

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 6:40 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, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Dr. Stephen Boswell of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and Fire Official Gerald Walis

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps Captain Michael Flores has resigned and the new Captain is Andrew Reid.
2. The Lanza Avenue Water Line and Roadway Improvement Project.
3. The River Drive Realignment Project.
4. He is scheduled to appear on Thursday at 9:30 AM in Lawrenceville, New Jersey at the New Jersey Office of Business Advocacy, which used to be the Office of Smart Growth, concerning the proposed Redevelopment of the old Samuel Hird Woolen Mill site bordered by Outwater Lane, Jewell Street, Columbus Avenue and River Drive.
5. The thank you note received from the Library thanking the DPW for removing graffiti and for snow clearance during the year.
6. The water testing of the City pools, at the Jewell Street Sprayground, YMCA and Boys and Girls Club is no longer being performed by the County, it is being performed by the City Health Department.
7. The Swearing-In Ceremony to be held during the Regular Meeting after the conclusion of this Work Session.
8. The recent check in the amount of \$3,688.00 for the rental of the Cell Tower behind Fire House No. Four.
9. The Lanza Avenue Water Line Improvement Project.
10. The written list of salaries of Library Personnel.
11. The new County policy for the responsibility for the maintenance and repair of culverts is that culverts at County roads are the County's responsibility and culverts at City roads are the City's responsibility.
12. The need to post signs on River Drive, due to construction for the River Drive Realignment, that "Businesses are Open".
13. The qualifications and certifications of Library Director Mary Jo Jennings.
14. The renovations being performed in the Court Administrator's Office.

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15. The PARIS grant being utilized to clean out old records in the basement of City Hall which is being administered by the Concorde Group and coordinated by City Clerk Pavlica.
16. The thank you note received which acknowledged Assistant Superintendent of Parks John Lord for his work and assistance in connection with the Jewell Street Sprayground.
17. Outstanding Sewer Bills which have not yet been paid.
18. The Lanza Avenue Roadway, Midland Avenue Sidewalk and Passaic Street Streetscape Improvement Project.
19. The letters of appointment concerning the three new Police Officers and one new Police Captain.
20. The reduction in the fee paid to William Katchen who administers the Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program which is winding down.
21. The need to wait for the State Budget to be finalized before the City Tax Bills can be sent out.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:05 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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22. The tax lien on the property owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Garfield at Mac Arthur Avenue and Leonard Street was sold on February 17, 2009, so the matter is no longer a City issue, it is the lien holder's issue.
23. The proposed Adult Day Care Center proposed by the Bergen Community Action Partnership located at 529 Midland Avenue.
24. The 5K Race to be held by the Garfield YMCA in and around 20th Century Field on September 10, 2011.
25. Polish Night to be held by St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church on September 9, 2011.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. Bills for payment to Stenographers Beth Calderone and Mary McKay for work performed for the Redevelopment Agency, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. Well 8R and Improvements to the City Water System.
2. The written report of the City Engineer dated July 11, 2011.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-219

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

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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 7:25 P.M. Monday, July 11, 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; (Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps possible closing down due to alleged 60 or more late or missed shifts over six months during their 6:00 PM to midnight shift; appointment of three police officers and possibly a fourth police officer).
- * 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; (appointment of three police officers and possibly a fourth police officer).

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 8:05 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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK