

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 24, 2009 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: Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond and Stanley J. Moskal
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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Kevin Amos

CITY INSURANCE CLAIMS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund Executive Director David Grubb and City Insurance Risk Manager Frank Covelli concerning the high rate of City insurance claims and the City Joint Insurance Fund Assessment for 2010.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-384

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 6:15 PM on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (White collar collective bargaining negotiations).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (methods and strategies to reduce injuries and claims re: city employees and to reduce property damage and claims re: city property and injuries and damage to third parties).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed contract with Police Chief Kevin Amos).
- * 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 raise of Dr. Ronald Rigolosi of the City Health Department; possible 36% increase in City Employee Health Benefits insurance premiums).

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 3, Absent 2-
Councilmember Raymond and Moskal

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

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ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR MOSKAL

At 6:20 PM, Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK