the time, but without question, the City staff, the people that we have that are working in the City, some have changed, some have been replaced, some are new, not the issue. The commitment and the level that the people, at this day, have had and the arguments that we continue to fight, have never become the issue. The issue is, can change be made better. Can the change that City is experiencing, be the change that we need. We went from hi-fi to wi-fi. We went from rotary phones to digital phones. Now we have an issue, we are using phones, too much and too often, in cars, and this has been only since 1996. We are talking about all the changes that have occurred in our town from our contamination, to our social issues. We are talking about the improvements that we have made from Passaic Street, to River Drive, and everywhere in between. I remember when we used to look at things and say, why are they that way? Now we are looking at things, and saying, what else can happen? That's the change that the City is experiencing. That's the change that I am so proud to be a part of. That's the change that I am so grateful that you as a City have put me here from 16 to 20 years of service. I've tried to miss as little as possible. I've tried to be here as often as I can, and I promise you, that for the next four years, my level of commitment will never change. Thank you and God Bless."

Councilmember Calandriello said, "Good Afternoon everyone. It is good to see you here today. I would like to welcome all my friends and family. I would like to acknowledge Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Congressman Pascrell, Senator Nellie Pou, Senator Sarlo, Assemblyman Wimberly, Assemblywoman Sumter, Monsignor Reilly, Father Szpiech, Rev. Stephens and Father Peter Palmisano, my Pastor. Welcome to the City of Garfield. It is an honor to have you all here today. I would like to thank all the residents who supported me in this election. To serve as an official in the City of Garfield is a challenging and rewarding experience. To have been the Mayor for the past twelve years is the greatest job and has been an honor that I will cherish the rest of my life. This past election, I can honestly say has been a very tough one to get through. Since my opponents focused on the Passaic Valley issue, I feel compelled to address that today. As you all know, the Governor, who was seeking reform, requested my resignation along with other Commissioners from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. I respectfully gave him what he requested, as he is the appointing power. NEVER was there any criminal charges or State ethics charges filed against me. My record in politics is clean. My voting record in both the City of Garfield and Passaic Valley stands for itself. I am proud of my voting record and my stance in fighting abuses in government. In the time since I have resigned from Passaic Valley, I have personally spoken to the Director, Mr. Wayne Forrest, who was hand picked by the Governor. He stated that he and his staff had been going through Passaic Valley Resolutions and he determined that I had voted the right way. I had asked him if he had shared this with the Governor's office and he stated he did. It is important to me that the residents understand this and will continue to have faith in me, as their elected official. What happened to me at Passaic Valley, in my opinion, was unfair, but when you are a politician, it is par for the course. Sometimes you just have to move on and fortunately, thanks to the voters of Garfield, I am able to do so. I was not defeated, and, against all odds in this past election, which I would describe as the worst election I have ever been involved in, I am still standing. I'm still here and I will continue voting in the best interest for the people of this City. It is truly a privilege to serve and I am grateful to continue, as your Councilman, with continued honesty and integrity. I am proud to have, just recently, received the honor of being inducted into the NJ League of Municipalities Mayoral Hall of Fame.

I would now like to give you a list of some accomplishments of the City Administration during my time as Mayor of Garfield:

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Over 70 roadways, totaling 22 miles, (out of 54 City owned miles), were paved. Many roadways were done with grant funding which also covered curbs, sidewalks, and related improvements. Projects totaling \$8 million and grants totaling \$6.5 million.

We have a new project, currently out for bid, to do another \$700,000.00 in roads, with \$200,000.00 in grants.

In recreation, we have park improvements to multiple parks, totaling \$9 million in improvements and \$8 million in grants.

We will be finalizing a 5,000 foot long river park and bikeway along the Passaic River in August of this year.

As far as our water utilities, we have made improvements, totaling \$9 million dollars, including improvement to our now state-of-the art water facility in Elmwood Park, which, with the opening of Wells 8R and 8C, will allow us to be at 100% capacity of providing water to the City instead of purchasing water from Passaic Valley Water, in essence saving the taxpayers millions of dollars.

In the year 2001, we established our Redevelopment Authority and have designated a total of 64 acres on properties such as Vornado, Walmart, Garden State Paper, C-Mor, Kalama Chemical and Sketchley, which are premeditating Brownfields, providing good ratables and jobs to the City, not to mention developer's contributions to the Agency and City, totaling over \$5 million, once approvals are given.

We have also brought in thousands of dollars in funds from other municipalities such as Franklin Lakes, Montvale and Rochelle Park, relieving them of their responsibility of affordable housing, in reference to Mt. Laurel funding and COAH. These are loans that would turn into grants after five years in the increments of \$25,000.00 dollars each. These funds afford the residents the opportunity to repair their homes, when otherwise, no funds would be available.

The Garfield Railroad Station on Outwater Lane has been completed.

I am happy to report that, at the present time, the City has an A-1 Bond Rating, and the City Council budget has remained within the 2% cap, mandated by the Governor, and I am proud of the fact that we have one of the lowest property taxes in Bergen County.

At the adoption of our 2012 Budget, we have over \$6 million dollars on hand, providing financial stability for the City taxpayers.

We have had very difficult times. In response to challenges in relation to the Malik Williams tragedy, we are currently working together as a community through our Pastoral Council meetings and outreach program, to prevent a tragedy such as this, from ever occurring, again.

In relation to the chromium spill, the EPA has been working diligently on the clean up, taking over where the DEP has failed, and with the Superfund designation, at least the residents of this City will have some hope.

As Mayor, I was given the opportunity to perform wedding ceremonies which allowed me to donate the proceeds to various charities and churches, in which thousands of dollars have helped many organizations with their needs. This was something that gave me much pleasure.

I would like to acknowledge City Manager Tom Duch, Deputy Manager/City Clerk Drew Pavlica, Diane Rosolen, Mary Delahanty, CFO Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, Leanne Surma, Mary Danis, Pat Esposito along with all the City Hall employees, for assisting me with my role as Mayor. My thanks goes out to the Garfield Police Department and our great Garfield Volunteer Firemen for their hard work and dedication to the City. Thanks to Michael Marsh and his staff for their professionalism, during difficult times, for their endless dedication. Thanks to our DPW Superintendent, Sam Garofalo, and his excellent crews, for all their hard work. Thanks to

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Tony Furfaro, Recreation Director, and his staff, for their hard work. Thanks to the Library and Planning Boards for their dedication to the City.

To our City Attorneys, the Honorable Joseph Rotolo and the Honorable Joseph Randazzo, I wish you both the very best in the future. You both will be sorely missed by myself and the City. Your professionalism will be hard to match. Thank you both for your dedication.

I am blessed to have good, genuine friends, and a wonderful family. Thank you to Mickey and Paulie who are like a brother and sister to me, Millie, Breanne, Pat, Butchie, Pamela, Paulie, Mike, Pegeen, Matthew, Jay, Aunt Jennie, Aunt Angie, Vera Johannamon and late husband Jack.

Also my wonderful parents, Frank and Marlene, who I miss dearly every day.

I would also like to thank my running mates in this past election, Councilman Louis Aloia, Dr. Donna Koch, and Nick Milevski. I would like to acknowledge some of my friends who had worked tirelessly on my campaign, Joe and Lesley Iapichella, Noel, Angel and Mark Anthony Quiles, Ariel Romero, Paul Calandriello/Campaign Manager, along with everyone else, who gave their time and effort. I can never thank you enough for your support. I would not be sitting here today without your help. Thank you all.

Finally, I would like to thank my son, Frankie, and my wife, Joni. Frankie, you are a great son. You are my life. I am proud of how you volunteer your time to Garfield, coaching Garfield Boilermaker Football, Little league and Garfield Basketball. I am very proud of the way you handled yourself, all these years, in a life of politics. Joni, thank you for all your support both to myself and my dad, for the past 30 years. You are always right there, by my side, and we will be celebrating our 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, soon. As a Mayor's wife, especially these days, with all the blogs which have spread lies and distortions, it's not easy, and I am blessed and grateful to have you as my wife. I could not do this without you.

Thank you, everyone, again. It is truly an honor to serve the residents of Garfield."

Councilmember Raymond said, "And they say I talk a lot. The timer used to go on, Frank, when I used to get up and speak as a citizen. I'm going to try to make this brief. Thanks to Father Peter, Father Ed, Pastor Ron and Monsignor Reilly, for coming here, today. Lieutenant Governor Kim, you are a dear friend. You'll always be a dear friend, and I'm here for you, the way you're here for me, and I really do appreciate you leaving your family to come here, today. Congressman Pascrell, Senator Sarlo, Senator Nellie Pou, Assembly people, thank you so much for coming. Let me first start, and I'm going to try to make it as brief as I can. I want to say thank you to my son, Dr. Christian Raymond. He is a man that any mother would be proud to call her son and, of course, to my grandson, my best little campaigner who was out on the street corner, with his umbrella, in the rain, going up to people, "would you please vote for my grandma?", and when they wouldn't take his card, he said, they must be with the bad group. I am so proud of the campaign we ran. We took the high road. We didn't get into gutter politics. We stuck to issues and stayed on track. I would like to thank Debra Lavin, my campaign manager, and someone who has been a loyal friend for many years. My girlfriend, Joyce, who started Kindergarten with me, she was my treasurer, another loyal, true friend. Iggy Tripodi, who was the Campaign Coordinator, who kept me on track when I started to waiver a little bit. To the other candidates, Tony Lio, Jack Mazzola, I see Romi Herrera, thank you, thank you for your courage to put your name in, to run, and go through a campaign. It's not easy, but we did have a lot of fun. There were ups, there were downs, but we survived. To the Doctors Conte, Dr. Ken and Dr. Dan, I thank them so much for their support, for standing by me and, of course, offering me your wonderful restaurant, Goodfellas, late at night when we would be so hungry and tired, after campaigning. They were always very hospitable. To my family, my wonderful Aunts, my Aunt Francis Cappeolli, my Aunt Rita LaMonica, and my cousin, my Godchild, Theresa, and my cousin that are here --- they came from Eastern Pennsylvania to be here with me, today. I really do appreciate it. I love you all very much and you brought some of Mother here, too. I thank you so much for coming, too. To all the Board Members and my School District colleagues, who worked so hard in the trenches on election day and, of course, to the dear seniors that have always been so loyal, and to all my friends and citizens and voters of this town, that

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helped me to get elected to serve you another four years, I say thank you very much. The torch has been passed. It's been passed to a new era. The voters have spoken and they voted for a change. They voted for a change in leadership, and the direction this town will go. Change will come, but of course, change comes slow. We need to crawl before we run. We need to make wise choices. We need to give issues a lot of thought. We have a lot of important issues facing our town and we have some tough choices to make, but I'm always up for the challenge. Everyone sitting here has different views for the betterment of this City. I'm looking forward to working with everyone, sharing my views and hoping that we can come together for a productive four years. Glenn, the newest Councilmember, I want to welcome you to the Council. It's going to be an honor to serve with you, a man that has dedicated so much to this community and I am so happy that this Council did not appoint a special candidate to sit up here and we let the voters choose, that's the way it should be. I would like to see some major changes, but we need to address the important issues first. Our community is diverse. It's changing and we have to make decisions to bring our community together while always keeping our taxpayers in mind. I would like to see more citizens involved in local government. You have every right to know what's going on in your government. We need your input. Any changes we make have to include keeping the taxes affordable. That's why it's going to take long-time discussions and we had many in the last four years. We don't always agree but we do exchange ideas and hopefully I think it was about 90% of the time we did come out all on the same page. I just have to bring up a couple things that I would like to see while we have our Federal and State Legislators here. We need help with the homes on the Superfund site. These people have lost their property values --- they have plunged. We are going to need help to give them some relief. I feel we need to restructure our water billing system. This has been a pet peeve of mine for the last four years. I would like to see the billing come back into town, so we can base your sewer tax, on your usage. Right now, it is disproportionate, that would be the fair way to do it, and of course, Kevin has promised us that our wells will be up and running by the end of this year. Correct Kevin? I look forward to working closer with the Board of Education, so that we can have some shared services, and by the way, I'm so happy to see our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Perrapato, thank you so much for coming, today. We also have many Board Members in the audience --- that's really a good thing. We are looking forward to working closely with our School District, our School Administrators, so maybe, we can share some services. We already entered into one project where we will be sharing the payment, this will save you money. These are the things we need to look to do, make the most of our dollar, in this economy. I would like to see our Council Meetings televised, to give every resident the opportunity to see their government at work and, by the way, I already spoke to somebody that has offered to help us do that, at no cost to the City. We must address the absentee landlord problem --- that's a big issue in this town. We are up at 68% absentee landlords. When people don't live in the town, they really don't care about their homes. They rent, they collect their rent and they leave. We need to do something to encourage owner occupy buyers, maybe as a way of an incentive. I brought this up four years ago. We really didn't get a chance to address it, but I'm planning to make it one of our priorities this time. I would also like to see and I'm going to work very hard with whoever I can, we want to bring back our Memorial Day Parade. Every other community honors their Veterans. There is no reason why Garfield should not honor ours. Our fireworks display, we have to find a way to get that back in to order for next year. So many people have come to me and asked me why we don't have it. And lastly, of course, an issue that's very close to my heart, eventually in the next four years, I would love to see a volunteer animal shelter and a small animal shelter, manned by volunteers where we can get stray animals off the street, safe and maybe get them adopted into loving homes. We already started discussing this, and hopefully, this will come to be, in the next four years. We have a lot of work ahead and I'm ready to get started. We are very fortunate. Mr. Duch, I've known you when you were first Mayor, Mrs. Gray and I knew you a very long time, but you had to pass the Tana Raymond test for me, and you did with flying colors. I have learned to respect you, your experience, your leadership and your knowledge is one of the biggest assets in our City, and we are blessed to have you as our City Manager. I can assure you, in this administration, Mr. Duch will be the Captain of the ship. You give us far beyond what is expected of you and I thank you sincerely for that. I will continue to be a strong voice to fight for what I think is right for you. I can't promise you that we will make every problem go away and make this a perfect Garfield but I do promise you a transparent and honest government. Thanks again for your support and please

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remember us in your prayers. Pray for us that we get guidance from God in our decisions and the knowledge to make the right decision. God Bless you all. Thank you very much.”

Councilmember Delaney said, “You know, I had at least ten pages written, with a speech, and I also promised the guys on Harrison Avenue that I would get them back in time for their Italy game today, the soccer match, which is very important, and plus, my Aunts and Uncles have to get back to Pennsylvania, before the traffic gets bad on Route 80. So, I just want to throw the whole speech out the window. We are going to go with the top ten list. First of all, I just want to especially thank our good leadership in the State of New Jersey. We do have a lot of powerful, influential people here, and they are not here to see my new suit. It’s a nice suit, believe me, but they’re here because Garfield has a lot of important matters going on and they are going to help us out. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and coming here spending your busy holiday week coming up before us. And for our Religious guests, before I came here today, I was able to attend 10:30 AM Mass at Most Holy Name Church, Monsignor Reilly, and I took a walk with him, you can’t go wrong. Before I get all stupid and emotional, I got to thank my family, first. My beautiful wife, Yvette, my son, Joey, who caught the same cold as my Senator, he is here, he is in the back, and my beautiful daughter, Erin. My three step children, I’m not their father, they actually call me sport, but they are my kids, you know. And I love them with all my heart. Sisters, who are the best sisters a kid could have, my sister, Cindy, and her husband, Joe. If Joe has a smile on, I know he is ok. They also have a first grandchild named Delaney. We got my sister, Noreen, and their kids. Kenny looks a lot like me, if you see him in the back, whenever he gets mad at me, he goes around Garfield. He’s a little more gray up top and a little less hair up top. My brother Gene, alright, my Dad had seven kids, all Democrats, except for one, Gene. That’s why he moved to Pennsylvania. My beautiful sister, Maggie, who is like a mom to me, who is always there for me, and her husband, and let’s thank those two kids that led the Pledge of Allegiance. Now my brother, Michael, who actually came to his first fundraiser, this year, in sneakers without a check. And, of course, my baby sister, Kellyann, who’s to my dad, always called her baby, and always will be. To my brother, Richie, and his wife, Amy, who I was honored when they asked me to be Godfather to their son Richard. To my Aunts and Uncles who traveled from the Democratic State of Massachusetts, they moved to Cape Cod to be closer to the Kennedy’s, so this way, I had a place to go, too. My Aunt Peggy and my Aunt Ann, my Aunt Rose, My Uncle Billy, my campaign manager, Lou Ann Visotcky, who, because of Lou Ann, me and her ran and won in the two hardest elections I ever ran, alright, and I believe, I ran ten elections. I ran a lot of times, and Lou Ann Visotcky was there for me for the two biggest ones, and without her help, I would never have did it. My Web designer, Hank, I can’t think of another name, so I call him a Web Designer, all the members of the Board of Education --- we had a rough Board of Education Election before ours, but the thing with Tommy Barckett, Chuck Nucifora, Jeff Stewart, you started the campaign off and we finished it. I want to thank you. My good brother, Dr. Ken, my good brother, my good brother Dr. Ken, alright, Gary Pops and everybody, Sal Benanti and everyone else from that Charlie Blood’s gang, where we worked so hard every night, and we come out victorious. To the running mates, Tony Lio, Tony, he was victorious but with Tony, I tell you, we had a good time. Romi Herrera, Romi Herrera was the first Hispanic person to run for Council in the City of Garfield. He didn’t win, but you know what, sooner or later, there is going to be a Hispanic person. Romi, there are four more years. My buddy, Rafael Gomez, and all my friends from Most Holy Name Church, Rosa Rodriguez Anestos, Jack Mazzola, another running mate, and I, just have so many people to thank. All the firemen from Company No. Two, who made me honorary member. All the volunteer firemen in the City of Garfield, thank you for everything that you do, we will be behind you forever, you got my word. To all the coaching staff, and every volunteer, I’ve been coaching since 1977, that’s a pretty long time. Garfield has the most to offer any youth, I believe, in any City around here, and it’s because of the volunteer coaches, the Boys Club, and the Girls Softball League, the Boilermakers, and without our volunteers, we would never have such a great City, and I thank you. And, especially, for the voters who elected me over 20 years, it’s a long time. But I thank the voters and I promise I won’t promise you that I’ll be the best Mayor or the best Councilman, but I promise, I’ll try to be the best Mayor, try to be the best Councilman. Thank you so much.”

At this time, City Manager Duch recognized the various dignitaries and Office Holders in attendance who were not mentioned during the comments of the Councilmembers.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Clerk Pavlica announced “The vote for Mayor will now take place. This vote is being held pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:81-7 which states that the Mayor shall be chosen by ballot by majority vote of all members of the City Council. To become Mayor, one Councilmember needs to attain at least three affirmative votes. Ballots marked ABSTAIN do not count as an affirmative vote. Councilmembers may vote for themselves.”

City Clerk Pavlica handed each Councilmember preprinted ballots, on which the Councilmembers marked their choices for Mayor and on which they signed their names. City Clerk Pavlica collected the ballots and announced:

“Councilmember Mati casts his ballot for Joseph Delaney  
Councilmember Aloia casts his ballot for Joseph Delaney  
Councilmember Calandriello casts his ballot for Joseph Delaney.  
Councilmember Raymond casts her ballot for Joseph Delaney  
Councilmember Delaney casts his ballot for Joseph Delaney.”

City Clerk Pavlica announced that the tally was five votes for Joseph Delaney and he declared that Joseph Delaney was elected Mayor of the City of Garfield.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE MAYOR

With his father, Joseph P. Delaney, wife, Yvette, his son, Joseph, and his daughter, Erin, at his side holding the Bible, Joseph Delaney was administered the Official Oath of Office as Mayor of the City of Garfield by Congressman William Pascrell. After Mayor Joseph Delaney returned to his seat, City Clerk Pavlica presented him with the gavel and Mayor Delaney chaired the meeting from this point forward.

At this time a Congressman William Pascrell made a Special Presentation and gave a small gift to Mayor Delaney.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR DELANEY

Mayor Delaney Said that he would like to say a few words. Mayor Delaney said, “I would like to tell you a quick story. There was a guy by the name of Joseph Paul Delaney Jr., in the town of Plymouth. His father was a coalminer. There was a woman by the name of Ann Marie Featherstone, who was born to a milkman, both of them had, I believe, Pop, had four siblings, and Mom had two and, you know what, the majority of them are here, today. The family sticks together. The family is the main root of everything. And then, so they moved to Garfield. In the City of Garfield, they started a business, a catering business, which feeds people and they also started a family, and before you knew it, they had more kids than they had catering trucks. They had seven kids. Seven kids sleeping in a two bedroom apartment, above the shop where Mom and Dad made sandwiches every morning, at 2 o’clock, in the morning to support the seven kids. But you know what, we got along so good, it was seven kids in a two family apartment. That is where we started, and that’s where I learned where, it’s giving is where you receive. We had a Christmas, one time, where we kids all got bikes. Remember that Dad? And I’ll tell you, the kids were happy as anything, but my Mom was smiling more than the kids, and I looked at my Mom and asked her how come you’re happy we got the bikes from Santa Claus? She said, well, sometimes, its better to give than to receive. And it’s in giving that you receive. And, in growing up, as my Dad’s son, everyone knows that my Dad fed more people in Paterson, Passaic, Garfield and Clifton and half the time the people didn’t pay. No problem. Any time the Fire Department asked for food on Memorial Day, my father cut his vacation short and gave the Fire Department food. That’s what we did. That was the way I was brought up. That’s what was built into me because of my Mom and my Dad. Giving, then you receive, and that’s what I want to give to the City of Garfield. Believe me, I have given over twenty years of public life, but I received so much back. Even if it’s a text from a coach saying “Good luck in your game”, or the PBA telling him, Joe your going to be a good Mayor. I have three people here, Joey Lieberman, Joey Nicasastro and Tom Gilhooley, all four of us

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COMMENTS BY MAYOR DELANEY

went to Holy Name School together, and we are still friends, and they are here, today, to wish me luck, and that's what you find in Garfield. You might leave Garfield, but you're not going to take Garfield out of you. If you're born and raised in Garfield, you're here for the rest of your life. I'm here to give so much, and I know I will get back ten fold. I know the reason I have that is because of the guy right there in the wheelchair, Joseph Paul Delaney, Jr. I would like to thank my beautiful wife, Yvette, for twenty years, she has been putting up with me. There is not a guy in here that has a better wife than me. I would like to thank my real campaign managers, my daughter, Erin Noreen Delaney, and Joseph Paul Delaney the 4<sup>th</sup>, my son, Joey. I know I'm taking up a lot of time, but this is it, I'm done. My first official act as Mayor of the Great City of Garfield, I would like to present someone with the Key to the City, my Dad, Joseph Paul Delaney Jr. Thank you to everyone, thank you to Glenn, to Louie, to Frank and to Tana. Thank you for your confidence in me. I hope I do serve you well. Also, in our form of government, I will be proud to share my term with the first woman Mayor Tana, you're the best."

SPECIAL BLESSING

Monsignor William Reilly, the Pastor of Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church, offered a Special Blessing.

At this time Councilmember Raymond made a short presentation and gave a small gift to Mayor Delaney.

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Resolution No. 12-203

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield wishes to elect a councilmember to act as Deputy Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayor shall serve according to State Law and City Ordinance in the absence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to establish a procedure for selection of a member of the Council to serve in the event that neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor are present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Tana M. Raymond be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield;
2. In the event that both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are absent from any meeting, the remaining three members of the Council shall, at the beginning of said meeting, select a Councilperson from among them to preside over that meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all the members of the governing body, the City Manager and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Nays 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Tana M. Raymond

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR

With her family at her side holding the Bible, Tana M. Raymond was administered the Official Oath of Office as Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno.

COMMENTS BY DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

Deputy Mayor Raymond, said, "Thank you so much. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno so much for coming today. It will be my honor to serve with Joe Delaney as the Mayor. The Delaney Family has been an integral part of this community. They are truly good people. To Papa Delaney, I prayed very hard for you to see this day with your son the Mayor and it happened. I am so grateful to the Lord. I have to say to you, you and your wife have raised a beautiful family. Your children are all very compassionate good people. God Bless you all. And I give my word to this community to serve with honesty and integrity, as I have in the past. I am always available, if you need my phone number, just call the police station and they will give you my number, and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve you. Thank you so much."

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Resolution No. 12-204

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the order of call of said Council shall be as follows:

1. Frank J. Calandriello
2. Louis G. Aloia
3. Tana M. Raymond
4. Glenn A. Mati
5. Joseph Delaney

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-205

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, chapter 21, P.L. 1975, requires that notice of the annual meetings shall be submitted to, at least, two newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper, and

WHEREAS, the other such newspaper must be one which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this City of such meeting,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following newspapers are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings required under the Open Public Meetings Act: The Bergen Record, the Hearld News, the Community News and Our Town.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-206

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Duch, Esq. has served the City of Garfield in the capacity as City Manager since September 15, 2003 and has done so in a professional manner and has clearly demonstrated that his continued service is in the best interests of the City of Garfield; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Thomas J. Duch, Esq. of Wyckoff, New Jersey be and is hereby reappointed to the position of City Manager for the City of Garfield to commence for a term of four (4) years commencing on July 1, 2012 and continuing until July 1, 2016;
2. The annual salary for this position shall be as set forth in the appropriate Salary Ordinance to be adopted or amended by the City Council;

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3. Thomas J. Duch, Esq. shall be required to execute a Contract which shall outline all of the duties and obligations of this position and shall also specifically describe all entitlements, financial and otherwise. The agreement shall provide, inter alia, for the extent of terminal leave, vacation days, personal days and other benefits which are paid upon his retirement from this position.
4. The duties of the City Manager shall be those which are set forth and described in N.J.S.A. 40:82-4 as well as the Code of the City of Garfield and shall include the following:
  - a. Be the Chief Executive and Administrative Official of the municipality;
  - b. Compile and submit to the Municipal Council the tentative annual budget;
  - c. Execute all laws and ordinances of the municipality;
  - d. Appoint and remove all department heads and all other officers, subordinates, and assistants for whose selection or removal no other method is provided in this subtitle, supervise and control his appointees, and report all appointments or removals at the next meeting thereafter of the municipal council;
  - e. Negotiate contracts for the municipality subject to the approval of the Municipal Council, make recommendations concerning the nature and location of municipal improvements, and execute municipal improvements as determined by the municipal council;
  - f. See that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the municipality or its inhabitants in any statute, public utility franchise or other contracts are faithfully kept and performed, and upon knowledge of any violation, call the same to the attention of the municipal.
  - g. Attend all meeting of the Municipal Council with the right to take part in the discussions, but without the right to vote;
  - h. Recommend to the Municipal Council for adoption such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient, and make reports to the Council as requested by it, and at least once a year, make an annual report of his work for the benefit of the Council and the public;
  - i. Investigate at any time, the affairs of any officer or department of the municipality;
  - j. Perform such other duties as may be required of the Municipal Manager by ordinance or resolution of the Municipal Council;
  - k. All those duties and responsibilities set forth in Section 49-1 et seg. of the Code of the City of Garfield.
5. Mayor Joseph Delaney be and is hereby authorized to execute a Contract with the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, Esq. in the form approved by the City Attorney, John J. Bruno, Jr., Esq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to forward certified copies to Thomas J. Duch, Esq., the Payroll Department and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-207

WHEREAS, there exists the need for legal services to be rendered to the City of Garfield;  
WHEREAS, John J. Bruno, Jr., a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 261 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07050, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; possesses the skills, knowledge and training necessary to serve in the capacity as City Attorney for the City of Garfield;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield has reviewed its needs for legal services and has made a determination that it will be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Garfield to appoint a City Attorney;

WHEREAS, the compensation for professional services to be rendered may exceed the maximum permissible amount specified in the Public Contract Law, but said services constitute "professional services" exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a

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recognized profession, rendered or performed by a person whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance thereof requires knowledge of an advanced type in the field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, as distinguished from general academic training, instruction or apprenticeship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that John J. Bruno, Jr. Esq. be and is hereby appointed and shall serve as City Attorney for the City of Garfield for a term beginning July 1, 2012 and continuing until July 1, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid attorney shall be paid a salary only, without medical benefits, and without which shall be inclusive of all services rendered in his respective positions, on behalf of the City of Garfield, which salary shall be set forth in the applicable Salary Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, John J. Bruno, Jr, Esq., as City Attorney, shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Mayor and Council, prepare all resolutions and ordinances, review legal aspects of bidding and public contracts, prepare public contracts, consult with the Mayor and Council, City Manager and department heads on all legal matters, and shall report to the City Manager; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid attorney shall execute a contract with the City of Garfield confirming the terms set forth herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of the within Resolution to John J. Bruno, Jr., Esq., the City Manager and the Payroll Department of the City of Garfield. The City Clerk is further directed to publish the appropriate notice of the award of this contract in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Nays 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-208

WHEREAS, there exists the need for Special Litigation/Labor Counsel services to be rendered to the City of Garfield;

WHEREAS, John J. Lavin, Esq. a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 946 Main Street, Hackensack, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey possesses the skills, knowledge and training necessary to serve in the capacity as Special Litigation/Labor Counsel for the City of Garfield;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield has reviewed its needs for legal services and has made a determination that it will be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Garfield to appoint a Special Litigation/Labor Counsel;

WHEREAS, the compensation for professional services to be rendered may exceed the maximum permissible amount specified in the Public Contract Law, but said services constitute “professional services” exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, rendered or performed by a person whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance thereof requires knowledge of an advanced type in the field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, as distinguished from general academic training, instruction or apprenticeship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that John J. Lavin, Esq. be and is hereby appointed and shall serve as Special Litigation /Labor Counsel for the City of Garfield for a beginning term July 1, 2012 and continuing until July 1, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid attorney shall be paid a salary only, without medical benefits, which shall be inclusive of all services rendered in their respective positions on behalf of the City of Garfield, which salary shall be set forth in the applicable Salary Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and John J. Lavin, Esq. as Special Litigation/Labor Counsel shall handle, on behalf of the City of Garfield, all personnel matters including all disciplinary actions

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against employees, shall handle all labor negotiations when special counsel is not appointed; shall handle all litigation on behalf of the City which is not covered pursuant to applicable policies of insurance; shall prepare all labor contracts and shall consult with the City Manager with regard to all personnel related or labor related issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid attorney shall execute a contract with the City of Garfield confirming the terms set forth herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of the within Resolution to John J. Lavin, Esq., the City Manager and the Payroll Department of the City of Garfield. The City Clerk is further directed to publish the appropriate notice of the award of this contract in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Nays 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

BENEDICTION

Father Edward Szepeich, the Pastor of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, offered a Special Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:10 PM, there being no further business, Deputy Mayor Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK