

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 5:15 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 meeting 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, Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal

City Officials Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

#### RIVER DRIVE IMPROVEMENT BIDS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed bids received on Thursday, August 25, 2010 for the River Drive Improvements.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 10-266

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 5:20 P.M. on Thursday, September 2, 2010, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (bids received Thursday, August 25, 2010 for improvements to River Drive and need to make changes in the project and amend the specifications and reject the bids and re-bid the project).

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 Moskal

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

#### RESOLUTIONS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 5:40 PM, they acted on the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 10-267

A Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bids in Connection with the River Drive Improvement Project, City of Garfield, Bergen Count, New Jersey

WHEREAS, bids were received for the Historic Dundee Dam and River Drive Improvement Project on August 25, 2010 at 10:00 am; and

WHEREAS, 15 bids were received ranging from \$7,253,305.00 to \$9,907,237.50; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined significant changes in the project scope are required to incorporate comments received from the County of Bergen and further changes to contract quantities are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer, City Attorney and Mayor and Council have determined the requisite changes to the contract documents significantly affect the scope of the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, all bids submitted in connection with the above referenced project are hereby rejected subject to a written letter of concurrence by the City Attorney of this action; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project is authorized for a rebid with the new bid date being September 24, 2010 at 10:00 am; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk and Engineer are hereby authorized to make the requisite changes to the contract documents and publish appropriate notice of the rebid in the City Authorized newspapers in order to facilitate the rebidding of this project.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Pasquali Maisano of New Prince Concrete Construction Company, 215 Eileen Terrace, Hackensack, New Jersey, commented and asked questions concerning the rejection of bids and the re-bid of the River Drive Improvement Project. He said that he objects to the rejection of bids until he sees the significant changes which are allegedly being made to the specifications.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Junior Boilermakers Football Team Mayor's Trophy game scheduled to be held tonight at 6:30 PM at Twentieth Century Field off Elizabeth Street.
2. Garfield YMCA Community Day scheduled to be held Saturday, September 11, 2010 all day at Twentieth Century Field.

Councilmember Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. The reduction in pay of Recreation Department After School Program Head Teachers David Gierak, Todd Williams and Richard Rigoglioso.
2. The proposed re-hiring of laid off Crossing Guard Jeanie Ricco.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

