

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6:50 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, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Police Captain Darren Sucorowski, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and Fire Official Gerald Walis

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Eagle Scout Candidate Richard Rossetti and the following Garfield Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 2267 Boy Scout Troop No. 250 concerning a proposed Eagle Scout Project to build a new bulletin board in Columbus Park near the intersection of Midland Avenue and Bellport Place: Julio Cuellar, Jason Diaz, Steven Arias and Umberto Valencia.

WEATHERIZATION JOB TRAINING

The City Council and Cabinet met with Joan Wright, Percy Harris and Patrick Mc Ewan of the Bergen County Community Action Partnership located at 545 Midland Avenue concerning their Weatherization Job Training Program for which they plan to apply for grant funding.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed City Council endorsement of the following Community Development grant application:

- * Eldercare Expansion Services at the Americas Unidas Multicultural Senior Center in Hackensack and at the Garfield Senior Center in Garfield in the amount of \$39,140.00 as proposed by the Children's Aid and Family Services, 200 Robin Road, Paramus, New Jersey 07652.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The One Hundredth Anniversary Mass for Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church at 99 Marsellus Place to be held Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 11:00 AM.
2. The Landscape Planting to be performed by the Bergen County Environmental Council at Dahnert's Lake County Park on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 10:00 AM.
3. The proposed Green Acres grant application in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the acquisition of a new camera system for the new Riverfront Park along the Passaic River from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam.
4. The preliminary City submission to FEMA for losses associated with Hurricane Irene which hit the northeastern United States on August 27-28, 2011.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:15 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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5. The stop sign request by a citizen for the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place.
6. The “No Loitering” signs at School No. Six located at 111 Palisade Avenue.
7. The storm water run off from 181 Chestnut Street.
8. Passaic, Clifton, Paterson and Lodi provided mutual aid coverage for the City during the Firemen’s Convention held earlier this month.
9. His attendance at the last New Jersey Conference of Mayors Conference at which Governor Christopher Christie spoke.
10. A proposed ordinance regulating fire pits.
11. The induction of Frank J. Calandriello into the Mayor’s Hall of Fame on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference.
12. The Tie a Ribbon Campaign by the Susan G. Koreman Cancer Prevention organization.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 20, 2011.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 11-297

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, September 20, 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; (proposed Police Table of Organization; police investigation of finances and property of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed contract with Police Chief Kevin Amos; road program bid contract award).

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

Work Session, September 20, 2011, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:10 PM, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK