

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:55 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Giselle Diaz of Boswell Engineering, Thomas J. O'Neil of Boswell Engineering, Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo and Water Consultant Willard Bierwas

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed improvements to the City Water System.

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 9:55 PM, Gisella Diaz and Thomas J. O'Neil of Boswell Engineering and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano left the meeting. At 10:30 PM, Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo and Water Consultant Willard Bierwas left the meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Code regulating fences.
2. Proposed amendments to the Resident Parking Sticker Ordinance to allow the purchase of temporary parking permits via a special machine.
3. The Garfield High School Graduation ceremony scheduled to be held Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
4. The performance of Fred Krowl as the City Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.
5. Employee Furloughs as a topic of discussion at the New Jersey Municipal Manager's meeting held Thursday, June 18, 2009 in East Brunswick, New Jersey.
6. The Garfield High School Academic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner to be held Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Royal Manor Restaurant located at 454 Midland Avenue.
7. Rather than hold the proposed Macedonian Festival in Twentieth Century Field, the organizers will seek permission to hold the Festival at the Garfield High School Fields off Semel Avenue.
8. The Special Meeting of the City Council to be held June 29, 2009 at 7:30 PM concerning the State Council on Affordable Housing regulations.
9. The request from the County for an additional \$1 million from the Open Space Trust for improvements to Twentieth Century Field.
10. The Quality of Life complaints from Issa C. Shabo, T. Cuppola, Kholdoun Androwis, Hilde Sdoutz, Sara Antes and Sylvia Pokrzyna from City Council meetings have been forwarded in a memo to Police Chief Kevin Amos for a response.
11. Requirements under the New Jersey Stabilization and Relief Act.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12. The City Golf Outing scheduled to be held Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Farmstead Country Club in Lafayette, New Jersey.
13. The notice from the DEP dated June 9, 2009 concerning a suspected hazardous substance discharge of Oil Heating No. 2 at 129 Farnham Avenue on June 8, 2009.
14. The Mayors Fax Advisory from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities dated June 10, 2009 concerning Guidance on Employee Furloughs in Civil Service Jurisdictions.
15. Library Director Mac Nickles participation in the People to People Ambassador Program, October 18-29, 2009 in South Africa with the provision that he provide travel and lodging at his own expense.
16. The executed agreement between the City and City Planner Joseph H. Burgis for the Periodic Examination Report on the Master Plan.
17. The State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has filed charges against Thirteen Hundred LLC, t/a Pips, 226 Mac Arthur Avenue, mostly for allowing, permitting or suffering criminal gambling activity on the licensed premises on January 27, 2009.
18. Chez Dimi/Déjà Vu located at 474 River Drive has also been brought up on charges by the State ABC.
19. A fifth grade student at the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School at 200 Mac Arthur Avenue named Joshua Salomon suddenly passed away this past weekend due to a pre-existing medical condition and his passing had nothing to do with the swine flu.
20. The State DEP has issued a Child Care Facility Approval Letter for the Garfield YMCA Bright Beginnings facility to be located at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church School located at 85 Summit Avenue.
21. He plans on attending the seminar on the Main Street New Jersey program to be held June 30, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Thomas Edison College in Trenton, New Jersey.
22. He was advised to wait before seeking Energy Efficiency grants because it would be beneficial for Garfield because of planned enhancements to the program. However, when he attended the meeting on how to apply for the grants, he discovered that Garfield was not eligible because only towns with populations over 35,000 qualify. He believes that the City can secure \$20,000.00 from a different energy audit program, and he will apply for that.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The proposed City Revaluation.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 09-210

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that a Special Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, June 29, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber in the City Hall to discuss Third Round COAH Regulations and other issues.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 09-211

WHEREAS, the City Council had previously established a schedule for conduction all monthly meetings for calendar year 2009; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing this schedule with the various members of the Governing Body as well as the City Clerk and City Manager it has become evident that, due to vacation and other schedules, the schedule previously established must be modified; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended and the City Council has agreed that, for the month of July 2009 there shall only be one meeting and, in addition, special meetings will be called in the event that the need arises for the same.

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

1. The Meeting schedule for the month of July 2009 is hereby amended to provide that meetings shall only take place on Tuesday, July 21, 2009.
2. The meetings shall commence at 5:30 PM with the Work Session and the Regular, Public Meetings shall commence at 8:00 PM.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare, publish and post the appropriate notices to facilitate this change in schedule.

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 official newspaper of the City of Garfield and all other necessary parties.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 09-212

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR
WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Stanley J. Moskal, was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, June 19, 2009, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Joseph Delaney as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Emmanuel Rodriguez and Anabel Vargas of 21 Rutgers Place, Passaic, New Jersey 07055, and

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

1. Councilman Joseph Delaney be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Emmanuel Rodriguez and Anabel Vargas.
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of these marriage ceremonies and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremonies and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremonies as described above.

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 Councilman Joseph Delaney and Anabel Vargas of 21 Rutgers Place, Passaic, New Jersey 07055.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 09-213

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Taxation has entered an Order requiring the City to conduct a district-wide revaluation to be completed in 2010 for tax year 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of law, this project requires that the City retain the services of a revaluation firm; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of this firm is exempt from competitive bidding as it constitutes professional services, however, notwithstanding that exemption, formal Requests for Qualifications must be prepared and advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has prepared the necessary forms for this project which will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of law; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the Governing Body to approve this procedure.

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 Tax Assessor, in consultation with the City Attorney, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare Requests for Qualifications for providing real property revaluation services on behalf of the City of Garfield.
2. Upon completion of these Requests for Qualifications, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and publish the necessary notices;
3. These Requests for Qualifications shall indicate that the services to be performed in order that the property revaluation be effective on October 1, 2010 for tax year 2011 in accordance with the Order of the Bergen County Board of Taxation.

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 Tax Assessor for the City of Garfield, the City Attorney and the City Manager.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-214

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 11:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.;S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Police Officers getting hurt on the job and the need for adequate night time police coverage of the City).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed contract with Police Chief Kevin Amos).

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) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Special Meeting June 16, 2009, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 11:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK