

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 14, 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, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello and Tana M. Raymond
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, 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 and Police Chief Kevin Amos

GRANT PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The City Council and Cabinet met with Susan M. Scovane, Principal with Millenium Strategies, 60 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, concerning proposed grant procurement services.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:20 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The meeting he had on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 with DMR Architects, who did work on the Redevelopment of Downtown Hackensack concerning any ideas they may have concerning downtown Passaic Street in Garfield.
2. The meeting he had on Friday, August 10, 2012 with City Officials and School Officials and representatives of the EPA concerning the demolition of the EC Electroplating Building at the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place. Information meetings are being set up to be held at various schools in September.
3. The cost to reactivate Well 8C off Laurel Street was \$119,210.19 total and since reactivation has produced 45.671 million gallons of water which has generated a savings of \$96,076.00. It is expected that September 8, 2012 will be the break even date and by the end of the year will have added more than \$100,000.00 into the Water Account.
4. The proposed relocation of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry from Palisade Avenue to a new location.
5. The receipt of bids for Street Sweeping Services scheduled to be received Tuesday, August 21, 2012.
6. Proposed resolutions awarding contracts for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling Collection.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

At 6:40 PM, Deputy Mayor Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7. The proposed resolution concerning funding from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for the 20th Century Field Improvement.

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8. The \$50,000.00 low interest loan application made to the State Loan Program to obtain generators for Fire Houses No. Two, Four and Five.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Joseph DiBella, Executive Vice Presidents Benefits Division and Sean Critchley, Esq., Vice President Business Development Executive of Connor, Strong and Buckelew, 9 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054, concerning employee health benefits coverage.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated August 14, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 12-255

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, August 14, 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 or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (memorandum from Labor Counsel Joel Lavin re: powers of City Manager's position and powers of Police Chief position pursuant to the City's form of Government).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (defense of various tax appeals; English Paving vs. City of Garfield; State vs. Ellen Heine).
- * 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; (Former DPW Employee Brett Anastos separation from employment with City request to be reinstated).

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
Glenn A. Mati

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

Work Session August 14, 2012, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK