

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 8:15 PM in the Council Chamber 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 boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Tana Raymond, Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell) and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### INVOCATION

Father Edward Szpeich, the Pastor of Saint Stanilaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, offered a special Invocation.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 8:20 PM, Councilmember Delaney joined the meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Moskal moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-442

WHEREAS, Former Councilwoman, CONNIE KASICA GIACOMARRO, has been a dedicated public servant and advocate for many causes within the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many charitable and other public service endeavors, CONNIE KASICA GIACOMARRO served as a Councilwoman for the City of Garfield from 2000 - 2004; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement from the Governing Body, Councilwoman GIACOMARRO continued to serve the City of Garfield in many other pursuits including being a chief proponent of the water park/ spray park in the Jewell Street Playground, located at Jewell Street and Division Avenue in the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, this water park has provided many hours of pleasure and recreation for the children of the City of Garfield and the City owes a debt of thanks to former Councilwoman GIACOMARRO for her efforts in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined, therefore, that it would be a fitting tribute to former Councilwoman GIACOMARRO, to name this water park "CONNIE KASICA GIACOMARRO SPRAY PARK" in her honor,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the water park / spray park located at Jewell Street and Division Avenue in the City of Garfield be and is hereby named "CONNIE KASICA GIACOMARRO SPRAY PARK"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Connie Kasica Giacomarro is also hereby extended, on behalf of the City Administration and people of Garfield, a heartfelt expression of appreciation and thanks for her dedicated years of service, which has served to enhance the lives of the people of her community.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within resolution to former councilwoman, CONNIE KASICA GIACOMARRO, all local newspapers, the Garfield Recreation Department and the Department of Public Works in the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

CEREMONY AND PRESENTATIONS TO FORMER COUNCILWOMAN GIACOMARRO

City Manager Duch read a biography of former Councilwoman Connie Kasica Giacomarro and then he and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro unveiled a 3' x 4' multi-photo tribute to Connie Kasica Giacomarro, with most of the photos of the Spray Park dedication in June 2004.

Recreation Director Furfaro presented a plaque to former Councilwoman Giacomarro, Lodi Borough Manager Anthony Luna offered remarks; Bill Meisner, an aide to New Jersey State Senator Loretta Weinberg and Godson to former Councilwoman Giacomarro, presented her with a bouquet of flowers; and an aide to U.S. Congressman Steven Rothman presented her with a Certificate of Congressional recognition.

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Resolution No. 08-443

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following is the list of regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council for the year 2009, with Work Sessions commencing at 5:30PM and Regular Meetings commencing at 8:00PM, except when a Legal Holiday or Special Occasion is involved as listed:

Friday,	January	2,	2009	Fire Chief and Firematic Officers Installation at 7:00PM
Tuesday,	January	13,	2009	
Tuesday,	January	27,	2009	
Tuesday,	February	10,	2009	
Tuesday,	February	24,	2009	
Tuesday,	March	10,	2009	
Tuesday,	March	24,	2009	
Wednesday,	April	15,	2009	(Change Due to School Board Election)
Tuesday,	April	28,	2009	
Tuesday,	May	12,	2009	
Tuesday,	May	26,	2009	
Tuesday,	June	9,	2009	
Tuesday,	June	23,	2009	
Tuesday,	July	14,	2009	
Tuesday,	July	28,	2009	
Tuesday,	August	11,	2009	
Tuesday,	August	25,	2009	
Tuesday,	September	8,	2009	
Tuesday,	September	22,	2009	
Tuesday,	October	13,	2009	
Tuesday,	October	27,	2009	
Tuesday,	November	10,	2009	
Tuesday,	November	24,	2009	
Tuesday,	December	8,	2009	
Tuesday,	December	15,	2009	(Change Due to Christmas Week)

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved resolution to all the official City newspapers and to

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cause to have copies posted on the bulletin boards in City Hall and at the Garfield Free Public Library.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-444

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Julian Malellari of 10 Garden Court North, as a regular active member, effective October 6, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-445

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Erik Marti of 420-A Van Bussum Avenue, as a regular active member, effective October 6, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-446

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have expelled Diego A. Espinosa of 131 Mac Arthur Avenue, as an active member effective November 4, 2008,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-447

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted Dennis Hilliard of 227 Pierre Avenue, as a regular active member, effective August 12, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-448

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Retired Firemen be compensated as provided by Ordinance No. 1466 adopted August 10, 1971 and as amended by Ordinance No. 1925, 1990 and 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 08-449

WHEREAS, Stanley Bielewicz, was appointed as Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 07-259 adopted by the City council at a meeting held July 10, 2007, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expires on December 31, 2008

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Paul Houlis of 41 Schley Street, is hereby appointed as Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to succeed Stanley Bielewicz, effective January 1, 2009, for a full two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-450

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009, to Mrs. Jennie Ciuppa, wife of deceased Ignatius Ciuppa, who resides at 52 Tall Oaks Drive, Wayne, NJ, pursuant to provisions of Ordinance No. 1177 entitled : "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD FROM INJURIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on May 25, 1955.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-451

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009, to Mrs. Rose Ann Merendino, wife of deceased Joseph Merendino, who resides at 66 Davison Street, Garfield, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1716 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW AND DEPENDENT OF JOSEPH MERENDINO, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on February 19, 1980.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-452

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009, to Mrs. Arlin Sabat, wife of deceased Edward Sabat, who resides at 111 Falmouth Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1177 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD FROM INJURIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on May 25, 1955.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-453

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2009 and terminating December 31, 2009, to Mrs. Linda

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Yondolino, wife of deceased Nicholas A. Yondolino, who resides at 71 Heritage Court, Towaco, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1839 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW AND DEPENDENT OF NICHOLAS YONDOLINO, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on October 2, 1984.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-454

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for provision of professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a "fair and open process"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a "fair and open process".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:

<b>City Engineer</b>	<b>Grants Consultant (2)</b>
<b>City Auditor</b>	<b>Computer Services Consultant</b>
<b>City Bond Counsel</b>	<b>City Attorney (including Housing Program</b>
<b>City Planner</b>	<b>Mortgage Closing)</b>
<b>Risk Management Consultant</b>	<b>Special Litigation Attorney</b>
<b>City Architect</b>	<b>Special Labor Attorney</b>
<b>City Real Estate Appraiser</b>	<b>Municipal Prosecutor</b>
<b>For Tax Appeals</b>	<b>Municipal Public Defender</b>

2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009
3. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. January 13, 2009.
4. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on the City of Garfield website for a period of no less than ten (10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the city Attorney as well as to all professionals currently holding the positions described in this Resolution.

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-455

A Resolution Authorizing Payment To Montana Construction Corp., Inc., In Connection With An Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair On River Road And Hudson Street Within The City Of Garfield WHEREAS, A sanitary sewer collapsed on Hudson Street on November 6, 2008, and; WHEREAS, Boswell McClave Engineering accepted bids on November 10, 2008, and; WHEREAS, This project was awarded to the low bidder, Montana Construction Corp., Inc., 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey, to repair the utility, and ; WHEREAS, Montana Construction Corp., Inc., performed this work in connection with the directives of officials from the City of November 11, 2008, and; WHEREAS, An invoice in the amount of \$20,750.00 was submitted and reviewed with the City Engineer, and; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, payment is hereby authorized to Montana Construction Corp., Inc., in connection with the project and in accordance with the city Engineer's recommendation in the total amount of \$20,750.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-456

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROOF IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY'S HEALTH CENTER, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. WHEREAS, additional engineering and construction inspection services are required in connection with the above referenced projects; and WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has determined that need for undertaking roof improvements to the Municipal Building and the Health Center; and WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer, Roy Riggitano, has certified to the existence of sufficient funds in the appropriate accounts for this expenditure; and, WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield; and, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Boswell McClave Engineering is authorized to perform the Additional Engineering and Construction Inspection Services in the amount of \$2,500.00 to perform and complete the above described services.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-457

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Change Order No's 1 & 2 be approved in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:34-41. :

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION:	Garfield Municipal Building Roof Drainage
ARCHITECT:	Arcari & Iovino Architects
CONTRACTOR:	Strama & Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COST:	\$144,500.00
COST OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1:	\$ 23,281.00



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BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
77.01	9	Michael M. Stadler Trust Account	TCJ	\$7,072.17
88.01	11	Michael M. Stadler Trust Account	TCJ	\$25,596.90

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-460

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to overpaid taxes due to Tax Court Judgement Allowed for the year 2007.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
77.01	9	Michael M. Stadler Trust Account	TCJ	\$11,129.60
88.01	11	Michael M. Stadler Trust Account	TCJ	\$40,289.30

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-461

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to overpaid taxes due to Tax Court Judgement Allowed for the year 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
77.01	9	Michael M. Stadler Trust Account	TCJ	\$13,550.64
88.01	11	Michael M. Stadler Trust Account	TCJ	\$49,054.26

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-462

WHEREAS, the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to overpaid taxes due to Veterans Deduction Allowed for the year 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
208.05	21	Lenac, Steven	Vet Allow	\$250.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-463

WHEREAS the receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to an overpayment of Senior Deduction Allowed for the year 2008. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
127	10	Rizzo, Helen	O/P	\$250.00
157	53	Rothfritz, George	O/P	\$250.00
203.02	15	Fragasse, Isabelle	O/P	\$250.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-464

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to an overpayment of taxes for the year 2008. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the proper offices are hereby authorizes to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
53	1	Amoco Oil c/p BP America	O/P	\$2,612.80
96	43.01	Mohada Ali Shanata	O/P	\$51.70
191	58	Jose A. Sousa & Elder A Sousa	O/P	\$1,409.04

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-465

WHEREAS, balances exist within the Water Operating Utility: and  
WHEREAS, said balances are unencumbered; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to cancel said balances  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the following 2008 Water Operating Utility Fund Appropriations be canceled to fund balance:

Employees Group Insurance \$150,000.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-466

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions for the Chief Financial Officer as follows:

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	Appropriation From:	Appropriation To:
General Admin Salary and Wages Mayor And Council	\$100.00	\$100.00
Police Salary and Wages	\$137,000.00	
Planning Board Salary and Wages		\$500.00
UCC Salary and Wages		\$2,500.00
Employee Group Insurance		\$125,000.00
Fire Safety Inspection Salary and Wages		\$9,000.00
Public Health Salary and Wages	\$6,000.00	
Public Health Other Expenses		\$6,000.00
Recreation Salary and Wages	\$9,000.00	
Recreation Other Expenses		\$9,000.00
	\$152,100.00	\$152,100.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 08-467

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a Work Session of the City Council will be held Monday, December 15, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Work Session scheduled to be held Tuesday, December 16, 2008, is hereby rescinded.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal  
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 08-468

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 1277 covering Trust Other totaling \$6,053.50 and Current Fund totaling \$2,114,873.42 and Water Fund Current totaling \$4,096.18 and General Capital totaling \$81,459.00 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes eighteen (18) items prior to the meeting be ratified

See

The

Following

Pages Numbered 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337.

For

Bills And Claims

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Judith Roderman, 6 Plauderville Avenue, complained about an incident that allegedly occurred at the Wisla Center on November 28, 2008. She also complained about noise at that location.

Mr. Richard Derrig, 71 Herman Street, spoke about graffiti along the train tracks on the walls of the old Garofalo Recycling Center at 19-35 Atlantic Street. He questioned if the City still has Police Foot Patrols in the First Ward. He questioned if Déjà Vu located at 474 River Drive can advertise the sale of full bottles of liquor or advertise discrete entertainment.

Mr. Mario Norcia, 508 Outwater Lane, questioned what the City was doing to alleviate economic problems in the City.

Ms. Theresa Nowicki, 347 Outwater Lane, complained about an illegal apartment she reported in June 2007 that she claims still exists at 343 Outwater Lane.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Raymond said that tonight was an enjoyable evening, and that former Councilwoman Connie Kasica-Giacomarro received an honor that was well deserved.

Councilmember Delaney spoke on the Library Tree Lighting Ceremony held December 4<sup>th</sup> and he said that the Garfield High School choir and band did a great job. He said that it was nice to see City Manager Duch here again at City Hall because he was ill a few days ago. He offered Congratulations to Mr. Paul Houlis on his appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Councilmember Aloia spoke on graffiti throughout town. He spoke on issues that need to be addressed and he said that there is a need for a PSE&G representative to come to Garfield. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Moskal said that the City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony held on December 1<sup>st</sup> was also a very nice event. He publicly recognized Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, the Girl Scouts, the Brownies and Santa Claus, for all their efforts to make this event a success. He said that these are turbulent times, and the City is looking at insurance costs, the Cable Franchise renewal, the replacement of the Salt Shed and other ways to realize financial savings. He said that the City is looking at energy savings like Wayne Township is, in utilizing solar energy and geo-thermal energy and other technologies. He said that the new High School Principal, Michael McGinley, did a fantastic job at the Library Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony reading "The Night Before Christmas". He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor Calandriello spoke on the Budget of the Garfield Free Public Library and how there was a big article in the Bergen Record newspaper reporting on the increase of usage of public libraries, especially during these hard economic times. He said that at the Garfield Library Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Library Board of Trustees President Charles Janesak told him that the Garfield Library was busier more than ever. He said that many children in Garfield do not have computers in their home, so they have to go to the Garfield Library to use a computer to complete homework assignments. He said that a lot of residents utilize the Garfield Library, students, seniors, and it is one of the best things in the City of Garfield. He said that on December 29<sup>th</sup>, Garfield Night will be held at the Meadowlands IZOD Center. He said that the City has received 575 New Jersey Nets Tickets for City children and their parents and guardians. If anyone has children interested in seeing an NBA game, to contact the City Recreation Department. He said that it will be a good night, free to the public and tickets were donated by A&S Straus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK