

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 6:05 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 and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney and Stanley J. Moskal
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed City Council endorsement of a Community Development grant request in the amount of \$93,347.00 by the Benda-Roehrich Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2867 for improvements to their building located at 340 Outwater Lane. VFW members present included: Michael Pollack, Richard Farkas, Joseph Taormina, Julio Quiles, John Dukes and Joseph Sokol.

ARRIVAL OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 6:20 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED GREEN ACRES APPLICATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals concerning a proposed Green Acres grant/loan application of approximately \$1.8 million for improvements to the Garfield High School Stadium including field turf improvements and track improvements: Grantsman John Bruno, Robert Novis and Justin Roberts of Bruno Associates, Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato, School Facilities Manager John Czujko, Board Attorney Kurt Giesler, Attorney Amy Lefkowitz, Teacher Michael Alfonso, and Board of Education Members Salvatore Benanti, Anthony Damato, Anthony Lio and Nicholas Milevski.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY AND CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:35 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Library Director Mary Jo Jennings, who succeeded I. MacArthur Nickles on August 1, 2010, introduced herself to the City Council and Cabinet.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 10-249

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 6:40 P.M. on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

CLOSED SESSION

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (request by School System that City assume ownership of High School Stadium and School System be required to maintain it, so that the City may file a Green Acres grant/loan application of approximately \$1.8 million for improvements to the stadium including field turf improvements and track improvements and that School System be required to assume all out of pocket costs associated with this project with strict understanding that the City not bear any costs associated with this arrangement).

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) Tana M. Raymond
Louis G. Aloia

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new Walmart off Passaic Street and Lincoln Place is scheduled for tomorrow at 7:00 AM.
2. The first late notices for Sewer Billing are going out. Out of approximately \$325,000.00 billed, approximately \$75,000.00 is still outstanding.
3. The State vs. Ellen Heine lawsuit.
4. The Daily Usage report for the City Water Department.
5. The Safer Grant available through FEMA.
6. The Declaration of Encumbrance for the City-owned Green Acres property at 795 River Drive has been filed with the County Clerk's Office in connection with the River Drive Widening Improvement.
7. Ambulance Services will be on the agenda for the next Work Session.
8. The Investigation concerning outstanding bills by the Junior Boilermakers Program.
9. Bergen County Sheriff Leo P. McGuire is undertaking a new safety initiative with the County's first ever Gun Buy Back program paid for out of forfeiture funds. On August 28-29, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, residents can visit one of several local places of worship around the County to surrender firearms, including Our Lady of Mount Virgin RC Church in Garfield on August 28th.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The Amendment to the 2010 Municipal Budget.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Bid Opening for the River Drive Improvement is Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM at City Hall.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

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10. The Public Auction via the Internet of Surplus City Vehicles no longer needed for public purposes.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The visit to Garfield yesterday by US Senator Robert Menendez concerning a \$1 million grant from the US Department of Energy to build a state-of-the-art training center by the Bergen County Community Action Partnership located at 535 Midland Avenue, to teach unemployed workers weatherization skills, which is expected to train 80 workers over two years, and will be funded with money from the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The proposed purchase of DPW Equipment including Dump Trucks and Pickup Trucks.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK