

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, December 21, 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, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Fire Official Gerald Walis

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0221-33-033-09, from New Firehouse Associates, LL, (Eugeniusz Kowal, 153 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, to Firehouse Grill, LLC (Nikolce Milevski, 15 Garwood Court South, Garfield, NJ 07026 – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation and Zoran Milevski, 30 Church Street, Elmwood Park, NJ, 07407 – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation), t/a the Firehouse.

Andrew M. Cimiluca, the attorney for the applicant, with law offices located at 1000 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013, was present.

WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas concerning the notice from the Passaic Valley Water Commission that they were raising water rates 5% in 2011, 5% in 2012, 4% in 2013, 5% in 2014 and 5% in 2015.

ARRIVAL OF POLICE CHIEF AMOS

At 6:25 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas and discussed proposed RFQ's for City Water Billings and a proposed increase in City Water Rates of 3.5% effective February 1, 2011.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. Two proposed ordinances to provide the City with the ability to charge a homeowner who incurs City overtime for sewer clogs which are the responsibility of the homeowner, and to require the property owner who has new buildings constructed to install new water and sewer lines.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The need for the installation of a vault and water meter at Central Bergen Properties located at 141 Lanza Avenue and the intersection of Jewell Street in connection with that complex becoming a City water customer now that the Lanza Avenue Water Line Improvement is complete.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

2. The City helped Benda-Roebrich VFW Post No. 2867 winterize their building located at 320 Outwater Lane.
3. The price quotes he is seeking from environmental companies concerning the proposed removal of an oil tank at the old Amvets Building located at 326 Outwater Lane.
4. The proposed resolution concerning the Host Community Agreement with Interstate Waste.
5. The River Drive Realignment Improvement Project.
6. A proposed joint meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency on February 7, 2011 concerning the proposed Sketchley Services/Eastern Overall Redevelopment at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street.
7. The proposed resolution concerning the proposed Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Wallington concerning the Court Administrator.
8. Proposed Council meeting dates for the year 2011.
9. The possible closing of the A&P Supermarket located at 70 Outwater Lane.
10. The recent Budget meeting he had with Garfield Free Public Library Director Mary Jo Jennings.
11. Last year the Annual Dinner of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps cost approximately \$13,000.00 at the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive. This year the Annual Dinner of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps is estimated to cost about \$3,000.00 at the Off Duty Tavern located at 133 Monroe Street.
12. The follow-up meeting with representatives of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency held at City Hall on Monday, December 13, 2010. Some Public Service Electric and Gas meter readers have concerns and are reluctant to enter homes in the Chromium Contamination Study area in the First Ward. The EPA Representatives gave assurances that there are no real health concerns in entering any property and that short term exposure is not an issue, that it is regular, extended, prolong exposure which should be a concern. An exception would be if a City Water Department employee was laying on the ground or doing something similar, that could be a problem. He said that the EPA is developing a protocol in regard to this matter.
13. The proposed Solar Power agreement.
14. The offer by the Sports Authority store chain to donate several defibrillators to the City of Garfield Recreation Department and other agencies.
15. Proposed new appointments to the Garfield Environmental Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

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 – Councilmember Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK