

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:35 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, Stanley J. Moskal 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Electrical Inspector Robert Schultz

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The recent meeting he had with School Business Administrator Thomas Egan concerning the State Aid the Garfield School System will be receiving due to the recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision concerning School Funding and how the money will be utilized for much needed capital improvements rather than excessive hiring of personnel.
2. The Garfield High School Academic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled to be held Thursday, June 16, 2011.
3. The Garfield High School Graduation Ceremony scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 22, 2011.
4. Police Department retirements which happened on or before June 1, 2011, including Barry Kody, Glenn Mati, Keith Kopacz and Craig Roselli.
5. Security recommendations from Emergency Management Coordinator and Police Officer Michael Marsh concerning the rear area of the Library property at 500 Midland Avenue which was hit with a lot of graffiti and proposed trimming of trees on the hill behind the Library by DPW personnel.
6. The proposed ordinance concerning hours of operations of Cafes.
7. The Enhanced Safety Program of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund of which Garfield seeks to be designated a Model Community as a Pilot Community of this program to "Change the Culture".
8. The proposed shared service agreement with the Borough of Haledon concerning Hepatitis B inoculations for that town's employees.
9. The meeting he had on June 1st with the following members of the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the chromium contamination in the First Ward: Patricia Seppi, Public Affairs Specialist; Rich Purogel, Remedial Project Manager; and Jeff Catanzarita, Environmental Engineer. He said that this is being done because if chromium levels resurface in any property that has been treated, they will be able to check it and arrest the problem. He said that the EPA is still looking at some other basements. He said that EC Electroplating at Clark Street and Lincoln Place has signed an Access Agreement to allow assessment of their property. He said that the EPA has dug fifteen deep wells and will be digging another fifteen wells during June, July and August. He said that they hope to do extensive sampling at all different levels of the earth during the months of September and October. He said that they are having some trouble with some of the deeper wells because there are all kinds of different layers under the earth in that section of town. He said that at one time when the glaciers came through, they deposited black sand, then white sand, then gravel, then clay, then larger stones and on and on. He said that when they drill down, they come to sand levels which pour into the holes and they have to put casement samples and it

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is taking longer than expected. He said that the EPA is looking at volatile organic contaminants in the ground water and they are looking at the possibilities that Farrell Plating that used to be on Atlantic Street might have spilled chromium in that study area. He said that the good thing is that the original study area from Van Winkle Avenue to Monroe Street and River Drive to Lincoln Place is where the chromium is essentially limited to the middle of that area. He said that the other good thing is when the people see drilling, they question what is going on and when they find out, they ask if their house can be sampled, so this is from the people who have ignored the notices and the articles who are now coming forward to ask that their homes be checked out. He said that it is a good thing that the EPA has not come across any more properties that need a cleanup. He said that the EPA did have to go back to a couple of sites where they will probably have to cleanup again. He said that the project is on-going and the EPA, in early November, will probably ask for a meeting of the Governing Body as long as they have the test results. He said that there are two different ways to treat chromium – one way, they have a filtration system which they bring out on a truck and drop it off on a street corner, connect to the groundwater, which they pump, treat the water and dump into the storm sewer. He said that the EPA does not know if that would be effective here. He said that the other way is the EPA injects a bacteria into the ground that changes the composition of the chromium. He said that funding is being sought for the cleanup. He said that it is encouraging that someone is paying attention, and to their credit, EC Electroplating has signed off on the Access Agreement to allow the EPA to do an assessment right there.

10. The Garfield YMCA is seeking sponsors for their 5K Run scheduled to be held Saturday, September 10, 2011, in and around Twentieth Century Field.
11. The Bergen County Central Region Community Development Committee approved \$601,815.00 for various projects within the City which represents 29.56% of the region's total allocation for 2011.
12. The receipt of the insurance certificate of the Garden State Paper Redevelopment at 950 River Drive.
13. The progress of the development of the park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge.
14. Proposed one-way street designations for Jewell Street and Ray Street.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The request by Edward Calderio of 201 Lincoln Place for a Three Way Stop at the intersection of Lincoln Place and Clark Street.
2. The program with Cablevision by which seniors are offered a discount on their cable TV services.

SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals from Amberjack Solar Energy concerning the Garfield Solar Energy Project: Jamie Lubin, Solar Sales Consultant; Keith Laubach, Project Manager; and Sara Hambleton, Director.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL AND
COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:25 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session; and at 7:40 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-179

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 7:50 P.M. Monday, June 13, 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; (probable retirement of Police Lieutenant Dennis Lanaras; possible other retirements in the Police Department; proposed allowance of firefighters living two miles beyond Garfield City border).
- * 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; (probable retirement of Police Lieutenant Dennis Lanaras; possible other retirements in the Police Department; proposed title change for Clerk Typist Mary Delahanty to Senior Clerk Typist; City Manager meeting with Library Director Mary Jo Jennings and Library Board President Charles Janesak re: retirement of Library Payroll Clerk Karen Zawaski and proposed performance of Library Payroll services by City Hall Payroll Clerk).

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 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5