

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 6:00 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, Louis Aloia and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated October 18, 2011.

EXIT OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:30 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The inspections performed by the City Engineer concerning roof leaks and water infiltration at Fire Houses No. Two, Three and Four.
2. The Diagnostic Safety Meeting to be held at the Outwater Lane Railroad Crossing at 11:00 AM tomorrow with New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Transit Railroad, City Officials and other officials.
3. The resignation of Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal effective October 15, 2011 in order to accept an international position with his employer, Unilever, in Switzerland.
4. The Homecoming Barbeque scheduled to be held Friday, October 21, 2011 at 5:00 PM before the 7:00 PM Homecoming game at Garfield High School.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER REPRESENTATIVE MIRANDI

At 6:35 PM, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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5. The Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser for Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held Saturday, October 22, 2011.
6. The adults only Halloween Party to be held at Benda-Roehrich VFW Post No. 2867 on Saturday, October 29, 2011.
7. The letter and petition dated October 12, 2011 from some small business owners on River Drive concerning disruptions to their business from the Road Realignment and park construction on River Drive from Outwater Lane north to the Elmwood Park border.

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8. The Garfield Police survey of grade level railroad crossings from approximately 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM resulted in a breakdown of data as follows: Outwater Lane Crossing – 3 Grammar School Age Students (2 with parents), 3 Middle School Age Students, 15 High School Age Students and 54 Adults; Van Winkle Avenue Crossing – 27 School Age Students, 11 Adults; Monroe Street Crossing – 6 Grammar School Age Students (3 with parents), 9 Adults; Somerset Street crossing – 18 Grammar School Age Students (14 with parents), 2 High School Age Students, 14 Adults; Hobart Place Crossing 2 Adults.
9. The request from the White Collar Bargaining unit to commence collective bargaining negotiations.
10. Collective Bargaining Negotiations with PBA Local No. 46 scheduled to commence tomorrow.
11. The notice received from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities concerning alleged pension cost savings.
12. Traffic complaints from Jessica Newby of 211 MacArthur Avenue concerning the Head Start Program at the Bergen County Community Action Program HELP Center at 535 Midland Avenue.
13. The vandalism done to several benches and other items in Belmont Oval off Spring Street.
14. The Fire Department Budget is over between \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 due to Hurricane Irene which struck the City of Garfield August 27 – 28, 2011.
15. Not many people are applying for the Weatherization training program being conducted by the Bergen County CAP and perhaps notices should be sent out or a reverse 911 call.
16. He would like to hire at least two cleanup people through the Hurricane Irene National Emergency Grant Disaster Relief Employment Program.
17. The grant application filed under Green Acres and Blue Acres to buy out homes along the Passaic River and the proposed buy out of business located at River Drive and Willard Street.
18. The proposed establishment of Flexible Spending Accounts in connection with Employee Health Benefit programs.
19. The proposed Green Acres enabling resolution concerning a \$944,035.00 grant for renovation of the football/soccer field installation of artificial turf at Garfield High School at a cost of \$1,888,070.00.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The complaint received from the Sehovic Family at 162 Schley Street concerning storm water flooding on Schley Street near Cherry Street.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-324

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,

CLOSED SESSION

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 7:45 P.M. Tuesday, October 18, 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; (proposed employment contract with Police Chief Kevin Amos)

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,
Vacancy 1

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Joseph Delaney

RETURN OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:55 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell returned to the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:30 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK