

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:25 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the Work Session 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: Tana M. Raymond, Louis G. Aloia and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

PROPOSED FIRE TRUCK FOR FIRE COMPANY NO.FOUR

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following members of Fire Company No. Four concerning the proposed acquisition of a new fire truck: Robert Schultz and Ex-Fire Chiefs Ernest P. Rosolen, Gerald Walis and John Kopacz.

ARRIVAL OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 6:40 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Kevin Amos joined the Work Session during the discussion concerning the proposed acquisition of a fire truck for Fire Company No. Four.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The 2012 Temporary Budget.
2. The PEOSHA inspection conducted today of all five City Fire Houses.
3. Upcoming fundraising events for the Garfield YMCA and the Junior Boilermakers Football Organization.
4. The letter he received today from the State Department of Environmental Protection concerning proof of a minimum ten year commitment for the City to receive water.
5. The local Flood Advisory Committee letter he received today from Chairman Mark Shrieks of Lodi in regard to Saddle River flood related issues experienced in the past and will be a concern in the future.
6. The premium insurance rate for 2012 for the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund which will be used for calculating the 2012 Garfield Municipal Budget.
7. Retirement of Police Officer Dennis Lanaras and Edward Mura.
8. The proposed establishment of a Garfield K-9 Unit in the Police Department.
9. The Leak Detection Program of the City Water System.
10. Last year the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission billed the City of Garfield \$427,000 a quarter and this year it will be \$437,000 a quarter.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:10 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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11. The recent newspaper article in the Record and the Herald-News which indicates that Garfield has the lowest medium tax bill in the surrounding area.
12. The meeting he had yesterday with School Officials concerning capital improvements to the City Schools.
13. The Grand Opening of the Alternative School at Sacred Heart Church in Clifton will be held January 23, 2012.
14. An underground storage tank needs to be removed at the Redevelopment site at 7 Jewell Street.
15. The proposed application for another Trailways Grant for a gravel trail in the park along the Passaic River. So far, \$24,700 in grant money has been awarded.
16. The proposed resolution concerning the \$2,000 life insurance benefit for City employees.
17. The proposed 2012 Redevelopment Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK