

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:00 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 Joseph Bruno, Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro, Special Litigation/ Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, Police Chief Kevin Amos, and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed contract between the City Manager and the City of Garfield.
2. The Easter Seals Senior Community Service Employment Program.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:05 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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3. The Joint Road Improvement Program between the Board of Education and City.
4. The site recently vacated by the A&P Supermarket at 59 Outwater Lane and the attempts to relocate another food store at that location.
5. The issue raised recently by Ciro Disclafani concerning the chromium contamination in the First Ward and whether chromium can seep into the City Water System if there is a water line break in the First Ward. The EPA has responded that that is not suspected and they claim that such a scenario is highly unlikely.
6. The Health Insurance Contribution spread sheet of City Employees.
7. The proposed Salary Ordinance for White Collar Department Heads and Part Time Employees.
8. The proposed City response to those who are delinquent in paying sewer bills and authorization to give notice to the customer that their water will be shut off if they are delinquent three quarters or more.
9. The proposed reorganization of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry.
10. A citizen request that smoking be banned in the City parks.
11. The recent changes in the Council on Affordable Housing laws and regulations.
12. The Park Progress Meeting held today concerning trees, plantings and landscaping of the park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge and the proposed Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in September.

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13. The Emergency Management/Emergency Preparedness Meeting held today.
14. The proposed appointment of Mayor Delaney and City Manager Duch as Community Development Representatives.
15. The updating of the EPL Manual pursuant to Joint Insurance Fund Regulations.
16. The \$500,000.00 check from New Bridgeland Warehouse/Vornado Realty in connection with the Redevelopment of 174 Passaic Street will be used towards City Hall Improvements in the amount of \$100,000.00 and towards furnishings for the new Police Station in the amount of \$400,000.00.
17. The most recent recycling check received from Green Sky Industries.
18. The City's membership with the Passaic River Coalition.
19. Communication issues and life safety concerns in regard to Garfield Volunteer Firefighters speaking multiple languages on the radio during fire calls.
20. The recent letter received from State Senator Loretta Weinberg concerning her proposed amendments to the Open Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated July 10, 2012.

Resolution No. 12-209

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. Tuesday, July 10, 2012, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public on any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (grievances filed by Police Dispatchers; Discipline charges filed against Police Lt. Martin Gray, Police Lt. Anthony Blackfeld and Police Officers Christopher Strabone and Jeffrey Stewart).
- * 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; (grievances filed by Police Dispatchers; discipline charges filed against Police Lt. Martin Gray, Police Lt. Anthony Blackfeld and Police Officers Christopher Strabone and Jeffrey Stewart; proposed White Collar Department Head salary ordinance).

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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Work Session July 10, 2012, Continued

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK