

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 6:10 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, Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen, City Attorney John J. Bruno, Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro, Special Litigation/Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and Fire Official Gerald Walis

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders Annual Senior Picnic to be held Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM at Overpeck County Park in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.
2. The Membership Renewal application for the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund.
3. According to Neil Norrell of the EPA, the City drinking water meets all Federal and State standards and there is no possibility of chromium contamination or intrusion into the system as long as the system is pressurized.
4. The proposed razing of the EC Electroplating Building and the press conference to be held August 8, 2012. In attendance will be the Regional EPA Administrator, as well as U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Bill Pascrell and other government officials.
5. The City Fire Prevention Office has cited old Fire House No. Four located at 125 Ray Street for building code violations.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:20 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session. It as duly noted for the record.

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6. Proposed antennas to be installed on Housing Authority buildings in the near future and the public hearings to be held on the issue.
7. The possible confiscation of the City Affordable Housing funds by the State.
8. National Night Out to be held Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 20th Century Field.
9. The Recent Court order and violations issued to the Friends Albanian Coffee Shop located at Gaston Avenue and Charles Street.
10. The City Water Consumer Confidence Report shows chromium as “not detectable”.

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11. The meeting to be held Thursday, July 19, 2012 with representatives of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry.
12. The new email addresses for the Mayor and Councilmembers and City Officials and the quotes received from United Computer for wireless networks on the 2nd floor in City Hall.
13. The hiring of part-time Teleconference Communicators.
14. Warning notices which have gone out for delinquent City Sewer Bills.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The notice received from the State Department of Community Affairs regarding the Volunteer Loan Program.

Councilmember Glenn Mati reported on the following:

1. The bill for refreshments for the Re-Organization Meeting held Sunday, July 1, 2012.

PROPOSED GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
REHABILITATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with School Business Administrator Thomas Egan concerning the proposed Garfield High School Stadium Rehabilitation Project and possible storm water drainage issues if the City-owned "Railroad Property" is paved over for vehicle parking.

PROPOSED TERMINATION OF THE
PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM PROJECT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed termination of the Photovoltaic System Project.

PROPOSED NEW POLICE STATION

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed new Police Station and its possible construction at the existing Police Station site at 411 Midland Avenue.

RIVER DRIVE STREET LIGHTS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the possible relocation of the new street lights along River Drive because they are located so close to the roadway that they are being struck by passing trucks. The City Council and Cabinet also discussed the conclusion of the park project along the Passaic River from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam.

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Resolution No. 12-246

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 8:10 P.M. Tuesday, July 24, 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; (Negotiations for

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- * use of the old VFW property located at 340 Outwater Lane for the proposed new police station).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (various City Tax Appeal cases; Ellen Heine vs. the City of Garfield before the New Jersey State Supreme Court; English Paving vs. the City including removal of soil for the River Drive Improvement).

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) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

After the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, and Fire Official Gerald Walis left the Work Session. At 8:40 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Special Litigation Attorney/Labor Counsel John Lavin left the Work Session during Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:45 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