

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 8:40 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, Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal, and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### COMMUNICATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica reported that in a letter from City Manager Duch dated July 8, 2008, he appointed Kurt Hielle of 95 Union Avenue, Garfield as the City Manager's appointment to Community Development, to succeed himself, for a one year term, said term to expire June 30, 2009.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-245

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

#### PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

0221-33-005-009	B and R. Inc. t/a Paradiso/La Cantina Grill, LLC 361 Midland Avenue
0221-44-029-005	Luva, Inc Whoopie Liquor & Soda Store 194 Van Winkle Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing renewals are granted on the condition that said renewal shall not constitute approval of anything at variance with the records of the City Council or any person-to-person transfer, place-to-place transfer or change of corporate structure approved prior to the passage of this resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-246

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

0221-33-048-002

P.J.G. Corp  
50 River Drive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing renewals are granted on the condition that said renewal shall not constitute approval of anything at variance with the records of the City Council or any person-to-person transfer, place-to-place transfer or change of corporate structure approved prior to the passage of this resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-247

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Thomas Martins of 48 Somerset Street, as an active member, effective May 28, 2008,  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 1 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-248

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Franklin Zhinin of 111 Grand Street, as an active member, effective, May 28, 2008,  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 1 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-249

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Kyle Kovacs of 226 Banta Avenue, as a regular active member, effective June 2, 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. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-250

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Jonathan Potoczak of 260 Division Avenue, as a regular active member, effective June 2, 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. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-251

WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney was appointed to the Planning Board as a Class III Member, and

WHEREAS, his term of office expired on July 1, 2008

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Councilmember Louis G. Aloia of 169 Harrison Avenue is hereby appointed as a Class III Member of the Planning Board, effective immediately, to succeed Joseph Delaney, for a one year term, said term to expire July 1, 2009

On call of roll, Ayes 5,

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-252

WHEREAS, Community Development requires the City of Garfield to have two representatives to Bergen County Community Development, and

WHEREAS, one representative is to be appointed by the City Manager and the other representative is to be appointed by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has made his appointment,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Councilmember Joseph Delaney of 15 Garden Court North is hereby appointed as a Representative of the City of Garfield to Bergen County Community Development, effective July 1, 2008, to succeed himself, for a one year term, said term to expire June 30, 2009.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-253

WHEREAS, Debra Feher, 47 Franklin Avenue, who is the holder of Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P672712, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Franklin Avenue commencing 81 feet west of the intersection of Franklin Avenue & Elm Street and an additional 25 west from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-254

WHEREAS, Reverend William Loboeki, Full Gospel Church 45 Van Winkle Avenue, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address for the use of the parishioners of the Full Gospel Church, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City council of the city of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Van Winkle Ave commencing 25 feet east of the intersection of Van Winkle Avenue & Orchard Street and an additional 25 east from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect and appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-255

WHEREAS, Teresa Mucha, 13 Lanza Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P832728, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the north curb line of Lanza Avenue commencing 100 feet east of the intersection of Lanza Avenue & River Road and an additional 25 east from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-256

WHEREAS, Lisa Pinero, 31 Bloomingdale Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P842538, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the west curb line of Bloomingdale Avenue commencing 100 feet north of the intersection of Bloomingdale Avenue and Somerset Street and an additional 25 north from the point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-257

WHEREAS, Joseph Stuart, 70 Marsellus Place, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P781776, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved "Handicapped Parking", located on the east curb line of Marsellus Place commencing 125 feet south of the intersection of Marsellus Place and Passaic Street and an additional 25 south from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-258

WHEREAS, P.L. 1990 Chapter 105, supplementing Title 40 of the New Jersey State Revised Statutes has been enacted to allow a municipality the authority to impose a service charge to be added on an account which was by check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds; and,

WHEREAS, whenever an account is owing a municipality for a tax, special assessment, or other municipal fee, the service charge authorized by this section shall be included on whatever list of delinquent accounts is prepared for the enforcement of the lien.

RESOLUTIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector, and or Chief Financial written instrument for all checks returned for insufficient funds during 2008,; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, may require future payments to be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier’s check; and, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the City Treasurer, Tax Collector and City Auditor.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-259

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, that Spencer Savings Bank, as a designated depository of the City of Garfield be and it is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the City of Garfield, where bearing or purporting to bear the signature of the following City Officials:

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| 1. | Frank J. Calandriello, | Mayor          |
| 2. | Andrew J. Pavlica,     | City Clerk     |
| 3. | Rosemarie Cokinos,     | City Treasurer |
| 4. | Roy Riggitano,         | Interim CFO    |
| 5. | Thomas J. Duch,        | City Manager   |
| 6. | Stanley J. Moskal,     | Deputy Mayor   |

or where bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile or manual signature of City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, in addition to the facsimile or manual signature of Mayor Frank J. Calandriello and the manual signature of City Treasurer Rosemarie Cokinos,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Spencer Savings Bank shall be entitled to honor and to charge this City for all such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money regardless of by whom or by what means the actual signatures or facsimile signatures resemble the specimens from time to time filed with Spencer Savings Bank by the city Clerk of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-260

RESOLVED, by the City council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Spencer Savings Bank be designated as an Originator of ACH transactions of the municipality for the purpose of collecting property taxes and water bills when initiated through Interbanking by any one of the following individuals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Rosemarie Cokinos	City Treasurer
Thomas J. Duch	City Manager

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this foregoing resolution is in conformity with the provisions of the charter and by-laws of the City of Garfield and that there is no provision in the said charter or by-laws of said corporation limiting the power of the City Council to pass this resolution

FURTHER RESOLVED that City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica by and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to Spencer Savings Bank.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-261

WHEREAS, bids were received on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the second floor Conference Room in City Hall for the removal and replacement of the roof at the Garfield Health Center located at 60 Elizabeth Street in the City of Garfield; and,

WHEREAS, present at the bid opening was City Engineer Representative Bernard N. Mirandi, P.E. and City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica; and,

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

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| 1. | Arch-Concept Construction, Inc.<br>33 Squaw Brook Road<br>North Haledon, New Jersey 07508 | \$73,340 |
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WHEREAS, City Engineer Representative Bernard N. Mirandi, P.E. and other appropriate City Officials, have reviewed the bid and recommend that the city of Garfield reject and re-bid the project at a later date; and,

WHEREAS, it was determined the bid received is more than the engineer's estimate for the project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey the bid associated with the above referenced project to be rejected and re-bid on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the second floor Conference Room in City Hall.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-262

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Change Order No. 1 and Final be approved in accordance with the Requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.:

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION:	Improvements to Palisade Avenue Section 1-4 (NJDOT)
ENGINEER:	Boswell McClave Engineering
CONTRACTOR:	Smith-Sondy Asphalt 150 Anderson Avenue Wallington, NJ 07057
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COST:	\$ 887,971.30
COST OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1: (RESO 07-400)	\$ 43,958.10
COST OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2: (RESO 07-420)	\$ 39,852.80
COST OF CHG ORD NO.3: & FINAL:	\$ <u>(21,565.92)</u>
NEW CONTRACT SUM:	\$ 950,216.28
CHANGER ODER NUMBER:	#3 and FINAL
NATURE OF CHANGER:	“Within Project Limits Field Condition Encountered And As-Built Quantities”

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-263

WHEREAS the Receiver of taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to overpaid 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 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
82	4	Mahmoud Muhana	O.P.	\$1,012.45

On call of roll, Ayes 5,

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-264

WHEREAS, the cost of gasoline continues to escalate and;

WHEREAS, the IRS has increased the optional standard mileage rates for the second half of 2008 reimbursement for mileage is now \$.585 cents per mile.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, county of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that this resolution affirms the mileage reimbursement amount of \$.585 cents per mile.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Joseph Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 08-265

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the current Fund Current Year totaling \$1,199,720.10 and Water Fund Current Year totaling \$24,227.34 General Capital totaling \$183,171.20 and Water Capital totaling \$291,541.82 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 of the Ratification List, which includes forty nine (49) items prior to the meeting, be ratified.

See

the

following

pages numbered 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCLUDE A CHAPTER ENTITLED ‘OUTDOOR CAFES’ ”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCLUDE A CHAPTER ENTITLED ‘OUTDOOR CAFES’ ”, does now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held on July 22, 2008 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk shall be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in the Garfield Messenger.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 4, Abstain 1 – Councilmember Raymond

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 131 OF THE COE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED ‘DWELLING AND ROOMING UNITS’ ”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 131 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED ‘DWELLING AND ROOMING UNITS’ ”, does now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held on July 22, 2008 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk shall be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in the Garfield Messenger.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Joseph Dorman, 174 Palisade Avenue, spoke on illegal apartments and questioned how frequent the names of those convicted of having illegal apartments will be published in the newspaper by the City. He said that he would like the Post Office, Federal Express and the United Parcel Service to identify illegal apartments for the City. He questioned whether a specific apartment in the City was an illegal apartment.

Ms. Dolores Marsh, 142 Plauderville Avenue, spoke on the Macedonian Festival held last year in Garfield and complained that in the lead up to last year’s festival, Macedonian Flags were posted higher than the American Flag throughout the City. She suggested a commendation for School Facilities Manager John Czujko for the sign he put up on school property listing the names of those from Garfield who are serving in the Armed Forces. She presented a list of a few programs that benefit military men and women serving overseas. She said that she owns a house in Ortleigh Beach and they send a message from the Mayor with their tax bill. She said that perhaps a message from

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CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

the Garfield Mayor would be a good idea to send with the Garfield tax bills. She complained about the cover letter accompanying her water bill and she spoke on a recent high reading of contaminants in the City drinking water.

Ms. Laura Danis, 33 Spring Street, complained about an incident that happened on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. She said that on that night citizens gathered in Belmont Oval to watch the fireworks going off in Twentieth Century Field. She said that Garfield Little League Officials threw people out of the lot until the Police let the people back in.

Mr. William Whren, 33 Westminster Place, asked questions about the Resident Parking Sticker Program. He asked questions concerning which part of the City receives City Well Water and which part of the City receives Passaic Valley Water. He questioned when his part of town would receive City Well Water, again. He complained about the rusty appearance of the metal of the footbridge to the island in Danherth's Lake County Park. He spoke on the need for the American Flag to be flown higher than any other country's flag.

Ms. Christine Korsak, 185 Chestnut Street, spoke on the wonderful job done by Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo in handling a matter involving her property and her neighborhood.

Ms. Joyce Uram, 37 Schley Street, complained about the water pressure in her neighborhood.

Mr. Michael Ramadani, 167 Malcolm Avenue, said that his girlfriend stopped at the Quick Stop store in Saddle Brook at Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue and her purse was taken. He said that the store had a camera outside and it showed who stole the purse. He said that a lot of stores have surveillance cameras in the store, but they should have them outside the store too. He also spoke on the American Flags being flown on MacArthur Avenue.

Mr. Richard Derrig, 71 Herman Street, spoke on a recent suicide which occurred this weekend on the riverfront. He spoke on the proposed demolition of the building at 747 River Drive and he said that currently the back end of the building is open and homeless people are getting in the building. He questioned if Belmont Oval has a lead based artificial turf and if it is safe for children to play on.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Raymond said that Belmont Oval is a great place to watch Independence Day Fireworks. She said that there should never be another flag, no matter what country, flown higher than the American flag. She said that in front of the City Hall is a sign that says "We Support Our Troops", and she would like to address this issue further on another date because she has some ideas. She thanked Joseph Randazzo for filling in as City Attorney tonight and she said that it was a pleasure. She said that the Fireworks held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> were wonderful and that was Garfield's birthday party to our nation. She said that it was a wonderful evening and our nation is 232 years old. She said that we can be proud of our men and women in the Armed Forces who have served in the past and present because they make it possible to have that day.

Councilmember Delaney thanked Mrs. Marsh for the information on how people can send packages to the troops. He said that the Fireworks were great. He thanked the volunteers who helped out including the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Garfield CERT Team. He said that the event was really nice. He spoke on the control of the use of the facilities in Belmont Oval. He spoke on Councilmember Aloia having another grandchild and he spoke on his new grandchildren being born.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke on flag protocol and how the host country's flag should always fly highest. He suggested posting military information and supportive links on the City website. He commented that City Officials cannot use Post Office gathering information to combat illegal apartments because it is against the law. He spoke on the use of Belmont Oval by the public. He said that every municipal water system has high readings from time to time. The public must be notified of every high water reading. He spoke on improvements being made to the City Water System. He said that failures are minimal. He explained that the rusted appearance of the metal rails on the foot bridge in Dahnert's Lake is meant to be like that. He said that it is hard to mandate surveillance cameras on private property.

Deputy Mayor Moskal said that it was nice to see his biology teacher, Mrs. Marsh, speak here tonight. He spoke on the improvements to the City Water System including the installation of a SCADA System. He spoke on public water notices of violations regarding high readings. He spoke on the City Fireworks held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Twentieth Century Field. He said that all our volunteers did a great job including the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and CERT Team members. He also recognized the City Police Department for doing a great job. He said that the Fireworks were spectacular. He recognized City Manager Duch who implemented a new policy of the fireworks company only getting half the payment upfront, and they only get the other half payment after the fireworks, to insure a good show.

Mayor Calandriello said that Lisa Jackson, the New Jersey DEP Commissioner, is scheduled and expected to be in Garfield tomorrow at the Garden State Paper Redevelopment site. He said that there are a few big projects in town that are close to being started except for environmental concerns, and the City will ask for help from the DEP when she is here. He said that a new School No. 10 has been approved to be built at the corner of Lincoln Place and Passaic Street courtesy of the State of New Jersey Schools Construction Corp. He said that the City Fireworks were fantastic and it was one of the best shows he has ever seen in Garfield and he really appreciated it. He said that water is one of the most valuable assets the City has and the City has done the proper things to guarantee the future of our town in regard to water. The City now has the documentation of the contamination of Well 1A near the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue and the City is entitled to damages from the responsible parties. He said that now that the City has all the documentation, he fully hopes and expects that the City moves on this and gets the money that Garfield has lost throughout all these years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK