

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:30 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, Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Fire Official Gerald Walis

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Quality in Construction Award was given to English Paving by the National Association of Paving Contractors for their work on the Lanza Avenue Improvement.
2. The most recent check from Green Sky Industries in the amount of \$7,342.43 for recyclable items.
3. The police car which was sold on-line by Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh resulted in \$1,149 being added to the City Treasury.
4. The thank you note received from the Borough of Wallington for the use of the fire truck which was given to them.
5. The variance application before the Zoning Board of Adjustment to renovate the old Macaroni Factory at 20 Passaic Street into 27 housing units with retail space on the first floor.
6. The Reunion Mass for the Holy Name Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps to be held Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church on Marsellus Place as part of the Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration.
7. Professional Insurance Associates insures the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and now that the Ambulance Corps has closed down, a refund will be returned to the City concerning the premium payment for the Ambulance Corps portion.
8. The proposed Redevelopment of the Eastern Overall/Sketchley Services Property located at the east end of Schley Street and the south end of Walnut Street.
9. The checks in the amount of \$21,000 and \$47,500 from the Joint Insurance Fund to cover City losses in connection with Hurricane Irene which struck Garfield August 27-28, 2011. The claim to FEMA will still be pursued.
10. The 100th Anniversary Dinner of Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church to be held Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Royal Manor Restaurant located at 454 Midland Avenue.
11. The press release issued by Viridian concerning the City utilizing their services, saving money, and using green energy.
12. The communications with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office asking for a status report concerning the investigation of the fatal police shooting in Garfield on December 10, 2011.
13. The engagement of the services of the Auditing Firm Lerch, Vinci and Higgins to perform the Annual Audit and Audit work.
14. Stipends involving the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department.

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15. The proposed grant application concerning the COPS Hiring Program.
16. The repair of the 30" Cedar Street water main.
17. The updating of the City Zoning Map and the official copies provided to the City Clerk's Office.
18. The anonymous complaint received by Mayor Calandriello concerning an alleged property maintenance violation on Madeline Avenue.
19. Proposed amendments to the Political Signs Ordinance after the May 8, 2012 City Council Election.
20. The increased frustration and confusion of Senior Citizens applying for the \$250 Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption since the State of New Jersey changed the form which is now more involved and complicated.
21. The lawsuit filed against the City by the Bergen Record Newspaper for records in connection with the fatal police shooting of December 10, 2011.
22. The proposed resolution concerning Fiber Tech Networks.
23. The surveillance cameras for the Riverfront Park and the electrical service from PSE&G for the clock in the park.
24. The \$100,000 check presented to the Redevelopment Agency from Coremark for the redevelopment of 7 Jewell Street.
25. The proposed rezoning of the old Amvets Post No. 13 property located at 326 Outwater Lane.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated March 6, 2012.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. The grant awards made to the City of Garfield at the last County of Bergen Community Development meeting.

Councilmember Louis G. Aloia reported on the following:

1. The roof leak hardship being experienced at Fire House No. Three located at 159 Gaston Avenue.

VIRIDIAN PRESENTATION

City Council and Cabinet met with Viridian Energy Executive Vice President Robert Ulrich and Viridian Energy Representatives Patrick Lull and Raphael Herrera who publicly commended the City on their green energy initiatives.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Vacancy 1

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK