

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Joseph Delaney 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: 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), Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh

SUPER STORM SANDY

The City Council and Cabinet discussed preparation, events, reactions and restoration efforts relating to Super Storm Sandy which hit New Jersey on Monday, October 29, 2012, including discussions on the State of Emergency declared by Governor Christopher Christie, the clearing of roads and trees, the loss of electrical power in the City, the efforts to restore power by the Public Service, Electric and Gas Company, the “warming center”, established at the City Recreation Center at 466 Midland Avenue and “charging station” for citizens cell phones at City Hall.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed establishment of the “Friends of the Garfield Library” group.
2. The regular FEMA updates he has been receiving concerning Super Storm Sandy.
3. The proposed resolution concerning the extension of the deadline of payment of Fourth Quarter Property Taxes to November 21, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 12-360

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a “Closed Session” is hereby called at 7:25 P.M. Wednesday, November 7, 2012, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (The letter from Mark Wallace offering to sell his property near the intersection of Walnut Street and Outwater Lane to the City for use as a new police station).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Award of contract for health insurance broker services to Conner, Strong and Buckelew and their letter dated October 2, 2012).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Glenn A. Mati

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EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Emergency Management Coordinator Marsh, Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo and Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering all left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK