

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:15 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: Louis G. Aloia, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello

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), Labor Counsel John Lavin, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Dana Gary concerning the proposed transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-048-005 to Restaurant Row on River Drive to utilize live entertainment of a guitar player and a piano player or a comedian.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. In lieu of the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday, December 14, 2012 a review of the security of our school system will be performed.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:30 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

2. The recent article in The Record regarding the Anti-Bullying Ordinance adopted by the Borough of Ridgefield.
3. The breakdown of the responsibilities of the officers in the Police Department provided to him by Police Chief Kevin Amos.
4. The recent correspondence received from Ciro Disclafani of 47 Orchard Street.
5. The proposed appointment of Robert Guida as a hearing officer for Garfield Police disciplinary matters.
6. The Summary of Court Revenues, which indicate the issuance of tickets and summonses are down.
7. The list of FEMA contact numbers.
8. The Redevelopment of the Vornado Property located off Passaic Street.
9. The contract with Regional Risk Managers has been terminated.
10. Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations.
11. The Bus Fare policy for students as administered by New Jersey Transit.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

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1. The Report of the City Engineer dated December 17, 2012.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

2. The 2013 Temporary Budget.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

3. The River Drive Improvements was awarded 2nd Prize by the New Jersey Society of Civil Engineers for Municipal Construction Projects for Municipalities with over 20,000 in population.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 12-468

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 7:00 P.M. Monday, December 17, 2012, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body. (Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations; PBA Local No. 46 Collective Bargaining Negotiations).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (The Proposed Acquisition of the Benda Roehrich VFW Post No. 2867 Property located at 340 Outwater Lane).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Proposed request to Attorney General for investigation of wrongful conduct in Police Department).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (English Paving vs. the City; Police Lieutenant Martin Gray vs the City; James Mazzer vs the City re: Sewer Fee Ordinance).
- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (Police Lieutenant Anthony Blackfeld request for disciplinary hearing in public; PBA Local No. 46 issues involving light duty, overtime and recall).

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) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

EXIT AND RETURN OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session. At 7:20PM, Superintendent Garofalo returned to the Work Session during Closed Session, and at 7:35 PM, Superintendent Garofalo again left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK