

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:10 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: Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond and 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, Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and Police Chief Kevin Amos

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Councilmember Delaney will be unable to attend this evening's Council Meeting because he is on vacation and Councilmember Raymond will be delayed.
2. His appointment on Thursday, June 17, 2010 in Trenton at the Offices of the Department of Personnel concerning Civil Service rules with regard to Police demotions and layoffs.
3. Staffing in the Recreation Department.
4. The proposed Amendment of the White Collar Salary Ordinance.
5. The State vs. vs. Bo Liu lawsuit.
6. His recent meeting with Fire Chief Michael Latona concerning the Fire Department Budget, requirements, purchasing and other related matters.
7. The maintenance of the Amvets Post No. 13 building located at 326 Outwater Lane which was recently acquired by the City and the quotations being obtained for the demolition of the building.
8. The proposed contract with Viridian for the purchase of electricity.
9. The proposed auction of surplus City vehicles.
10. The \$30,000.00 Garfield Safe Routes to Schools grant coordinated by the City Health Department to benefit the Garfield YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Garfield and the City Recreation Department.
11. National Night Out scheduled to be held Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at Twentieth Century Field off Elizabeth Street.
12. The State vs. Ellen Heine lawsuit.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:20 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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13. The Mary Godina Liquor License renewal.
14. The HP Garfield/Garden State Paper Redevelopment at 950 River Drive.

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15. The refusal by a handful of homeowners in the first Ward to allow access to Federal EPA and State DEP Inspectors in connection with the Chromium Contamination Investigation.
16. ADT representatives have been caught going door to door in town claiming they have paid a fee to the City to solicit alarm systems.
17. Resolution No. 10-181 authorizing the receipt of bids for the Passaic River Park Bikeway and Preserve.
18. The implementation of the Sewer Billing System and the bills which it is estimated to generate approximately \$1,227,678.00 per year or about half that amount for 2010.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 6:55 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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19. The Water System Master Plan and the Leak Detention Repairs Program.

ARRIVAL OF FIRE OFFICIAL WALIS

At 7:20 PM, Fire Official Gerald Walis joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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20. The Consumer Confidence Report for Water.
21. The need for a 6' x 20' concrete handicapped access ramp in Twentieth Century Field.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The alleged build up of algae and/or a gold liquid in Dahnert's Lake County Park off Midland Avenue and the alleged need to test the content of the water.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 10-195

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. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 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; (three or four vendors with outstanding claims against the Jr. Boilermakers Football program and alleged mismanagement of the organization; resolution to ask State to investigate whether sick days of certain school officials were administered properly).

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- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (State vs. former Police Officer Todd Mosby).
- * 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; (Police Chief Kevin Amos and meeting with the NJ Department of Personnel scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010; Crossing Guard training and layoff of Crossing Guard based on seniority; recent noise complaints in the Chestnut Street and Spring Street area and allegations that the responding police officer may have handled the matter poorly).

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

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:30 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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK