

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:50 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal 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, Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia and Stanley J. Moskal

Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and City Auditor Representative Robert Haag (for City Auditor Dieter Lerch)

PROPOSED LAUNDROMAT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Mr. Dimitar M. Gunjarovski of 36 Prescott Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, concerning a proposed Laundromat at 349 Lanza Avenue. City Engineer Boswell certified that there is adequate water supply and adequate sewer capacity in the area to support a laundromat at that location.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. A computer consultant from the Passaic Valley Water Commission will be at City Hall tomorrow to rectify any water billing issues involving the computerized billing system.

ARRIVAL OF MAYOR CALANDRIELLO

At 6:55 PM, Mayor Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session, assumed his seat at the head of the Conference Room table and chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

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2. The Freddie Porter Memorial Scholarship Fundraising Dinner scheduled to be held Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.
3. The on-site Redevelopment construction commencing at the old Garden State Paper Mill site at 950 River Drive by HP Garfield Investment, LLC.
4. The 2010-2011 School Board Budget of \$24,343,000 to be voted upon by the registered voters of Garfield on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.
5. The 10:30 AM meeting to be held tomorrow at the Board of Education Offices located at 125 Outwater Lane for the proposed sale of the "Railroad Property" abutting the High School Stadium to the School System.
6. The map of the phasing plan of the Garden State Paper Mill Redevelopment site.
7. The request by Tom Zanca of 29 Davidson Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446 for a TV Production shoot at the corner of Grand Street and Palisade Avenue in Garfield on April 19, 2010.
8. A recent newspaper article concerning the need to pave the DPW Parking Lot behind the Police Station.

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9. The alert concerning the Health Care Reform Bill which was sent out by Willis HRH, the City Health Benefits Consultants.
10. The advertisement which was recently placed indicating that Garfield is an equal opportunity employer.
11. The list of various upcoming events scheduled to be held in the City.
12. Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano received an extension on behalf of the City from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Introduction of the Garfield Municipal Budget on April 27, 2010.
13. The sewer connection fee of \$12,960.00 required to be paid by the new Applebee's Restaurant for 10.8 sewerage units at 174 Passaic Street.
14. Mr. James Demetrakis, the developer at the Garden State Paper Mill Redevelopment site for HP Garfield, has sent a letter to Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia Gallagher concerning programs on a State and Federal level which would pay up to 45% of the interest on a possible YMCA loan for a new facility.
15. The Riverbank Cleanup of the Passaic River in Garfield has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 9:00 AM to noon.
16. The letter to City Manager Duch from Library Director I. Mac Arthur Nickles dated April 9, 2010 concerning Governor Christopher Christie's proposed budget cuts to State funding to libraries by 74%.
17. The funds for energy efficiency program offered by PSE&G have been frozen for additional future projects, however, the energy efficiency projects already approved for the Recreation Center and Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center, will continue to move forward.
18. The most recent Well Field Water Production Report.
19. A proposed excess Sewer Charge Ordinance.

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The City Council and Cabinet met with property owner Mr. Dimitar M. Gunjarovski and Laundromat license applicant Albreto Chica of 83 Wessington Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026 concerning a proposed Laundromat at 349 Lanza Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 10-118

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 8:10 P.M. on Monday, April 12, 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; (need to re-negotiate contracts to balance City Budget).

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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 8:15 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK