

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 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: Tana M. Raymond, Louis G. Aloia and Frank J. Calandriello  
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney and Stanley J. Moskal  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Fire Official Gerald Walis

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The City Council and Cabinet met with Jacey Raimondo, Executive Director of the Habitat For Humanity of Bergen County, located at 10 Banta Place, Suite 105, Hackensack, NJ 07601, concerning the installation of a monitoring well at 58 Farnham Avenue where the Habitat For Humanity is renovating a building for "Zoe's Place".

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The receipt of bids for Water Meter Reading and Billing advertised to be received on Friday, March 11, 2011, in which no bids were received; and the proposed purchase of remote radio read meters, and the subsequent advertisement, again, for receipt of bids for Water Meter Reading and Billing.

#### ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER REPRESENTATIVE MIRANDI AND COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 6:15 PM, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi joined the Work Session, and at 6:20 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### EXIT OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:40 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 Garfield Boys and Girls Club will celebrate the Grand Opening of its Middle School Division at 175 Lanza Avenue on Monday, April 1, 2011 at 3:30 PM.
2. The proposed reactivation of the Environmental Commission.
3. The proposed amendment to the Sewer Fee Ordinance.
4. The construction of the Plauderville Train Station between Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane is proceeding nicely and New Jersey Transit Railroad is implementing more upgrades than originally planned, but no Grand Opening date has been scheduled, yet.
5. A proposed ordinance to regulate the hours of Cafes or Coffee Houses or Social Clubs.
6. The working fire that occurred today around 4:00 PM at 41-43 Somerset Street.

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7. The annual Accomplishment Report for the year 2010, which he filed on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the Community Forestry Program.
8. Fire Chief James Kovacs would like to reinstitute the Annual Fire Department Inspections by the Mayor and City Council on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The inspection officials will travel from Firehouse to Firehouse to inspect the trucks, equipment and buildings.
9. The re-appointment of Willard Bierwas to the position of Water and Sewer Facilities Manager in the Water Department, effective January 1, 2011.
10. The telephone call he received from Monsignor William Reilly of Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church in which he advised him that the gates to the parking lots were locked and closed to parishioners at old School No. Ten at Passaic Street and Lincoln Place and to the parking lot on Passaic Street near Spencer Place by the Garfield Board of Education.
11. The Loading Zone request by Raffaele Signorile of Hairesistible at 8 Clark Street, which was approved by Resolution No. 11-98 at the March 7, 2011 Council Meeting.
12. The memo he sent out to Department Heads indicating how imperative it is to submit all insurance claims within 24 hours of their occurrence.
13. Proposed Public Safety Day to be held in the spring at one of the Firehouses.
14. The request by Lanza Automotive at the intersection of Lanza Avenue and Midland Avenue that they be licensed to sell used cars.
15. The Bloodborne Pathogens Retraining and Hazardous Communications Retraining classes to be held Friday, March 18, 2011 at the Sam and Ann Sangis Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue which all City employees are required to attend pursuant to State Law.
16. The Ad Book request from the Garfield Boilermakers Athletic Association and the Ad Book request from the Garfield High School Hall of Fame.
17. The New Jersey Conference of Mayors Conference to be held Wednesday, April 27-29, 2011 in Atlantic City, at which he will attend.

Councilmember Louis G. Aloia reported on the following:

1. The proposed ordinance for a traffic control signal at the intersection of Passaic Street and Westminster Place, and the proposed resolution authorizing the enforcement of State Traffic Laws in the parking lot of the Walmart site at 174 Passaic Street.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-116

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, March 15, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Work Session March 15, 2011, Continued

CLOSED SESSION

- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (New Financial Procedure for the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps and proposed extension of contract with Hackensack University Medical Center to the end of April 2011 for ambulance services).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed contract with Lerch, Vinci and Higgins to perform work in connection with the calculation of the Arbitrage Rebate for the City Debt Service; and proposed sharing of services with the Borough of Elmwood Park for Health Services if they pay Garfield approximately \$60,000 a year).

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,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Moskal

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Tana M. Raymond

SHORT RECESS AND RETURN TO ORDER

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, a short recess was called. At 7:50 PM, Mayor Frank J. Calandriello again called the Work Session to order in Closed Session, in the Conference Room and all City Officials were present as before the recess with the exception of Police Chief Kevin Amos and Fire Official Gerald Walis. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Moskal

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK