

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 8:30 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 John J. Bruno, Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (of Boswell Engineering) and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Raymond moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Resolution No. 12-256

WHEREAS, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church will celebrate their annual Polish Night on Friday, September 7, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Day Parade Committee has consistently proven to be a most worthwhile proponent of the causes of the Polish nation and Polish people, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield wish to acknowledge the successful endeavors of the committee and the contributions of citizens of Polish ancestry,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the entire month of October 2012, shall be deemed and designated as "POLISH HERITAGE MONTH", in honor of all citizens of Polish ancestry, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, and the Pulaski Day Parade Committee of the City of Garfield,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congratulations are also extended to Michael Marsh for being named Grand Marshall of the 2012 Parade, and to Miss Patricia Mrugalla on being named 2012 "Miss Polonia", and to Cynthia Olowski on being named 2012 "Junior Miss Polonia".

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 12-257

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Councilmember Glenn Mati of 129 Sampson Street is hereby appointed as a Class III Member of the Planning Board, effective immediately to succeed Louis G. Aloia, for a one year term, said term to expire July 1, 2013.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 12-258

WHEREAS, Scott Lebowitz, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as First Alternate pursuant to Resolution No. 11-100, and

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WHEREAS, his term of office expired on December 31, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Paul Houlis of 41 Schley Street, is hereby appointed as First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to succeed Scott Lebrowitz for the two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Abstain 2 -
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 12-259

WHEREAS, Paul Houlis, was appointed as Third Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 11-61, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 7, 2011, and

WHEREAS, Paul Houlis has been appointed as First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Gerald Wich of 28 Pleasant Avenue, is hereby appointed as Third Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to succeed Paul Houlis, effective immediately, for the unexpired two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

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

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-260

Municipal Representative for Open Space Committee

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et seq. to participate in the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one municipal representative be appointed by the governing body of the community to be part of the Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Program Regional Subcommittee for the term coinciding with the 2012 funding year of September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Thomas J. Duch, Esq. as its representative to participate as a member of the Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Regional Subcommittee.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-261

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 2012, with Work Sessions and Regular Meetings both commencing at 7:00PM, (generally the 2nd and 4th Monday and Tuesday of the Month, except when a Legal Holiday, Election or Special Occasion is involved), as listed:

Monday,	September	10,	2012	Work Session
Tuesday,	September	11,	2012	Regular Meeting
Monday,	September	24,	2012	Work Session
Tuesday,	September	25,	2012	Regular Meeting
Tuesday,	October	09,	2012	Work Session at 6:00PM (change due to Columbus Day Holiday)
Tuesday,	October	09,	2012	Regular Meeting at 8:00PM (change due to Columbus Day Holiday)
Monday,	October	22,	2012	Work Session
Tuesday,	October	23,	2012	Regular Meeting
Wednesday,	November	07,	2012	Work Session at 6:00PM (change due to NJ League of Municipalities Conference)

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Wednesday,	November	07,	2012	Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM (change due to NJ League of Municipalities Conference)
Monday,	November	19,	2012	Work Session
Tuesday	November	20,	2012	Regular Meeting
Monday,	December	03,	2012	Work Session
Tuesday	December	04,	2012	Regular Meeting
Monday,	December	17,	2012	Work Session (change due to Christmas Holiday)
Tuesday	December	18,	2012	Regular Meeting (change due to Christmas Holiday)

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) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-262

2012 ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$ 510,488.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: 20th Century Field Improvements and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board will hold/has held a public hearing on September 12, 2011 to receive comments prior to the submission of said application(s); and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield):

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of August 30, 2012, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the City of Garfield has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the City of Garfield is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That the City of Garfield agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

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Resolution No. 12-263

A Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare a Grant Application Submission to the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is desirous of upgrading the 20th Century Field Complex, and;

WHEREAS, a detailed Engineer's estimate, as well as a conceptual plan of these improvements are necessary in connection with a completed application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare the requisite plans, estimates and application in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-264

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR SOLID WASTE & RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield previously entered into contracts for solid waste collection services and recyclables collection services which are scheduled to expire September 30, 2012; and WHEREAS, as a result of the anticipated expiration of these agreements, the City Council, pursuant to Resolution, authorized the advertisement for the solicitation of bids for successor agreements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid Resolution, July 27, 2012 was established for the submission of bids and the opening thereof for both the solid waste and recyclables collection services for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the advertisement for the solicitation of bids was published and provided in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey Law more than sixty (60) days prior to the date for submission of bids; and

WHEREAS, a total of eight (8) prospective bidders received bid packages in response to the advertisement for bids, as follows:

Company

Joseph Smentkowski, Inc.
3 New York Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07307

The First Occupational Recycling & Waste, Inc.
120 Arlington Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Advanced Recycling
61 Buff Lane
Hillsdale, New Jersey 07642

Interstate Waste Services
111 Outwater Lane
Garfield, NJ 07026

Waste Management
75 Broad Avenue
Fairview, NJ 07022

Future Sanitation Inc.
80 Liberty Street
Passaic, NJ 07055
Ferretti Carting
160 Union Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

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Suburban Disposal, Inc.
54 Montesano Road
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004; and

WHEREAS, the bid specifications provided among other things, for several options including, most significantly, the option to bid on a three (3) year or a five (5) year contract for either or both of the contracts under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined after consultation with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, that a five (5) year contract for both solid waste collection and recyclables collection, with collection for the Garfield Housing Authority included, would be in the best interest of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, at ten o'clock a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2012, a total of six bids were received, as follows:

1. Interstate Waste Services
 Solid Waste – bid
 Recycling - no bid
2. First Occupational Recycling & Waste Inc.
 Solid Waste - no bid
 Recycling - bid
3. Advanced Recycling
 Solid Waste - no bid
 Recycling - bid
4. Future Sanitation Inc.
 Solid Waste- bid
 Recycling- bid
5. Joseph Smentkowski, Inc.
 Solid Waste – bid
 Recycling- bid
6. Suburban Disposal, Inc.
 Solid Waste - bid
 Recycling - no bid; and

WHEREAS, each of the aforementioned bidders submitted bids on both the three (3) year and the five (5) year optional contract for the specific contracts for which bids were submitted; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney together with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works met and reviewed each of the bids submitted by the six (6) bidders listed above in an effort to determine whether each of the bidders was in compliance with the bid specifications and the requirements of law; and

WHEREAS, the three (3) lowest bidders for each of the contracts bid for the five (5) year term selected by the Governing Body were as follows:

Solid Waste Collection Services – Five (5) Year Term including Housing Authority

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| 1. Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. | \$2,652,000.00 |
| 2. Future Sanitation | \$2,685,600.00 |
| 3. Suburban Disposal | \$3,089,000.00 |

Recyclables Collection – Five (5) Year Term

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| 1. First Occupational Recycling & Waste Inc. | \$999,350.00 |
| 2. Future Sanitation Inc. | \$1,014,000.00 |
| 3. Advanced Recycling Inc. | \$1,040,000.00 |
- and

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WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the City Attorney and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works have recommended that the contracts be awarded to the lowest bidders as described above.

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. A contract for solid waste collection services for the City of Garfield, for a period of five (5) years, including Garfield Housing Authority properties in accordance with the bid specifications and bids submitted be and is hereby awarded to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 3 New York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey on their bid in the amount of \$2,652,000.00 for the total of the five (5) year term of said contract;

2. The award of the aforesaid contract is contingent upon certification, by the Chief Financial Office of the City of Garfield, that sufficient funds exist for this purpose;

3. The contract to be awarded herein to Joseph Smentkowski Inc. shall be in strict compliance with the bid specifications, bid submitted and the requirements of law;

4. A contract for recyclables collection and disposal for the City of Garfield, for a five (5) year term, be and is hereby awarded to First Occupational Recycling & Waste Inc., 120 Arlington Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey on their five (5) year bid in the amount of \$999,350.00;

5. The award of the aforesaid contract is contingent upon certification, by the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield, that sufficient funds exist for this purpose;

6. The contract to be awarded herein to First Occupational Recycling & Waste Inc. shall be in strict compliance with the bid specifications, bid submitted and the requirements of law;

7. The successful bidders described above shall be required to execute an agreement with the City of Garfield in the form prepared or approved by the City Attorney and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works;

8. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any such contracts on behalf of the City of Garfield.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the City Attorney, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield, the City Manager, Joseph Smentkowski Inc., First Occupational Recycling & Waste Inc., and all unsuccessful bidders.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-265

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 in Connection With the 2012 Joint Road Improvement Program, City of Garfield.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to Smith Sonly Asphalt Construction Co., in the original contract amount of \$1,039,480.00, and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 is necessary to provide drainage required due to concrete pavement redesign.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Change Order No. 1 for a reduction in the contract amount of \$35,934.14 is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 12-266

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, desires to collect all taxes, assessments, and other municipal charges that are now delinquent; and WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is directed to sell all municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2011 in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54-5-19, and as amended by Chapter 99, Public Laws of 1997:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Garfield, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, and as stated above, on October 11, 2012 at 9:30 A.M.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-267

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of Ordinance No. 1856, adopted on 1/22/1985, as per the City Manager and his designee of the City of Garfield state that a Performance Guaranty shall be made, in an amount as determined by the City Engineer, to cover a Street Opening Bond for the period of one year and,

WHEREAS, a deposit has been received from, Habitat for Humanity of Bergen Co. 10 Banta Place Suite 105, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for 58 Farnham Avenue, Block 20.01 Lot 28 in the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for said Street Opening Bond on 03/02/2011, said funds are being held in the Trust Other Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has investigated this deposit and had determined that they are due to the above individual;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-268

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of Ordinance No. 1856, adopted on 1/22/1985, as per the City Manager and his designee of the City of Garfield state that a Performance Guaranty shall be made, in an amount as determined by the City Engineer, to cover a Street Opening Bond for the period of one year and,

WHEREAS, a deposit has been received from, Stanley Bielewicz, 76 Bergen Street, Block 172 Lot 12 in the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for said Street Opening Bond on July 12, 2011, said funds are being held in the Trust Other Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has investigated this deposit and had determined that they are due to the above individual;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-269

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 for the year 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices ae 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 fro mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
1	1.01	Shell Oil Company	TCJ	\$3,379.20
113	41	“William S. Winters, Esq.”	TCJ	\$1,421.31

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 12-270

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 for the year 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices ae 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 fro mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
1	1.01	Shell Oil Company	TCJ	\$6,334.24
113	41	“William S. Winters, Esq.”	TCJ	\$1,459.48

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 12-271

Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Grants Consultant

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it would be in the best interests of the City of Garfield to retain a Grants Consultant in connection with the procurement of Grants, low interest loans and passive economic benefits for specific projects within the City of Garfield;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a presentation from Millenium Strategies,; and

WHEREAS, this company possesses the qualifications, experience and background which would best serve the City of Garfield as a grants consultant; and

WHEREAS, a Contract may be awarded without the necessity of public bidding in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-5 (m) for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the award of a contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

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. Millenium Strategies, be and is hereby appointed as a Grant Consultant for the City of Garfield in connection the procurement of Grants, low interest loans and passive economic benefits for specific projects within the City of Garfield subject to financial and other terms to be agreed upon between them and the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Millenium Strategies, the City Attorney, and the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 12-272

See the following pages 195, 197, 199, 201
for Capital Budget Amendment

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 12-273

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 1532 covering Dog Trust Account \$27.00, and the Current Fund totaling \$1,587,051.54 and the Current Water Fund totaling \$1,712,408.63 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$240,639.77 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$27,930.68 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 twenty three (23) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

Following

Pages _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Raymond introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PASSAIC RIVER PARK AND BIKEWAY PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Raymond moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PASSAIC RIVER PARK AND BIKEWAY PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.”, do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Mati, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

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Resolution No. 12-274

WHEREAS, issues have come to surface regarding a potential claim for compensation time for Chief Amos, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to discuss the matter in closed session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Attorney is hereby directed to issue a Rice Notice to Chief Amos relative to same.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Tana M. Raymond

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. John Gervato, 400 Midland Avenue, spoke on a helicopter recently landing in the parking lot of the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive for a private wedding and the City having the Fire Department and Emergency Response Teams on stand-by. He suggested an ordinance to regulate this sort of event.

Mr. Frank Scatino said that he is the Director of Operations for Future Sanitation, Inc. and he said that he is disputing the Recycling Contract awarded to First Occupational Recycling & Waste Inc. because he claimed that there were defects in the bid.

Ms. Elizabeth Gray, 135 Union Avenue, said that as City Historian she is requesting that the City make application for a history grant.

Mr. Reginald Buggs, 315 Mac Arthur Avenue, requested the removal of Kevin Amos as Police Chief and spoke on what he claimed was police harassment by the issuance of tickets in the mail. He said that there is a right to protect by the citizens.

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Mr. John Caravella, 4 Center Court, asked if the City Council will be putting in a pay voucher for an extra meeting every two weeks.

Ms. Shelia Kelly, 42 Grand Street, questioned how people get appointed to various boards. She asked questions concerning improvements to Twentieth Century Field. She spoke on Rice Notices. She spoke on getting tickets from the Police in the mail. She spoke in favor of having a "town meeting".

Ms. Lisa Logan, 316 Malcolm Avenue, spoke on receiving tickets from the police in the mail. She spoke on what she claimed was racial profiling by the Garfield Police Department.

Mr. Ciro Disclafani, 47 Orchard Street, spoke on pedestrian safety and bicycle riding by adults on sidewalks.

Mr. Miguel Reyes, 89 Passaic Street, spoke on receiving tickets in the mail by the Police Department. He spoke about a helicopter landing in Garfield. He spoke on holding the Police Chief accountable. He asked the following five questions: Does the City Manager know what the Fair Labor Standards Act is?; Does the Fair Labor Standards Act have exemptions for Police Chiefs?; Does the exemption apply to Chief Amos?; If the Chief approves overtime, who approves the Chief's overtime?; and Is the Chief allowed to bank his time? He spoke on what he claimed were conflicts of interests.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, spoke on the crime rate in Garfield. He spoke on the powers between the Mayor and Council and City Manager.

Ms. Hope Vandevere, 153 Palisade Avenue, commented on the City Manager checking his emails.

Mr. John Gervato, 400 Midland Avenue, spoke on the City Police Department being short twenty police officers by his estimation which leads to higher levels of comp time.

Ms. Jewell Bamby, 105 Chestnut Street, spoke on the need for cleaner water in Dahnert's Lake. She spoke on the need for more street lights. She spoke on the lights being on during the day at the Middle School off Lanza Avenue.

Mr. Clyde Bamby, 105 Chestnut Street, complained about the condition of the road at the intersection of Botany Street and Chestnut Street. He spoke on the City curfew.

Mr. Wayne Harper, 324 Malcolm Avenue, spoke on how the Council Meetings are run. He spoke on the Community Outreach Program. He spoke on the need to bring the community together. He spoke on the fatal police shooting of December 10, 2011. He spoke on a Garfield Boys and Girls Club Camp Program and a Garfield Junior Boilermakers Football Game.

Ms. Josie DeJesus, 120 MacArthur Avenue, spoke on the need for additional street lights on the City streets.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello spoke on the delineation of responsibility of the City Manager and City Council in the hiring of police officers. He spoke on the process to hire a broker of record in regard to City Employee Health Benefits coverage.

Councilmember Aloia spoke on the rehabilitation of Twentieth Century Field and the location of the basketball courts.

Deputy Mayor Raymond spoke on the proposed Recreation and Events Board she would like to see created. She spoke on a recent Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation Car Wash fundraiser. She

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spoke on the painting of the City crosswalks. She spoke on a quote by an Englewood Councilmember in a recent newspaper article regarding the Garfield Boys and Girls Club assuming control of an Ice Rink facility in the City of Englewood. She said that she would like an apology from that Englewood Councilmember. She spoke on the positive impact of the Garfield City Budget.

Councilmember Mati spoke on the type of community Garfield was when he was growing up and how the City handled the fatal police shooting of December 10, 2011. He spoke on the positive action being taken to address the chromium contamination from EC Electroplating.

Mayor Delaney spoke on US Senator Robert Menendez fighting proposed cuts in the Super Fund Program. He spoke on how the Mayor of Englewood called him and apologized about the comments made in the newspaper concerning the City of Garfield. He spoke on how so much is going on in town and how everyone is important. He spoke on Redevelopment in the City and how there is a lot of businesses wanting to come into Garfield.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 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