

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:20 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, 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, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Kevin Amos

PROPOSED RESTAURANT ROW

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a proposed "Restaurant Row" along River Drive from Belmont Avenue north to the Elmwood Park border.

Mr. Colin Quinn, with Law Offices located at 312 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, New Jersey 07675, the attorney for DP's Pub, located at 732 River Drive, was recognized and spoke on this matter.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet briefly discussed applications for City Council endorsement of Bergen County Community Development grant requests from the following organizations:

1. \$70,000.00 proposed by the Garfield YMCA for an air handler system for their natatorium in their building located at 33 Outwater Lane.
2. \$83,076.00 proposed by the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield for an Interior Renovation Project, including bathrooms and office space at their building located at 490 Midland Avenue.
3. \$52,900.00 proposed by the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield for their Teen Initiative at their building at 490 Midland Avenue.
4. \$63,500.00 proposed by the Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc. for renovations of their roof at 541 Midland Avenue (HELP Center and the Bergen County Head Start Site).
5. \$125,000.00 proposed by the Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County for Zoe's Place, Inc., to be located at 58 Farnham Avenue.

PROPOSED ACCREDITATION OF THE GARFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with former Paramus Police Chief Frederick J. Corrubia, Jr. and Frank E. Rogers, President of the Rogers Group, LLC, PO Box 831, Island Heights, New Jersey 08732, concerning the proposed accreditation of the Garfield Police Department by Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 6:55 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The issue where local area municipalities, not the City of Garfield, who were customers of Ameripay for payroll services, had transferred monies to Ameripay to pay the member entity's payroll tax liabilities and the allegation that Ameripay fraudulently used the moneys to fund their operating losses rather than the intended purpose of satisfying the member entity's tax liabilities. Ameripay ceased operations in June and have filed for bankruptcy. The issue of the safety of third party billing by the City of Garfield was raised, and whether it would be safer and better for City employees to make their own payments to third party companies for deferred annuities or insurance, instead of having the City make payroll deductions from the employees' paychecks.

HISTORIC DUNDEE DAM PRESERVE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed and examined plans presented on an easel of the proposed riverfront park along the Passaic River from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam, entitled, "Historic Dundee Dam Preserve Design and Development".

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK