

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, April 19, 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: Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello  
Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond and Joseph Delaney  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Council Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. His plans to attend a New Jersey Municipal Managers seminar at the Rutgers University Center for Continuous Studies Conference Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey on Thursday, April 21, 2011.
2. The grievance filed by PBA member Everett Garnto.
3. The thank you note received from neighbors concerning the property maintenance issue handled by City Officials at 215 Wessington Avenue.
4. Proposed architectural services for a new Police Station.
5. The D.P.W. overtime he authorized for this past weekend to clear debris in the Saddle River at the River Drive Bridge near Marsellus Place to help alleviate flooding before this past Saturday's heavy rains.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND, POLICE CHIEF AMOS AND FIRE CHIEF KOVACS

At 6:10 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Fire Chief James Kovacs joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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6. The letter he received from Fire Chief James Kovacs detailing a list of the annual testing and required reports due annually for the Garfield Fire Department pursuant to OSHA and NFPA requirements.
7. His recent request to the Office of the Bergen County Sheriff for the use of the services of prisoners in Garfield.
8. The River Drive Realignment Improvement Project from the Elmwood Park border to the Outwater Lane Bridge.
9. The El Margo condemnation judgment at 909 River Drive.
10. Ordinance proposals from various Department Heads involving the Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department..
11. The installation of "No Trespassing" signs by Fleisher's Brook by the Middle School off Lanza Avenue.
12. The proposed contract with Planning Board Attorney Ralph W. Chandless.

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13. The Knights of Columbus Second Annual Army Tank Pull Challenge to be held Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 1100 Clifton Avenue in Clifton utilizing the Garfield Army Vehicle displayed in Columbus Park in Garfield at the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue.
14. The City vehicle which was successfully auctioned online by Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh was a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria police car which sold for \$700.00.

WATER SYSTEM STATUS REPORT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a Water System Status Update with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo.

STORMWATER FLOODING HARDSHIP

The City Council and Cabinet met with Mr. Paul Komstead concerning storm water flooding at 28 Garwood Court East and the property maintenance of the abutting "Railroad Property".

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-144

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. Tuesday, April 19, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (unfair labor practice charge against Police Chief Kevin Amos filed by Everett Garnto and Pedro Gongora).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Bergen County Prosecutor's Officer search of 515 Van Bussum Avenue on Friday, April 15, 2011 for alleged illegal harboring of 30 cats and dogs).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (unfair labor practice charge filed against Police Chief Kevin Amos filed by Everett Garnto and Pedro Gongora).

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 Delaney

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, the Work Session was adjourned.

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK