

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 5:55 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, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Kevin Amos

MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

The City Council and Cabinet met with Nick Milevski of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, 1050 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009, concerning a proposed fundraiser on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at Belmont Oval located off Spring Street.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Hydrant Flushing Program.
2. The Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund Model Safety Committee Meeting entitled "Changing the Culture" held Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Township of Nutley Annex Building located at 65 Bloomfield Avenue in Nutley.
3. The proposal by the Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc. concerning a proposed Adult Day Health Center at 529 Midland Avenue.
4. The Lanza Avenue Repaving, Midland Avenue Sidewalk and Passaic Street Streetscape Improvement.
5. ASCAP and BMI are pressing municipalities for annual fee payments to pay royalties for music played at City events, however, the City does not play music, and the DJ's use it, so they pay the fees.
6. The Housing Authority of the City of Garfield Sewer Billing Dispute and the Housing Authority position that the PILOT Agreement from 1977 says that the amount paid is in lieu of payment of taxes and all other charges.
7. The dirt pile at the Garden State Paper Redevelopment site at 950 River Drive that neighbors were complaining about has been substantially reduced in size.
8. The hour long ceremony to be held at Benda-Roerich VFW Post No. 2867 located at 340 Outwater Lane to be held Thursday, August 4th at 10:00 AM for the unclaimed cremated remains of Veterans followed by a police escort to the Brigadier General William C. Dayle Veterans Cemetary in Wrightstown, New Jersey.
9. A recent Notice of Non-Compliance from the State DEP concerning testing results of the City Water System was sent erroneously by the State.
10. The contract with the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Center.
11. A \$10.00 flapjack fundraiser for the Garfield Boys and Girls Club will be held Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM at the Applebees located at 168 Passaic Street in Garfield.

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12. Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Traffic Lieutenant Ronald Polonkay will be attending a County Meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2011 concerning the Passaic Street and Midland Avenue Improvements.
13. The fingerprinting requirement of Firefighter candidates and the proposed standardization of the Firefighter application form for the City of Garfield Fire Department, rather than five different forms from five different Fire Companies.
14. A summary of the State Pension and Health Benefits Reform Legislation.
15. The New Jersey Best Practices Initiatives Check List as filed by Interim Chief Financial Officer Riggitano and the result that the City should receive 100% of State Aid.
16. Garfield YMCA Movie Night sponsored by Spencer Savings Bank scheduled to be held Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 8:15 PM at Belmont Oval off Spring Street.
17. The appointment of Father Joy Alappat of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church as Vicar of the Mar Thoma Sleeha Syro Malabar Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois, effective August 21, 2011.
18. The City Tax Bills which are being sent out late due to the finalization of the State Budget.
19. The request by Teamsters Local No. 469, the Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Unit, to begin contract negotiations.
20. The assignment of specific vehicles to each Fire Company, rather than passing the vehicles down from Assistant Fire Chief to Assistant Fire Chief, as they rise through the ranks.
21. The appointment of Sebastian Tyburski as a Police Officer.
22. Proposed camera red light enforcement at the intersection of River Drive and Outwater Lane and at the intersection of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated July 19, 2011.

ARRIVAL OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR MARSH

At 6:50 PM, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The 2010 Municipal Audit.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-228

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 7:15 P.M. Tuesday, July 19, 2011, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

CLOSED SESSION

- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (meeting with “Signature Place at Garfield” Redeveloper of record at 950 River Drive James Demetrakis, and Leonard Pares re: allowing units without age restrictions, quality of buildings, and proposed new police station).

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) Tana M. Raymond
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:40 PM, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK