

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 6:05 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggittano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro

RAMS CAMP

The City Council and Cabinet met with Public Health Nurse Darlene Revielle and Recreation director Anthony Furfaro who gave a program description, overview and status report concerning RAMS Camp which services 150 children from the Garfield Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and Recreation Center and is a partnership with Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, New Jersey and the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 6:25PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

CONNIE KASICA-GIACOMARRO SPRAY PARK

The City Council and Cabinet met with former Councilmember Connie Kasica-Giacomarro concerning a Special Season Opening of the Connie Kasica-Giacomarro Spray Park on Jewell Street at the corner of Division Avenue.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY JOINT CONSORTIUM

The City Council and Cabinet spoke on proposal membership in the Sustainable Energy Joint Consortium which was discussed at the last meeting of the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund. City Manager Duch explained that it would be a one time cost of \$600.00 to join and it is hoped that 200 municipalities would join to encourage a better bid price to benefit the member municipalities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed City Council endorsement of a Bergen County Community Development grant application in the amount of \$49,471.00 as proposed by the Children's Aid and Family Services, Inc. for the Eldercare Expansion Project at the Garfield Senior Activity Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch report on the following:

1. The application before the Planning Board for a parking lot at 94 Passaic Street in connection with Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church and the proposed new School No. Ten to be constructed at property located at Marsellus Place, Passaic Street and Lincoln Place.
2. The Right of Entry Agreement between the City and the County of Bergen concerning the traffic control light to be installed at the intersection of River Drive and Lanza Avenue.
3. He is soliciting quotations for a new security camera system for City Hall.

ARRIVAL OF POLICE CHIEF AMOS

At 6:50 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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4. The meeting he had today with members of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps, during which he obtained an updated listing of their members and training and a review of their performance and needs.
5. The proposed new Plauderville train station to be constructed by New Jersey Transit Railroad between Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue.
6. The attendance, last week, of Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro at the County meeting concerning the Federal Stimulus Program.
7. Garfield is listed as #207 on the priority order concerning the list compiled by the New Jersey Environmental Trust and the 2009 State Clean Water Project Priority List.
8. The letter issued by Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro recognizing the outstanding job done by Parks Superintendent John Lord and his men in maintaining the City's parks.
9. The proposal by the County of Bergen that the City of Garfield assume maintenance of Belmont Hill County Park.
10. Complaints concerning Unlawful Dwellings.
11. He has engaged the services of Willard F. Bierwas, a Licensed Water and Waste Water Operations Maintenance and Treatment Consultant to review and critique the City Water System for the next two months at \$6,000.00 a month.

ROOF OF FIREHOUSE NO. THREE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Firefighter Fred Wood concerning the need to address the leaking roof of Firehouse No. Three located at 58 Gaston Avenue.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Palisade Avenue Improvement.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5