

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:55 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, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia and Stanley J. Moskal
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Police Chief Kevin Amos

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia Gallagher concerning requests for City Council endorsement of the following Community Development grant applications: \$169,000.00 for pervious concrete for the parking lot located at their building at 33 Outwater Lane; and \$17,400.00 for handicapped lifts for their swimming pool facilities to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

VIRIDIAN

The City Council and Cabinet met with Patrick P. Lull of Viridian who provided documentation of \$94,174.54 in savings for the year concerning the electric supply to the City after the City switched to Viridian.

GREENER CORNERS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Aaron Klein of Greener Corners who have installed 30 recycling bins around the City, which during the past 15 months, diverted 28 tons from landfills. He presented the City with a check for \$800.00 which represents a portion of the savings during the past 9 months.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The annual beefsteak fundraiser for Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 340 Palisade Avenue to be held Saturday, October 22, 2011.
2. The evaluation being performed by City Engineer Boswell of the roof leaks of Firehouses No. Two, Three and Four.
3. The New Jersey Municipal Managers Association meeting he plans to attend on October 20, 2011 at Rutgers University.
4. The Recycling Workshop that Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo plans on attending on Thursday, October 13, 2011.
5. The Vic Terranova Memorial Dinner to be held Thursday, October 27, 2011.
6. The proposed switching of the City Council Meeting from Wednesday, November 9, 2011 to Tuesday, November 1, 2011.
7. The Garfield Free Public Library Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

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8. The presentation that he and Mayor Calandriello will have to make on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 10:45 AM at the Business Action Center in Lawrenceville, New Jersey concerning the proposed Riverfront Square Redevelopment site at 7 Jewell Street.
9. The Disaster Recovery Center in the Bergen County Administration Building in Hackensack is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
10. The potholes on Lanza Avenue.
11. The tour of the City which will be conducted in connection with grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.
12. Due to the train accident fatality which happened yesterday at the Outwater Lane train crossing, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Plauderville Train Station scheduled for this coming Friday, has been postponed indefinitely, and the new train station will be open for passengers on Monday October 10, 2011.

Councilmember Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. The proposed opening of an office in City Hall to help assist the victims of Hurricane Irene.
2. Safety concerns in regard to the new Plauderville Train Station.
3. The proposed installation of better gates for safety at railroad crossings in Garfield.
4. Proposed enhanced enforcement of the requirement that kids wear helmets when riding bikes or scooters.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated October 4, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Aloia and Moskal

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK