

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:15 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 board in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello  
Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond and Stanley J. Moskal  
Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Special Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Police Lieutenant Craig Roselli (for Police Chief Kevin Amos)

#### RELAY FOR LIFE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Alice Rosenthal, the Director of the Relay For Life/Garfield Cancer Prevention fundraiser, to be held Saturday, June 14 to Sunday, June 15, 2009 4:00 PM to 7:00 AM in Twentieth Century Field.

#### ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR MOSKAL

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

#### EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 6:30 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### MACEDONIAN FESTIVAL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Igor Sekuloski concerning the proposed Macedonian Festival proposed to be held in September in Twentieth Century Field.

#### EXIT OF POLICE LIEUTENANT ROSELLI

At 6:40 PM, Police Lieutenant Craig Roselli left the meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

#### DEFEATED 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the procedure for cuts in the 2009-2010 School Budget defeated at the polls on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

#### EXIT OF INTERIM CFO RIGGITANO

At 7:25 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. The request to Vornado to donate property surrounding the Hobart Street Playground.

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2. The announcement that funds are available through the Federal Stimulus Program for non-transitional transportation projects. City Engineer Boswell is investigating whether funds can be used to assist in the creation of the Riverfront Park since it is largely a historical site and the application is due May 12, 2009.
3. Proposals to revise the City Towing Ordinance in compliance with new bills pending in the State Legislature.
4. The closing and taking possession of riverfront property from the Passaic River Coalition as part of the Passaic River Park Project.
5. The installation of surveillance cameras to monitor the buildings in Twentieth Century Field.
6. The proposed River Drive Restaurant Zone proposal which was approved by the Planning Board in January 2007.
7. The City Manager's recommendation to cancel the Independence Day Fireworks Display as a cost saving measure in these trying economic times.
8. Implementation and compliance with new State Stormwater Drainage regulations.
9. The meetings held yesterday in the Conference Room concerning the Swine Flu Pandemic attended by City Manager Thomas J. Duch, Public Health Nurse Darleen Revielle, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, Environmental Health Specialist Mary Giresi, DPW Superintendent Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and a School Nurse. All complaints will be handled by the City Health Department, the State will be establishing the protocol to handle any reported cases and the County will have people on staff around the clocks to handle this issue.
10. Proposed amendments to the Property Maintenance Ordinance.
11. Proposed cuts in the defeated 2009-2010 defeated School Budget.
12. The Grand Opening of the new addition to the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive to be held Monday, May 11, 2009.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 7:50 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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Resolution No. 09-160

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 7:55 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (the proposed closing of American Legion Memorial Post No. 255 located at 163 Cedar Street and whether a reversionary clause is still in effect returning the

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property and improvements to the City; Mark Wallace Lawsuit judgment affecting the “El Margo” property located at 909 River Drive).

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Salary and retainer of City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell; Representation by City Attorneys in Municipal Court Appeals; complaint made that pursuant to State Law, no more than two officers and/or employees may sit as commissioners on a Housing Authority, created by it).
  
- \* 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; (Former Police Officer Mariggi Lopez successful appeal for unemployment benefits; possible furlough of City Employees).

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 4,  
Absent 1- Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Stanley J. Moskal

RETURN OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 8:20 PM Councilmember Louis G. Aloia returned to 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 8:25 PM, there being no further business Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK