

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 15, 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: Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Police Chief Kevin Amos

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Environmental Commission member Mehmet Secilmis concerning the proposed reactivation of the Garfield Environmental Commission.

LA FESTA ITALIANO

The City Council and Cabinet met with Vincent Leto concerning La Festa Italiano scheduled to be held August 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2011 on and around the property of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church located at 188 Mac Arthur Avenue.

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND SEWER FEE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2011 Municipal Budget and the Sewer Fee.

EXIT OF CITY AUDITOR LERCH AND COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 6:40 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch left the Work Session. At 7:00 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The combined information for the years 2009 and 2010 for the Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program according to Program Administrator William Katchen: Rehabilitation Funds Expended - \$199,400.00; Payments to Program Administrator Katchen - \$20,000.00, Payments to City Attorney Joseph Rotolo - \$7,140.00, Payments to the County of Bergen - \$9,000.00. Program Administrator Katchen also reported that the cumulative amounts expended through December 31, 2010 are as follows: Rehabilitation Funds Expended - \$1,893,685.00 and total Administrative Costs Expended - \$242,733.00.
2. The policy that Fire Department vehicles are prohibited from being driven beyond a two mile radius outside City borders.
3. The installation of various monitoring wells around the City by the Federal Department of Environmental Protection in connection with their chromium contamination investigation.
4. He will be on vacation from Thursday, February 17, 2011 to Monday, February 28, 2011 and he will be in Italy. Deputy City Manager Drew Pavlica will be responsible for the day to day operation of the City during his absence and he will be assisted by Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated February 15, 2011.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-74

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 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (alteration of Police Pistol Range at 413 Midland Avenue allegedly without permission; request by HP Garfield to convert over 55 housing units to regular units at the redevelopment project at 950 River Drive).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (removal of Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps President because he was not a full member and was in violation of their by-laws; proposal that Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano act as Treasurer of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps; consideration of Shared Service Agreements with other municipalities concerning Health Departments).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (lien against 88 Midland Avenue request for relief).
- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (Police Officer Mariggi Lopez allegedly driving on a suspended drivers license; proposed \$50,000.00 a year cut in the Building Department).

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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Raymond and Delaney

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

RETURN OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

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

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:10 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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Raymond