

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:40 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: Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

#### AMBULANCE SERVICES

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps Captain Michael Flores and Consultant Chuck Sweeney of EMS Consulting Services concerning a proposed third party billing program administered by the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps and taking back more daytime hours of ambulance coverage from Hackensack University Medical Center.

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Dennis Yackovetsky and his attorney John J. Segreto, with law offices at 329 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, New Jersey 07508, concerning the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-028-002, held by Mary Godina and Jane M. Piascik, 224 Cedar Street, Garfield for the 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 License Terms and endorsement of the license to the Estate of Mary Godina.

#### POLICE OFFICER JASON TANI FUNDRAISER

The City Council and Cabinet met with Ex-Fire Chief Michael Marsh of Fire Company No. Five concerning Garfield Police Officer and Fire Company No. Five Firefighter Jason Tani regarding his battle with Pancreatitis that nearly cost him his life. The beefsteak fundraiser scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the Lodi Boys and Girls Club on Passaic Avenue in Lodi, to raise funds to help offset his medical expenses and lost wages, was discussed.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND AND INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 7:15 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders Ordinance No. 10-26 and the allocation of \$4,000,000.00 for the River Drive Improvement Project. The cost to the City can be \$1.4 million and probably less, depending on what additional grants can be obtained by the City.
2. The conveyance of property along the Passaic River for parkland from "Signature Place at Garfield", the project in the Redevelopment Zone, located at 950 River Drive.
3. The preparation, meetings and dinners in connection with the Pulaski Day Parade.
4. Garfield YMCA Community Day held this past Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Twentieth Century Field.

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5. Kids Day sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield scheduled to be held Sunday, September 26, 2010, and the proposed combining of Garfield YMCA Community Day with Kids Day.

REDEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Mr. James Demetrakis, the Developer of Record for "Signature Place at Garfield" in the Redevelopment Zone at 950 River Drive, concerning changes in the Redevelopment Zone and an execution of a proposed Redevelopment Zone agreement.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 10-268

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 7:35 P.M. on Monday, September 13, 2010, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed residential redevelopment at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street along the train tracks).
- \* 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; proposed redevelopment of possibly environmentally sensitive property at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Ambulance services; meeting with representatives of the Garfield Redevelopment Agency concerning redevelopment of property at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street along the train tracks; alleged water billing errors by the Passaic Valley Water Commission).
- \* 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; (proposed rehiring of laid off Crossing Guard Jennie Ricco).

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

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL AND  
LABOR COUNSEL RANDAZZO

At 8:10 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session during Closed Session, and at 8:35 PM, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo joined the Work Session during Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

Work Session September 13, 2010, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 PM, the Work Session was adjourned.

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK