

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 12, 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: Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond and Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

MASTER PLAN AND ZONING ISSUES

The City Council and Cabinet met with City Planner Joseph Burgis concerning the need to update the City Master Plan and other Zoning issues.

ARRIVAL OF CITY MANAGER

At 6:20 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED CUTS IN THE DEFEATED 2009-2010 SCHOOL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed resolution cutting the Defeated 2009-2010 School Budget.

ARRIVAL OF POLICE CHIEF AMOS AND SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL RANDAZZO

At 6:30 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Special Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The times and schedule for the Memorial Day Observances on May 25, 2009.
2. The Federal Recovery and Reinvestment Act Stimulus Program.
3. He forwarded to the School System a copy of Ordinance No. 2550 which prohibits smoking on City property and in Public Buildings.
4. The \$800,000.00 voucher he sent to the Green Acres Program for a check in connection with the City Multiparks development project.
5. The April 2009 monthly report of monies received by the recreation Department indicates that the Recreation Department indicates that \$21,124.00 was collected.
6. The Mayors Fax Advisory received today from New Jersey State League of Municipalities reporting on the arbitration award for State Corrections Officers PBA Local 105 which is the lowest arbitration award for law enforcement officers in recent memory.
7. The Passaic Valley Water Commission had sent a voter bill including information regarding "Lead in Drinking Water". They have subsequently sent a notice saying that "Although Passaic Valley Water Commission provided water to all residents in the City of Garfield through its water system, test results indicate no elevated levels of lead in your tap water that would require the mailing of a similar notification".

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8. The City recently received a March rebate check in the amount of \$4,513.76 from Green Slay Industries for Recycling goods.
9. The proposed redevelopment of the Eastern Overall/Sketchley Services Property located at the end of Walnut Street.
10. The March 23, 2009 notice that US Census Bureau workers will be in Garfield as part of the Address Canvassing Operation in preparation for the 2010 Census.
11. 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.
12. He will apply to Bergen County Open Space Trust for the balance of the money needed to complete the Twentieth Century Field Improvement and the Passaic River Park bikeway along River Drive north of the intersection of Lanza Avenue.
13. The application by the City for grant funds for including an additional two blocks of the Palisade Avenue Improvement Project.
14. On street parking issues concerning Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church located on Madonna Place.
15. The roof repairs to Firehouse No. One located at 103 Midland Avenue.
16. The New Jersey Shade Tree Foundation meeting to be held June 11, 2009.
17. The grant acquisition meeting with representatives of the Capital Alternatives Corporation.
18. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.
19. The spot repaving project on Outwater Lane for approximately four blocks near the intersection of Chestnut Street.
20. He will request additional time from the Bergen County Open Space Trust to complete the Passaic River Park Project.
21. The proposal to consider the Furlough of City employees.
22. City Engineer Boswell is seeking additional Municipal Transportation Funding.
23. The proposed ordinance concerning the regulation of pit bulls and dangerous dogs.
24. The proposal by Chase Bank for a Payroll Card for City employees.
25. The Bergen 4H Program is requesting the use of a desk for ten hours a week at the City Health Center located at 60 Elizabeth Street.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 7:05 PM, Councilmember Tana Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

CIRCUS FUNDRAISER

The City Council and Cabinet met with PBA Local No. 46 President Everett Garnto concerning a circus fundraiser to be held at Garfield High School on June 11, 12, 13 & 14, 2009.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated May 12, 2009.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch continued reporting on the following:

26. The meeting he had with representatives of Omni Point Communications concerning razing the Harrison Avenue Water Tank, constructing an 85' flag pole cell phone tower on a 50' x 100' portion of the property and a pocket park on the remaining 25' x 100' portion of the property.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-170

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 7:35 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 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; (proposed disbandment and sale of American Legion Post No. 255 located at 163 Cedar Street and reversionary clause to the City allegedly rescinded in 1957).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law: (alleged falsification of LOSAP records by a Firefighter).

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 or roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF POLICE CHIEF AMOS

At 7:40 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. Billing Services contract with the Passaic Valley Water Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.