

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 6:05 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Kevin Amos

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The meeting he had with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas concerning water purchases from the Passaic Valley Water Commission.
2. The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development compliance inspection of turnout gear at Fire House No. Two on July 6, 2010, which resulted in no apparent safety hazards and/or safety violations being identified as a result of this Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act (PEOSHA) inspection.
3. His appointment to the Bergen County Homeless Task Force by the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
4. The activation of Well 8R in the Elmwood Park Well field and the proposed reactivation of Well 1A in Columbus Park at the corner of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue, and other improvements to the City Water System.
5. The monitoring of security cameras in different locations in the City including Belmont Oval by the City Police Department.
6. The Opt Out Incentive provision concerning employee Health Benefits.
7. The recommendation from Construction Official Gerald Walis that Cafes and other service industries not operate past 11:00 PM.
8. The Riverfront Park Irrigation System.
9. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Turn the Towns Teal" campaign in support of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.
10. The request by employees to donate sick days to hospitalized Garfield Police Officer Jason Tani pursuant to NJSA 4A:6-1.22, and the need to establish a procedure to effectuate it.
11. The Mayoral Proclamation which will be presented to the managers of Applebee's at the ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 AM tomorrow at their restaurant located at 186 Passaic Street.
12. The award of \$77,600.00 Customized Training grant to Garfield business Zumtobel Lighting, Inc. by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to use to up grade the skills of their workforce in approved training courses.
13. The proposed repair of the City Hall roof to prevent the leaking of rain water into the building.

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14. The positive article that appeared in this past Sunday's Bergen Record concerning the convenience the City provides for middle-income families.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated July 20, 2010.
2. The utility pole relocation and three foot buffer proposed in connection with the River Drive Realignment Improvement and the Riverfront Park.

Councilmember Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. The proposed sale of the City-owned "Railroad Property" abutting the High School Stadium, to the Garfield School System.

Councilmember Louis G. Aloia reported on the following:

1. The proposed public auction of the City-owned property where the Harrison Avenue Water Tank was located which was subdivided for the construction of a cell tower on one parcel, and for sale of the vacant remaining parcel.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 10-233

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 6:55 P.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (settlement with PBA Local No. 46 in connection with an amendment to their labor agreement with the City).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (ambulance services provided by the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps and 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing for services; ABC charges against Ever-Wide, Inc., t/a Nice Food Restaurant located at 237 Palisade Avenue).
- \* 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; (J.R. Sanchez assigned as a janitor in City Hall and David Gonzalez reassigned to the DPW; Police Sergeant promotional test called by NJ Department of Personnel and City Manager request to extend the old list for a year rather than call for a new test; resume from Attorney Sophy Sedarat).

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 – Mayor Calandriello

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

Work Session July 20, 2010, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 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 – Mayor Calandriello

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK