

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:15 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Joseph Delaney presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica 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.

Councilmembers Present: Frank J. Calandriello, Louis G. Aloia, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno) and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi) (for City Engineer Kevin Boswell)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Raymond moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held last night. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 12-469

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Ignatowski Mateusz Rafal of 14 Maitland Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a Junior Member, effective October 1, 2012, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-470

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Brian Sheppard of 38 Morrell Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective November 5, 2012, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-471

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Shannon Wolfson of 38 Morrell Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective November 5, 2012, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 12-472

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the following resolutions in connection with membership on the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board: 88-365, 88-446, 88-470, 89-5, 89-437, 91-240, 02-196, 04-239, 05-167 and 11-225, and

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, City Historian Elizabeth Gray has forwarded a letter dated December 10, 2012, making recommendations for appointment of an additional member to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Leane Surma, 22 Steinberg Avenue, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Elizabeth Gray.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-473

WHEREAS, James Krone was appointed to the Housing Authority of the City of Garfield pursuant to Resolution No. 07-223, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held August 14, 2007, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expired October 19, 2012,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Marie Barckett of 183 Lincoln Place, Garfield, New Jersey, is hereby appointed to the Housing Authority of the City of Garfield, effective immediately, to succeed James Krone, for a full five year term, said term to expire October 19, 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,

Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-474

WHEREAS, there are numerous police disciplinary matters currently pending that require a hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized and empowered by State Law and local ordinance to delegate his authority to preside over police disciplinary hearings; and

WHEREAS, in the City's best interest to appoint a neutral and experienced hearing officer to preside over the police disciplinary hearings; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the City's Special Litigation and Labor Counsel and the City Manager, the City wishes to appoint the Hon. Robert R. Guida, J.S.C. (Ret.) as hearing officer for all pending police disciplinary matters; and

WHEREAS, the City has evaluated the anticipated amount of work that the hearing officer will amount to less than \$17,500.00;

WHEREAS, acting as a hearing officer in police discipline matters constitutes legal services as defined by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law and is therefore exempt from public bidding requirements but a copy of this resolution will be published in the City's official newspapers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services contract with the Hon. Robert R. Guida, J.S.C. (Ret.). as discussed herein where he shall be authorized act as hearing officer for all police disciplinary matters pending in the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hon. Robert R. Guida, J.S.C. (Ret.). shall be compensated \$300.00 per hour, to be billed by the tenth of an hour; for his services as hearing officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall cause to be published notice of the award of the Professional Services Contract as required by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,

Abstain 1 - Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 12-475

WHEREAS, John Lavin, Esq. was appointed Special Litigation/Labor Counsel pursuant to Resolution No. 12-208 adopted by the City Council at a meeting held Sunday, July 1, 2012, and WHEREAS, John Lavin, Esq., as Special Litigation/Labor Counsel is obligated to handle on behalf of the City of Garfield, all personnel matters including all disciplinary actions against employees, handle all labor negotiations when special counsel is not appointed; handle all litigation on behalf of the City which is not covered pursuant to applicable policies of insurance; prepare all labor contracts and consult with the City Manager with regard to all personnel related or labor related issues, and shall handle all real estate tax appeals, and WHEREAS, John Lavin, Esq., is to be paid a salary only, without medical benefits, which shall be inclusive of all services rendered in his respective positions on behalf of the City of Garfield, and said salary is to be set forth immediately after said appointment, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the salary of John Lavin., Esq., as Special Litigation/Labor Counsel is hereby established as \$71,600.00 per annum, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper offices are hereby authorized and directed to set forth said salary in the applicable salary ordinance, and to rescind Resolution No. 12-221. FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to John Lavin, Esq., the City Manager, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, the Payroll Clerk and the City Auditor.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-476

WHEREAS, John J. Bruno, Jr., Esq. was appointed City Attorney pursuant to Resolution No. 12-207 adopted by the City Council at a meeting held Sunday, July 1, 2012, and WHEREAS, John J. Bruno, Esq., as City Attorney, is obligated to attend all regular and special meetings of the City 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 WHEREAS, John J. Bruno, Esq., is to be paid a salary only, without medical benefits, which shall be inclusive of all services rendered in his respective positions on behalf of the City of Garfield, and said salary is to be set forth immediately after said appointment, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the salary of John J. Bruno, Jr., Esq., as City Attorney is hereby established as \$52,000.00 per annum, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper offices are hereby authorized and directed to set forth said salary in the applicable salary ordinance, FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to John J. Bruno, Jr. Esq., the City Manager, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, the Payroll Clerk and the City Auditor.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-477

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following is the list of regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council for the year 2013, with Work Sessions and Regular Meetings commences at 7:00PM, except when a Legal Holiday, Election or Special Occasion is involved as listed:

Friday	January	04,	2013	Fire Chiefs and Firematic Officers Installation at 7:00PM
Monday	January	07,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	January	08,	2013	Regular Meeting
Tuesday	January	22,	2013	Work Session at 6:00 PM Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM (Change due to Martin Luther King Holiday)
Monday	February	11,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	February	12,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	February	25,	2013	Work Session

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Tuesday	February	26,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	March	11,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	March	12,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	March	25,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	March	26,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	April	08,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	April	09,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	April	22,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	April	23,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	May	13,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	May	14,	2013	Regular Meeting
Tuesday	May	28,	2013	Work Session at 6:00 PM Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM (Change due to Memorial Day Holiday)
Monday	June	10,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	June	11,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	June	24,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	June	25,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	July	08,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	July	09,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	July	22,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	July	23,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	August	12,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	August	13,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	August	26,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	August	27,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	September	09,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	September	10,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	September	23,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	September	24,	2013	Regular Meeting
Tuesday	October	15,	2013	Work Session at 6:00 PM Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM (Change due to Columbus Day Holiday)
Monday	October	28,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	October	29,	2013	Regular Meeting
Tuesday	November	12,	2013	Work Session at 6:00 PM Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM (Change due to Veterans Day)
Monday	November	25,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	November	26,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	December	09,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	December	10,	2013	Regular Meeting
Monday	December	16,	2013	Work Session
Tuesday	December	17,	2013	Regular Meeting

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved resolution to all the official City newspapers and to cause to have copies posted on the bulletin boards in City Hall and at the Garfield Free Public Library.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 12-478

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY AUDIT PROGRAM GRANT RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO DLGS AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to apply for a Local Government Energy Audit Program grant from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Office of Clean Energy in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of conducting an energy audit; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has previously submitted Part A of the Application to the Office of Clean Energy and has completed Part B of the Application, including scope of work; solicitation of quotations from vendors; a recommendation and cost proposal from Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 who has been determined to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and facility data forms for each facility to be audited; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was issued under State Contract #T2545.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon notice of the Board of Public Utilities' Office of Clean Energy, the City of Garfield herewith accepts the award of a grant to conduct an energy audit in the amount of \$100,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is requested to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2013 in the sum of \$100,000.00 which is anticipated to be available from the Office of Clean Energy from the aforementioned Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$100,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption DPW O/E; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$100,000.00 representing the amount required for the City of Garfield share of the aforementioned undertaking appears in the 2012 budget under the caption of DPW O/E and is hereby appropriated under the caption of DPW O/E; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the Notice of Award from the Office of Clean Energy the City of Garfield is authorized to enter into a contract with successful vendors pursuant to the proposal received for said services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the service are ordered, and a separate certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of Part A and cover sheets of Part B Forms of the Local Government Energy Audit Program grant application be annexed hereto and a copy be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services with this resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 12-479

Resolution Authorizing Refund of Taxes

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 provides that properties owned and occupied by educational, religious and charitable organizations are to be exempt from real property taxation; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 provides for the refund of taxes previously collected in connection with such properties which would have been exempt had proper claim in writing been made; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 46 Grand Street, Block 53 Lot 1, was acquired by the Albanian American Islamic Center on December 30, 2010 and has been used as a parking lot for the adjacent Mosque and Community Center since the date of acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has exempted the property from taxation for 2013 after reviewing and approving an Initial Statement filed on March 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that the property would have been exempted for Years 2011 and 2012 had proper claim in writing been made; and

WHEREAS, the amount in taxes billed for the property in 2011 was \$1,549.94 and in 2012 was \$1577.50;

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. A Tax Refund in the amount of \$1,549.94 representing taxes collected for 2011 is hereby authorized for the Albanian American Islamic Center.
2. Taxes in the amount of \$1,577.50 representing taxes billed for 2012 are hereby forgiven for the Albanian American Islamic Center.
3. The property in question is located at 46 Grand Street, Garfield, New Jersey, (Block 53 Lot 1).
4. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents or agreements which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution upon the review and approval of the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 - Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 12-480

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment by City Council for the year 2009. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
1	8	Passaic Street Realty Assoc. Inc.	TCJ	\$1,515.52
9	23	Passaic Street Realty Assoc. Inc.	TCJ	\$4,423.68
75	35	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$2,252.80
88.02	37	Belmont Enterprises, LLC	TCJ	\$8,192.00
149.02	44	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$4,096.00
192	27	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$3,072.00

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 - Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 12-481

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment by City Council for the year 2010. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
1	8	Passaic Street Realty Assoc. Inc.	TCJ	\$1,556.22
9	23	Passaic Street Realty Assoc. Inc.	TCJ	\$4,542.48
75	35	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$2,313.30
88.02	37	Belmont Enterprises, LLC	TCJ	\$8,412.00
149.02	44	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$4,206.00
192	27	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$3,154.50

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 - Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 12-482

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment by City Council for the year 2011. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
1	8	Passaic Street Realty Assoc. Inc.	TCJ	\$2,014.19
88.02	37	Belmont Enterprises, LLC	TCJ	\$4,836.00
149.02	44	Garfield Properties, LLC	TCJ	\$1,264.61

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 - Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 12-483

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment by City Council for the year 2012.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
88.02	37	Belmont Enterprises, LLC	TCJ	\$4,922.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-484

WHEREAS the Receiver of Sewer reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid sewer for the year 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Sewer for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

SEWER ACCT#	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
5-18-99	Marella, Michael P. & Shelia J.	O/P SEWER	\$1,087.18

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-485

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid taxes for the year 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
57	7	CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,988.00
75	33	Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$ 610.33
78	36	Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$1,308.93
115	105	Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$ 703.95
119.05	216	BAC Tax Services Corporation	O/P	\$ 324.85
155	10	CoreLogic	O/P	\$2,425.00
166.02	20	BAC Tax Services Corporation	O/P	\$ 223.95
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197.01	24	CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,943.00
197.02	17	Meyer, Thomas & Rebecca	O/P	\$ 298.15
203.01	50.02	CoreLogic	O/P	\$ 153.27
	C0705			

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-486

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer:

Account Name	Account Number	Transfer From	Transfer To
City Clerk S/W	2-01-20-120-120-011		2,000.00
Audit Services	2-01-20-135-135-000		20,000.00

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Attorney/Legal Service S/W	2-01-20-145-145-011		7,000.00
Tax Assessor O/E	2-01-20-150-150-011		1,500.00
Police O/E	2-01-25-240-240-063		10,000.00
Volunteer Fire Dept	2-01-25-255-255-063		15,000.00
Communications	2-01-31-441-441-000		100,000.00
Gasoline	2-01-31-460-460-000		10,000.00
AT&T Customnet	2-01-31-440-440-202	75,000.00	
Finance Administration O/E	2-01-20-130-130-063	10,000.00	
Sewerage O/E	2-01-20-145-145-051	10,000.00	
Police S/W	2-01-25-240-240-011	20,500.00	
Fire Safety Inspection S/W	2-01-25-265-265-010	15,000.00	
Dept of Public Works O/E	2-01-26-290-290-063	12,000.00	
Solid Waste Collection	2-01-26-305-305-000	23,000.00	
		<u>165,500.00</u>	<u>165,500.00</u>

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-487

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of \$45,083.10, which is now available from the State of New Jersey, Solid Waste Administration Recycling Tonnage Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$45,083.10 is hereby appropriated under the Solid Water Administration Recycling Tonnage Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey, Solid Waste Administration Recycling Tonnage Grant, in the amount of \$45,083.10.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A.Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-488

See

the

following

pages numbered _____

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 12-489

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills in the Current Fund totaling \$212,431.13 and the Current Water Fund totaling \$90,331.51 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$1,350.00 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes fourteen (14) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

Following

Pages _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, spoke on the need for an audit for Sewer Fees. He also spoke on legal fees and questioned, if the City needs to temporarily hire another attorney due to a conflict of interest by the City Attorney, is an adjustment made for what is needed to cover the costs of the other attorney, from the City Attorney's salary.

Pastor Arthur Bryant of Friendship Baptist Church located at 154 Gaston Avenue, thanked the City for its support in allowing Friendship Baptist Church to administer "Operation Rescue" which fed and served many people. He said that many people were blessed and it makes a difference when others see how this effort can change a person's life. He said that several people joined his church as a result. He said that it was very beneficial, it helped bless those involved, they did their best to make a positive note, and he gratefully thanked the City very much for their support.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello thanked Pastor Bryant for his service. He spoke on how one of the City Attorneys was responsible for more work than the other one. He spoke on what he believes is an annual increase of \$7,600.00 in authorized legal fees than in prior years. He spoke on the tragic shooting of grammar school students on December 14th in Newtown, Connecticut. He spoke on how there is a need to keep guns out of the hands of those who do not deserve to have guns. He spoke on how Garfield has cops in the schools. He said that it has been a horrible, horrible few days and the best we can do right now is to hug our children. He told everyone to make the best of this holiday season and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Aloia said that being a hunter and a gun owner, he feels that there is no need for assault weapons. He said that parking on Jewell Street needs to be addressed. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Deputy Mayor Raymond said that for those who did not know, Pastor Bryant was referring to the dinner his church provided to the less fortunate during Thanksgiving weekend. She said that he served many people and the City is very blessed and fortunate to have him. She spoke on the resolution concerning the salaries of the City Attorneys. She spoke on the attack in Newtown, Connecticut this past Friday and she said to just think how frightened those children had to be. She said that security for all Garfield Schools is being reevaluated. She asked everyone to pray for those families who lost their children and lost their loved ones and she told everyone to have a blessed Holiday Season.

Councilmember Mati spoke on the parking lot on Passaic Street at the train trestle near the intersection of Midland Avenue. He spoke on the recent shootings in Newtown, Connecticut and said that Garfield Schools are already pretty secure with retired Garfield Police Officers already working in the School District although the incident in Connecticut has brought a lot to light. He said that there are issues regarding the mental health of the person doing the shooting and the mental health of the person buying weapons needs to be checked. He also extended thanks to all our men and women in uniform serving in the U.S. Military all over the world. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Delaney said that he believes that the City Sewer Billing should be based on usage. He spoke on the shootings at the Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut and said that he does not know how you can imagine what was going through the minds of the kids as the tragedy was happening. He said that there is no reason, whatsoever, why anyone needs a semi-automatic weapon. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said that he finds that this time of year brings out the best in people.

Regular Meeting December 18, 2012, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK