

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 6:45 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 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: Tana M. Raymond, Louis G. Aloia, and Frank J. Calandriello  
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney and Stanley J. Moskal  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell)

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-033-09, from New Firehouse Associates, LL, (Eugeniusz Kowal, 153 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, to Firehouse Grill, LLC (Nikolce Milevski, 15 Garwood Court South, Garfield, NJ 07026 – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation and Zoran Milevski, 30 Church Street, Elmwood Park, NJ, 07407 – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation), t/a the Firehouse.

Applicant Nikolce Milevski was present.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY AND CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:55 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell 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 held today in the Conference Room in City Hall concerning snow removal operational plans in anticipation of the snow storm expected to hit Garfield on Tuesday into Wednesday.
2. Several PSE&G Meter Readers have refused to enter any homes in the Chromium Study area designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and he has written a letter to PSE&G Process, Operations and Resource Manager Walt Yukniewicz stating that less than twenty properties have been deemed affected and clean ups have been completed in all of them.
3. According to the 2010 year end report, there were 53 Property Maintenance convictions and \$77,650.00 collected in fines.
4. According to the 2010 year end report, the total profit realized by the Fire Prevention Bureau amounted to \$181,694.00
5. According to the 2010 year end report, the Building Department has income of \$321,470.00 and expenses off \$207,336.00 for a total profit of \$114,134.00.
6. The five defibrillators being donated by the Sports Authority sporting goods store in memory of recently deceased high school baseball player Tommy Adams.
7. Fire Chief James Kovacs addressed several potential OSHA issues at Garfield Fire Houses ahead of any possible inspections.
8. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Garfield Babe Ruth League.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR MOSKAL AND  
INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 7:00 PM, Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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9. The New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting which collectively purchases natural gas and electricity for government entities does not seem to be providing a substantial savings to the City of Garfield, so the City may decide to opt out.
10. The use of law enforcement forfeiture funds to purchase trunk mounted computer modems.
11. The proposed Resolution concerning the Safe Routes to Schools grant in the amount of \$30,000.00.
12. The proposed restructuring of the Sewer Billing program in regard to one and two family homes and small commercial users and huge commercial users.
13. The problem of citizens taking metal goods put at the curb for City recycling collection.
14. HP Garfield, the Redevelopment developer of record for the Garden State Paper site at 950 River Drive, is requesting that four units be made into three bedroom units as part of Signature Place at Garfield and this matter is being referred to the Planning Board.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 10, 2011.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-9

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 7:30 P.M. on Monday, January 10, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters which if disclosed would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy; (meeting with Jack Zisa and Michele Oakley of Regional Risk Managers, LLC re: employee benefits consulting and brokerage services).
- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (meeting with Jack Zisa and Michele Oakley of Regional Risk Managers, LLC re: employee benefits consulting and brokerage services).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (meeting with Jack Zisa and Michele Oakley of Regional Risk Managers, LLC re: employee benefits consulting and brokerage services).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed test market of four units at Signature Place at Garfield located at the Garden State Paper Redevelopment site located at 950 River Drive).

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 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK