

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 8:25 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 meeting 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Moskal moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

COMMUNICATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica announced that in a letter to him from Mayor Calandriello dated December 22, 2009, the Mayor made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

1. Mr. Nick Milevski, 15 Garwood Court South, as a Regular Class IV Member, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for the full four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.
2. Mr. Daniel Tummillo, 28 Henrietta Street, as the First Alternate Member, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for the full two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.
3. Mr. Ernest P. Rosolen, 25 Pershing Street, as the Second Alternate Member, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for the full two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

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Resolution No. 09-417

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have expelled Diego Nunez of 158 Harrison Avenue, as an active member effective November 6, 2009,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-418

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted Joseph P. Kopacz of 462 Boulevard, as a regular active member, effective November 9, 2009.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 09-419

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 advises that Ronald Polonkay, of 26 Park Avenue, has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for at least twenty-one years and that he is entitled to a twenty-one year badge, and

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WHEREAS, the records in the Office of the City Clerk indicate that he has served for a period of twenty-one years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 5 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue a twenty-one year badge to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-420

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Retired Firemen be compensated as provided by Ordinance No. 1466 adopted August 10, 1971 and as amended by Ordinances No. 1925, 1990 and 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-421

WHEREAS, Carmin Breonte, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member pursuant to Resolution No. 05-479, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 20, 2005, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expires December 31, 2009,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Carmin Breonte of 125 Mac Arthur Avenue, is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of adjustment, as a Regular Member, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for a full four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-422

WHEREAS, Sal Cusmano, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member pursuant to Resolution No. 08-434, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, November 25, 2008, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expires December 31, 2009,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Sal Cusmano of 115 Sherman Place, is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for a full four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-423

WHEREAS, Zvonko Vesko, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member pursuant to Resolution No. 05-480, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 20, 2005, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expires December 31, 2009,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Zvonko Veskov of 115 Gaston Avenue is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for a full four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

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Resolution No. 09-424

WHEREAS, Edward Puzio was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as the First Alternate pursuant to Resolution No. 08-15, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 8, 2008, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expires December 31, 2009,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Edward Puzio of 535 Mac Donald Street is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as the First Alternate, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for a full two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-425

WHEREAS, Scott Leibowitz, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as the Second Alternate pursuant to Resolution No. 08-16, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 8, 2008, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expires December 31, 2009,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Scott Leibowitz of 130 Krakow Street, is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as a Second Alternate, effective January 1, 2010, to succeed himself, for a full two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-426

WHEREAS, Ferdinand Dzwilewski, 175 Division Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P332039, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Division Avenue commencing 100 feet west of the intersection of Division Avenue and Ray Street and an additional 25 west from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect and appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-427

WHEREAS, Manuel Cortez, 83 Somerset Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P907106, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Somerset Street commencing 100 feet east of the intersection of Somerset Street & Palisade Avenue and an additional 25 east from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

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Resolution No. 09-428

WHEREAS, Joao Domingues, 103 Division Avenue who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P332039, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Division Avenue commencing 75 feet east of the intersection of Division Avenue and Madonna Place and an additional 25 east from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-429

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURES FOR MOUNT VIRGIN FESTA ITALIANA

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, located at 188 MacArthur Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey has, for several years, sponsored its Festa Italiana in honor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin; and WHEREAS, the Governing Body has, in the past, granted approval to Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish to close certain streets during the time period within which the feast was going to take place; and

WHEREAS, the Festa Italiana has been conducted, in the past, with great success but the experience of the past several years has resulted in careful consideration of certain conditions which shall be imposed upon the approval for this year; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has now requested permission to conduct its annual Festa Italiana from Thursday, August 11, 2010 through Sunday, August 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 106 of the Code of the City of Garfield provides charitable organizations with the authority to conduct such activities with whatever reasonable conditions and approvals are required; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed the requests received from Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish and has heard a presentation of representatives of the Parish and subsequent meetings with the members of the Parish and City Officials and has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to once again grants such approval with certain conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Our Lady of Mount Virgin parish is hereby granted approval to conduct its annual Festa Italiana commencing Thursday, August 12, 2010 through Sunday, August 15, 2010; and
2. The following street closures shall be permitted:
 - a. Frederick Street from Harrison Avenue to MacArthur avenue;
 - b. MacArthur Avenue from Frederick Street to Charles Street;
 - c. Charles Street from Harrison Avenue to MacArthur Avenue.
3. The street closures shall commence on Wednesday, August 11th at 8:00 AM and shall end no later than 11:59 PM on Sunday, August 15, 2010, however, there shall be no parking on said streets commencing on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 8:00 AM.
4. Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish and the Feast Committee shall take any reasonable steps and precautions necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city of Garfield and shall, additionally, take any reasonable

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precautions which are available to them in order to minimize any adverse effects on parking and traffic congestion in the area.

5. The Parish shall provide, to the City Manager, prior to commencement of the Feast, a Certificate of Insurance which shall name the City of Garfield as well as its agencies, departments and officials as additional insured for liability purposes.
6. The Police and Ambulance Corps will be assigned an area where a mobile command center will be located.
7. The sponsoring organization shall be fully responsible for the “proofing” of individuals who purchase beer and wine and the organization shall also be responsible for determining the age of individuals who access the segregated area within which beer and wine sales will take place. The Police Department shall assign a Police Officer to the area who will attempt to insure that no alcoholic beverages are consumed in any area other than the segregated area described in the Resolution.
8. Some of the food stands will also be moved to the interior of the church parking lot.
9. In the area where the streets are closed, regulated access will be instituted with a checkpoint to gain entrance to the feast area.
10. A 16 foot emergency lane will be maintained on the westerly side of MacArthur Avenue.
11. There shall be no rap or hip hop bands or rap/hip hop DJs permitted.
12. Sale of alcoholic beverages will stop one (1) hour before the Festival closes for the night.
13. A representative of the Parish shall contact resident homeowners on MacArthur Avenue in order to attempt to address any other concerns that they may have.
14. The parish will offer residents on MacArthur Avenue the right to park in a lot used by the church and owned by Dr. LaBarbera in order to minimize any inconvenience that may be caused.
15. The site plan shall be in the form attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Our Lady of Mount Virgin parish, the Chief of Police of the City of Garfield, the Department of Public Works for the City of Garfield, the Garfield Ambulance Corps, the Fire Official for the City of Garfield, Fire Chief Michael Latona and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-430

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” enacted by the by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to

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a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “fair and open process”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:

City Engineer	Grants Consultant (2)
City Auditor	Computer Services Consultant
City Bond Counsel	City Attorney (including Housing Program
City Planner	Mortgage Closings)
Risk Management Consultant	Special Litigation and Labor
City Architect	Municipal Prosecutor
City Real Estate Appraiser	Municipal Public Defender
For Tax Appeals	
2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010.
3. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the reorganization meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. January 26, 2010.
4. The criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on the City of Garfield website for a period of not less than ten (10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the City Attorney as well as to all professionals currently holding the positions described in this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-431

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garfield authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Garfield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be

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chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duration of the contracts between the City of Garfield and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-432

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer:

	Acct#	From:	To:
Municipal Court S&W	9-01-43-490-490-011	\$ 1,500.00	
Public Health Services O/E	9-01-27-330-330-063	3,000.00	
DPW Other Expenses	9-01-26-290-290-063	2,500.00	
General Admin O/E	9-01-20-100-100-063	9,101.00	
Other Insurance	9-01-23-210-210-000	35,000.00	
Gen Adm/City Mgr S&W	9-01-20-100-100-011		\$ 100.00
Planning Board S&W	9-01-21-180-180-010		1.00
UCC Other Expenses	9-01-22-180-180-063		9,000.00
DPW Salary and Wages	9-01-26-290-290-011		2,500.00
Public Health Svrs S & W	9-01-27-330-330-011		3,000.00
Municipal Court O/E	9-01-43-490-490-063		1,500.00
Ambulance			35,000.00
		\$ 51,101.00	\$ 51,101.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

Resolution No. 09-433

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to carry out the following directives for the year 2010:

1. Charge 8% interest per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.
2. Charge 18% interest on tax title liens as per R.S. 54:4-67.
3. Allow a grace period of ten days before charging interest, as provided by R.S. 54:4-67, except that if the office of the Tax Collector is closed on the tenth day following the due date for a tax payment, then the grace period shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.
4. Allow no discount for pre-payment of taxes.
5. Charge an additional end of year penalty of 6% as provided by R.S. 54:4-67 on all delinquencies of unpaid taxes, interest, and other municipal charges, when the total exceeds \$10,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

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Resolution No.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CITY PROPERTY BY GARFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is the owner of property which is contiguous to the property on which Garfield High School is located and which is also contiguous to the property on which Garfield City Hall is located; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Board of Education currently utilizes certain property in their parking lot for storage and parking school buses while not in use; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Board of Education has requested that the Mayor and Council consider allowing the use of the aforementioned City owned property for the parking of these school buses; and

WHEREAS, the parking of these school buses on the City owned property would allow the use of the property currently used for bus parking for additional teacher and administrator parking; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this request and feel that it would be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Garfield to allow the use of this City property by the Board of Education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to discuss, with the Board of Education, the use of certain City property which is contiguous to the City Hall property for parking of school buses.
2. The exact terms, conditions and obligations of this agreement will be presented, by the City Manager and the City Attorney, to the City Council once those conditions have been discussed.
3. The final agreement will be subject to the review and approval of the Mayor and Council but the final agreement will provide, among other things, for the Board of Education to grade, fence and improve this property including all drainage improvements, at the Board of Education's sole cost and expense.
4. The purpose of this resolution is to confirm that the Mayor and Council does, in fact, support such an agreement in order to enable the Board of Education to begin necessary engineering investigation in connection therewith.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the City Attorney, the City Manager, the Garfield Board of Education and the Department of Public Works of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5, Nays 3-
Councilmembers Aloia, Moskal, Calandriello

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 09-434

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 1348 to 1349 covering Escrow Developers Trust and Public Defender Trust totaling \$1,380.34 and Current Fund totaling \$279,796.22 and Water Fund Current totaling \$79,560.60 and Water Capital totaling \$4,635.00 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations with the exception of those bills that the City Manager has asked be held which will be paid only on the recommendation of the City Manager, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes eight (8) items prior to the meeting, be ratified.

See the following pages numbered 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419

For Bills and Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2568

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held November 24, 2009; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD AND, SPECIFICALLY,
TO RESCIND, VACATE AND REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2556

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Calandriello declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Calandriello declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Aloia moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. John Hughes, of the Monsignor Stein Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, spoke on their request for City assistance in their Wounded Warrior Project which raises money for those service men and women who have been injured in service to their country. He said that on September 12, 2010, there will be a major fund raising event in the City of Clifton where a portion of Clifton Avenue will be closed for a tank pulling contest. He said that they would like to borrow the armored personnel carrier that the City has on display in Columbus Park at the corner of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue for use in this event.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Raymond complimented the Department of Public Works on the excellent job they did plowing the City streets during this weekend's snow storm. She said that in the future, she would appreciate more discussions on City Board appointments. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and a Blessed Holiday.

Councilmember Delaney spoke on Mrs. Mary Houllis running a trip to Dallas, Texas so that Garfield area people could attend the Dallas Cowboys – San Diego Chargers NFL game and see Dallas Cowboys Wide Receiver Miles Austin of Garfield, New Jersey and San Diego Chargers Defensive Tackle Luis Castillo of Garfield, New Jersey play football against each other. He commented on how Garfield was prominently mentioned during the TV broadcast of the game. He complimented the DPW on the snow removal this past weekend. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and he commented that he became a grandfather again yesterday with the birth of a new grandson.

Councilmember Aloia wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a Happy Holiday.

Councilmember Moskal apologized for missing the last Council Meeting and for missing the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony because he was away on a business trip. He complimented the DPW on the plowing of City streets this past weekend. He commented that the 2010 Municipal Budget was discussed this evening and that next year will be a challenging year. He said that the

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City Council and Administration are trying to be proactive and be on top of it. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he told everyone to have a wonderful New Year.

Mayor Calandriello said that a new age is now upon us and that our newly elected governor, Christopher Christie, will hold municipalities and school systems financially responsible and it will hurt, but the City has the talent to figure it out. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas and he said that hopefully there will be no more snow. He concluded by saying that the DPW did an excellent job clearing snow from the City streets.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK