

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 6:30 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
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Fire Chief James Kovacs, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

ANNUAL REPORT OF GARFIELD'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUBURBAN ESSEX JOINT INSURANCE FUND

The City Council and Cabinet met with City Insurance Risk Manager Frank Covelli of Professional Insurance Associates, 429 Hackensack Avenue, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072 concerning the Annual Report of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund including recent JIF/MEL Developments involving Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability/XL Insurance Company/Changing the Culture Safety Campaign/New Tracking System for Employee Safety Training/2011 Update Requirements from the JIF/MEL and a Synopsis of Coverages provided to the City of Garfield including: Property and Building Contents; Extra Expense; Valuable Papers and EDP Media; Flood Coverage; Earthquake; Boiler and Machinery; Deductibles; Physical Damage, Auto Fleet and Mobile Equipment; Auto Physical Damage Reimbursement for Emergency Service Volunteers; Automobile Liability; General Liability; Law Enforcement Professional Liability; Employee Benefits Liability; the \$20,000.00 Limit of Liability which is layered as follows: the first \$200,000 covered by the Suburban Essex Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (J.I.F.) and the rest (\$19,800,000) covered by the Municipal Excess Liability Fund (MEL); Terrorism coverage; the limits of the Excess Liability Policy; Environmental Liability; Public Officials Liability; Employment Practices Liability; Crime Coverages; Faithful Performance and Employee Dishonesty Bond; Excess Public Official Bond; Workers Compensation; Environmental Liability Coverage provided through the EJIF; Public Officials Bonds and other Insurance Coverages provided by P.I.A., Inc. rather than the J.I.F. Also mentioned were Statutory Bond Coverages, MEL Safety Institute Alcohol Drug Testing for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Operators and a 2009 Update on Public Officials /Employment Practices Liability.

PROPOSED NEW FIRE TRUCK

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following officials of Fire Company No. Four concerning a proposed new fire truck: Fire Company President Ernest P. Rosolen and Assistant Fire Chief John Kopacz.

WATER BILLING AND CITY WATER UTILITY

The City Council and Cabinet met with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas concerning water billing, a proposed rate increase and the proposed acquisition of radio meters. City Manager Duch reported that at 4:30 PM, City Officials met and toured the improvements to the City Water Facility located at 221 Boulevard near the intersection of Gilbert Avenue in the Borough of Elmwood Park and that there was not a quorum present of the City Council at this meeting.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:55 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

Work Session November 29, 2011, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK