

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday, July 11, 2011 at 8:15 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS AND POLICE CAPTAIN

City Manager Thomas J. Duch acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Police Chief Kevin Amos who led the members of the Garfield Police Department into the Council Chamber.

After the Flag Salute, Pastor Arthur Bryant of Friendship Baptist Church offered a Special Invocation.

City Manager Duch read his letter of promotion to Captain for Darren Sucorowski and read his biography.

City Manager Duch administered the official oath of Police Captain to Darren Sucorowski.

City Manager Duch read his letter of appointments to Police Officer Glenn A. Reno, Noah Murphy and Diana M. Zalewski.

Mayor Calandriello administered the oath of office to Glenn A. Reno.

Deputy Mayor Moskal administered the oath of office to Noah Murphy.

Councilmember Raymond administered the oath of office to Diana M. Zalewski.

Each Councilmember offered words of congratulations to Captain Sucorowski and to each new Police Officer.

Pastor Bryant presented a Good Samaritan Award Plaque to Police Sergeant Heath Hicks.

Pastor Edward Szpiech of St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church offered a Special Benediction.

Police Chief Amos led his Department out of the Council Chamber.

SHORT RECESS AND RETURN TO ORDER

At 8:50 PM, a short recess was called. At 9:10 PM, Mayor Calandriello again called the meeting to order and all City Officials were present as before the recess. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Raymond moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 11-220

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted Ronald Serafin of 32 Major Street, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, as a regular active member, effective August 25, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 1 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 11-221

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Marjo Stroni of 94 Rochelle Parkway, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, as a regular active member, effective May 2, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 11-222

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have accepted Philip Gebbia of 24 Cloverdale Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, as a regular active member, effective April 1, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 11-223

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Emiljano Canaj of 61 Harrison Avenue, as an active member, effective May 3, 2011,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-224

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Donald Begosh of 10 Stone Avenue, Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407, as an active member, effective May 3, 2011,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-225

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the following resolutions in connection with membership on the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board: 88-365, 88-446, 89-5, 89-437, 91-240, 02-19, 04-239, and 05-167, and

WHEREAS, City Historian Elizabeth Gray has forwarded a letter dated June 28, 2011, making recommendations for appointment of an additional member to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board,

RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Christopher Shupenko, 2 Garden Court North, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Elizabeth Gray.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-226

WHEREAS, Yilka Kristani, 49 Belmont Avenue who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P986630, has field application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Belmont Avenue commencing 100 feet east of the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Wessington Avenue and run an additional 25 east from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 11-227

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 1466 thru 1467 covering Trust Other and Community Policing Trust Fund totaling \$7,835.93 and Dog Trust and Sewer Account totaling \$617,513.90 and Current Fund Reserve totaling \$43,410.00 and Current Fund totaling \$559,729.17 and Water Fund Current totaling \$8,188.49 and General Capital Fund totaling \$380,490.88 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes sixteen (16) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following

Pages Numbered _____

For

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2615

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held June 13, 2011; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF WELL NO. 8R AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELMWOOD PARK WELL FIELDS BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Calandriello declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Calandriello declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Moskal moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Raymond introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING ORDINANCE

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Raymond moved that this ordinance entitled: "PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING ORDINANCE", do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held August 8, 2011 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Raymond said that she would like a Special City Council Meeting on Water Billing. She spoke on the car wash fundraiser for the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation scheduled to be held on August 22nd.

Councilmember Delaney spoke on the special ceremony scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 4th at Benda-Roehrich VFW Post No. 2867 located at 340 Outwater Lane concerning honoring soldiers who never had a proper burial with a respectful ceremony leading to a final resting place for their ashes.

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COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke on the Feast of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church scheduled to begin on Thursday, August 11th; and on National Night Out to be held Tuesday, August 2nd in Twentieth Century Field.

Deputy Mayor Moskal spoke on what a great night it is for Heath Hicks to be honored and Darren Sucorowski to be promoted to Police Captain and for three new Police Officers to be appointed.

Mayor Calandriello spoke on City Attorney Joseph Rotolo, who was unable to attend tonight's Council meeting because he is in the hospital with a ruptured appendix. He said that he sends his regards and we send him our prayers. He spoke on the additional Police Officers requested by Police Chief Amos and the efforts being made to keep the City safe despite the large number of retirements in the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK