

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 6:45 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: Frank J. Calandriello, Louis G. Aloia, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferrarro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno), Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney Joseph Conte and Zoning Board of Adjustment Member Arlene Patire concerning proposals to streamline Zoning Board of Adjustment applications.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals concerning City Council endorsement of Bergen County Community Development Block Grant applications:

1. Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia Gallagher concerning a Grant application of \$130,000.00 for pervious concrete pavement rehabilitation of the parking lot located at 33 Outwater Lane.
2. Boys and Girls Club of Garfield Executive Director Paul Casey concerning:
 - a. A grant application of \$51,400.00 for their Teen Initiative
 - b. A grant application of \$75,000.00 for their interior renovation and upgrades to their building located at 490 Midland Avenue.
3. City Manager Duch explained the application from the North Hudson Community Action Corporation concerning a grant application of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of dental equipment.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER

At 7:00 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Dimitri Kataroski, holder of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-012-004, Garfield Restaurant Corp., t/a Déjà vu concerning the proposed lifting of the requirement that his establishment maintain security officers at his licensed premises located at 50 River Drive.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed Coremark Redevelopment Ordinance for the property bordered by Outwater Lane, River Drive, Columbus Avenue and Jewell Street.

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2. The Pre Bid walk through for the Pistol Range Project to be held Wednesday, September 26, 2012.
3. The proposed resolution regarding payment of legal fees to the North Jersey Media Group in regard to the Open Public Records Act case.
4. The proposed resolution regarding the Award of Contract for Street Sweeping Services.
5. The proposed resolution to renew City Membership with the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund.
6. The proposed resolution regarding the Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program for Farnham Avenue.
7. The Court Cases which were transferred from the Garfield Municipal Court to the Bergen County Court in regard to the tickets issued in connection with URGENT protests.
8. The bids that were received for the Stadium Project came in high and the bids will be thrown out tonight by the Board of Education and they are expected to go out for rebid in the spring. The plans and the specifications will be re-done.
9. His letter to the County regarding crosswalks that Mr. Ciro Disclafani feels are necessary.
10. Crosswalks on Wessington Avenue.
11. The "Growing Garfield" Event.
12. Water Shut Offs authorized based on delinquent Sewer Bills.
13. Ms. Hedwig Djatschenko of 202 Market Street is experiencing sewer backup hardships.
14. The thank you note he wrote to NJ Transit Executive Director James Weinstein and New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation James S. Simpson thanking them for the safety enhancements recently completed at the Outwater Lane railroad crossing and the Plauderville railroad crossing.
15. The letter from the Office of the Governor regarding 2% Hard CAP Purchasing Opportunities.
16. The letter he wrote to Wallington Business Administrator Witold Baginski regarding the feasibility study of their intention to merge Police Dispatcher services with the Borough of East Rutherford.
17. Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo videotaped all the stormwater lines and sewer lines on Pierre Avenue in regard to concern of storm water infiltration into the sanitary sewer line.
18. The Flood Protection Progress Report Summary compiled by City Flood Protection Coordinator Fred Krowl. Garfield is now a Class 9 Community and attempting to be a Class 8 Community which would reduce flood insurance rates by 5%.
19. The Christmas decorations for River Drive.
20. The \$187,000.00 Green Acres grant award for park development or land acquisition.
21. The proposed townhouses at the old Sketchley Services property located at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street.

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22. The Bergen County CAP Weatherization and Green Technology Center located at 535 Midland Avenue.
23. City Public Health Nurse Darlene Revielle was awarded a grant award for \$105,000.00 for the Health Department for the promotion of public health.
24. The letter received from URGENT concerning formal request to City Manager Duch to dismiss Police Chief Kevin Amos.
25. The purchase of an all-terrain vehicle for the Police Department as well as police cars with additional room for the driver and passengers.
26. The proposed Accreditation of the City Police Department.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. His walk with Ciro Disclafani on the east side of River Drive last Wednesday from Belmont Avenue to Outwater Lane.
2. The proposed amendment to the City Political Sign Ordinance.
3. The proposed establishment of a City Parking Authority to issue summons using Part time civilian enforcement officers.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

27. The Garfield Grand Marshall for the Pulaski Day Parade is Michael Marsh.
28. The proposed relocation of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry to old Fire House No. Four located at 125 Ray Street.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 12-308

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 8:35 P.M. Monday, September 24, 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).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Meeting with Jerry Rielly and Angel Quilles of Benda Roehrich VFW Post No. 2867 located at 340 Outwater Lane concerning use of the site for a new police station).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed townhouses on the Skechley Services redevelopment property located at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street).

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- * 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; (Proposed Civil Service test for Police Captains).

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 4,
Absent 1 – Deputy Mayor Raymond

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

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 and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK