

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 6:20 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, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with representatives of Zoe's Place, Inc. concerning City Council endorsement of a Community Development grant application in the amount of \$35,620.00 for child care services for teen mothers living in the residence at Zoe's Place at 58 Farnham Avenue.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed redevelopment of the Sketchley Services/Eastern Overall site located at the south end of Walnut Street.
2. The Holiday Luncheon for City Hall employees scheduled to be held Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 12:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall.
3. The Planning Board Holiday Dinner will be held December 29, 2011 at the Fire House Restaurant located at 42 Plauderville Avenue.
4. The proposed agenda item of water issues for the City Council Meeting scheduled to be held January 24, 2012.
5. The Street Paving Program List of Streets for 2011 and 2012.
6. The City of Garfield has improved from a Class 10 rating to a Class 9 rating concerning flood zones and insurers should receive a 5% discount on their flood insurance.
7. English Paving has received an award from the National Pavement Asphalt Association for the Lanza Avenue Improvement Project.
8. Recognitions for City Architect Arcari Iovino from the New Jersey Institute of Architects.
9. The 2012 Municipal Budget.
10. The appointment of James Miller by the Mayor to the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees.
11. The proposed amendment to the Police Table of Organization.
12. The Reorganization Meeting of the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012.
13. Amerigroup has given the City another \$1,000 for exercise purposes.
14. Green Acres has sent a notification that the City is in full compliance with their regulations.
15. The 6.5% commission paid to the broker of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund.

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16. The need to seek formal bids for the repair of the 30" City Water line running underneath Cedar Street.
17. The installation of the new Salt Shed off Beech Street in the DPW Yard.
18. The request for two bus stops for the Alternative School in Clifton near the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield located at 490 Midland Avenue and near Holy Trinity located near the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Botany Street.
19. The Graduation Ceremony of the 18 Police Cadets in the Bergen County Police Academy at Bergen Community College on Thursday, December 15, 2011, including four Garfield Officers.
20. The proposed presentation to the City Council by Viridian Energy at an upcoming Council meeting.
21. The houses near the intersection of Semel Avenue and Prospect Street which are pumping water from their sump pumps into the street which is freezing and making the road slippery and dangerous for drivers.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:15 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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22. The letter from the Garfield Free Public Library requesting a City Council liaison to the Library Board of Trustees.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated December 20, 2011.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. Proposed appointments to various City Boards.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-406

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. Tuesday, December 20, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * 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 Pastor Calvin McKinney of Calvary Baptist Church and other Clergy and representatives of the NAACP of Bergen County regarding concerns and opportunities in the town and the fatal police shooting of December 10, 2011).

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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
Tana M. Raymond

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 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 4, Vacancy 1

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK