

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 1:35 PM in the Conference Room 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, Louis G. Aloia, and Frank J. Calandriello  
Councilmember Present via  
Speaker Phone: Stanley J. Moskal  
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney  
City Officials Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

LANZA AVENUE ROADWAY, MIDLAND AVENUE SIDEWALK AND  
PASSAIC STREET STREETScape PROJECT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Lanza Avenue Roadway, Midland Avenue Sidewalk and Passaic Street Streetscape Project.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Upcoming events in the City.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Project Schedule for the River Drive Realignment Project and the Riverfront Park Project.
2. Community Development grant repaving of Bloomingdale Avenue, Bogart Avenue and Botany Street.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The Zoning Board of Adjustment approval of a Deli-Store at the intersection of River Drive and Market Street and the number of off-street parking spaces approved.
2. The Property Tax Bills going out late.

Councilmember Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. The Municipal Audit Correction Action Plan.
2. The process to fill a vacancy should one occur on the City Council.
3. The gratitude of School Officials towards the City Manager, DPW Superintendent, Recreation Director and Mayor and Council for courtesies extended in regard to students using the Jewell Street Sprayground.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

3. The gas line on Main Street.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 11-244

WHEREAS, Father Joy Alappat was appointed the first Mission Director for the Syro Malabar Community at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Garfield, where he has been a spiritual leader since May 1, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Syro Malabar Community, which is an Eastern Rite, faithful of the Universal Church, are a people who have migrated from India to this land of opportunity, and have experienced rapid growth under the strong and dedicated service of Father Joy Alappat, and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the spiritual needs for this community, Father Joy launched various social, cultural and educational programs including Indian cultural dance lessons, music classes, a youth speech club, women's forum, Malayalam ethnic language classes, and a unit of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a charitable organization in the Catholic Church that has already helped so many poor people in their needs, and

WHEREAS, after seven years of his dedicated and selfless service to this thriving community and people of Garfield, Father Joy Alappat is being transferred as Vicar of the Mar Thoma Sleeha Syro Malabar Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois, effective August 21, 2011, and

WHEREAS, as a sign of gratitude for his remarkable impact and active leadership in the Syro Malabar communities in northern New Jersey, a farewell meeting, Holy Qurbana and dinner will be held for Father Joy at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Sunday, August 7, 2011,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that genuine BEST WISHES are hereby extended to FATHER JOY ALAPPAT on his transfer to the Mar Thoma Sleeha Syro Malabar Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois, which marks yet another significant milestone in his exemplary ministry of love, devotion and service.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-245

WHEREAS, pursuant to a prior Resolution of the governing body certain fiscal actions were taken in order to assist in the preparation of the annual budget for the City; and

WHEREAS, said action included a requirement that certain city employees, including certain department heads and professionals, contribute a certain amount towards health benefits which exceeded the State mandated contribution; and

WHEREAS, in addition thereto, certain department heads and professionals were required to reduce their salaries by four percent; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the conclusion of the budget preparation the governing body has determined that such actions are no longer necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The prior action of the governing body which required department heads and certain other employees to contribute more than the State mandated 1.5% contribution towards health benefits is hereby rescinded and vacated. As a result, those employees will make contributions which are consistent with the contribution of other city employees.
2. The prior action of the Mayor and Council which imposed a four percent (4%) salary reduction on certain employees including department heads and professionals is hereby rescinded and vacated. Said reduction shall be restored to the affected employees, retroactively, to July 1, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within action is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for this purpose and is based upon his recommendation and approval.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Personnel Department of the City of Garfield, the Chief Financial Officer and the City Manager.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-246

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Stanley J. Moskal, was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 30, 2011, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Joseph Delaney as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Robert Hugh Meehan Jr. of 464 Lanza Avenue and Amanda Kate Eckert of 138 Woodgate Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Councilman Joseph Delaney be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Robert Hugh Meehan Jr. and Amanda Kate Eckert
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of these marriage ceremonies and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremonies and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremonies as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Joseph Delaney and Amanda Kate Eckert at 138 Woodgate Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-247

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR  
WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Stanley J. Moskal, was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 31, 2011, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Joseph Delaney as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Eduardo Romero-Gonzalez of 42 Outwater Lane, 1R, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 and Flor Maria Chica Guevara of 42 Outwater Lane, 1R, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Councilman Joseph Delaney be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Eduardo Romero-Gonzalez and Flor Maria Chica Guevara

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2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of these marriage ceremonies and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremonies and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremonies as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Joseph Delaney and Flor Maria Chica Guevara, 42 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 11-248

A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Lanza Avenue Improvements, Midland Avenue Sidewalk Improvements and Passaic Street Streetscape Project to English Paving Company, Inc.

WHEREAS, bids were received for the above project on July 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., and;

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

English Paving Co., Inc., 650 Route 46 W., Clifton, N.J.	\$566,977.05
A.J.M. Contractors, 300 Kuller Rd., Clifton, N.J.	\$624,324.50
Smith-Sondy Asphalt, 150 Anderson Ave., Wallington, N.J.	\$651,002.55
D.L.S. Contracting Inc., 633 Franklin Ave., Nutley, N.J.	\$669,837.50

And;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer and the City Attorney have reviewed the apparent low bid submitted by English Paving Company, Inc. and find it to be in order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lanza Avenue Improvements, Midland Avenue Sidewalk Improvements and Passaic Street Streetscape Project is hereby awarded to English Paving Company, Inc. in the low bid amount of \$566,977.05.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-249

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 2:25 P.M. on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (James Demetrakis, the Developer of Record for the Garden State Paper Site Redevelopment "Signature Place at Garfield", proposed meeting with the Garfield Redevelopment agency to discuss inclusion of his obligations concerning the construction of a proposed new Police Station).

CLOSED SESSION

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 –Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Tana M. Raymond

EXIT OF DEPUTY MAYOR MOSKAL, INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
RIGGITANO AND SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, the speaker telephone connection with Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal was terminated; and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 2:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmember Delaney and Moskal

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK