

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 23, 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 M. 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 J. Rotolo and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

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 Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-361

WHEREAS, the Garfield Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 2267, located at 68 Lanza Avenue, honored Past Exalted Ruler Miriam Kenyon, Officer of the Year, Arthur Andreano, Elk of the Year Jamie MacPhee and Citizens of the Year John Reilly at the Annual Garfield Elks Dinner-Dance held on Saturday, September 20, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the honorees have donated much of their time and effort towards helping their community, school system and sports and recreation programs in the City to benefit the people of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council is desirous of publicly recognizing all the honorees on their much deserved awards,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Miriam Kenyon, Arthur Andreano, Jaime MacPhee and John Reilly are hereby publicly CONGRATULATED and COMMENDED on being recognized by the Garfield Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks, Lodge No. 2267, in appreciation of their dedicated service to the people of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 08-362

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Armand Stroni of 272 Palisade Avenue, as a regular active member, effective August 4, 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
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-363

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Marjo Stroni of 908 River Drive, as a regular active member, effective September 1, 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
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-364

WHEREAS, Denise Carlo, 2 Plauderville Ave, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P832544, 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 south curb line of Plauderville Ave commencing 75 feet east of the intersection of Plauderville Ave & Main Street 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) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-365

WHEREAS, Catherine Carroll, 23 Farnham Ave, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P253827, 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 Farnham Ave commencing 200 feet east of the intersection of Farnham Ave & Mac Arthur Ave 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) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-366

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH RENOVATIONS TO THE MARGARET P. MUSCARELLE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, The Margaret P. Muscarelle Child Development Center, located at 1 Walnut Street requires renovations, and

WHEREAS, A Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$260,205.00 has been proposed by the Margaret P. Muscarelle Child Development Center in the municipality of Garfield, New Jersey for said renovation, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-367

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRUCTURAL REHABILITATION FOR THE YMCA FILTER ROOM

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WHEREAS, A Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$30,000.00 has been proposed by the Garfield YMCA for improvements to their filter room located at 33 Outwater Lane, and;
WHEREAS, Pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;
WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;
WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,
NOW, Therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-368

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF SIDING FOR THE GARFIELD BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

WHEREAS, A Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$80,450.00 has been proposed by the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield located at 490 Midland Avenue, for the replacement of siding at their building, and;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, The aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW, Therefore be it resolved that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-369

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GARFIELD TEEN INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, A Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$141,720.00 has been proposed by the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield, located at 490 Midland Avenue for their Teen Initiative;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, The aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, This resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW, Therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-370

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH RENOVATING AND INSTALLATION OF A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN FOR THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP, INC. LOCATED AT 535 MIDLAND AVENUE.

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$55,570 has been proposed by Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc. for the Renovation and Installation of a Commercial Kitchen at 535 Midland Avenue in the municipality of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW, Therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-371

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GARFIELD COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$59,500 has been proposed by Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc. for the development of a Garfield Community and Economic Development Assessment Plan consisting of researching the housing, transportation, health, educational, business and economic development and environmental needs of the First Ward neighborhood (The neighborhood is bounded by the following streets: Van Winkle Avenue, River Drive, and Palisade Avenue) in the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW, Therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 08-372

AUTHORIZING VOLUNTARY PAYROLL DEDUCTION BY CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, Garfield has employees rendering valuable services, and

WHEREAS, providing an opportunity for employees to purchase services provided by Colonial Supplemental Insurance through a payroll deduction of which will be on a voluntary basis and could be beneficial to employees at no cost to the City of Garfield, and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garfield hereby recognized and authorizes a payroll deduction for Colonial Supplemental Insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a payroll deduction for participation with Colonial Supplemental Insurance be in effect as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Colonial Supplemental Insurance
75 Lane Road
Fourth Floor
Suite 401
Fairfield, NJ 07004-1000

2. Ciro J. Giue, CPA, MBA
Financial representative
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
180 River Road
PO Box 1008
Summit, NJ 07902

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-373

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield needs to be defended in the Municipal Appeal in the case of the State vs. Ellen Heine, in the Superior Court, Law Division; and

WHEREAS, City Attorneys Joseph Rotolo and Joseph Randazzo cannot defend the City in this matter, due to conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield needs to engage the services of legal counsel to represent it in this matter,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the services of Attorney James M. Piro of the Law Firm of Piro Zinna Cifelli Paris & Genitempo, Attorneys at Law, 360 Passaic Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110-2787, is hereby engaged to undertake the representation of State vs. Ellen Heine, at an hourly rate of \$150.00 an hour, not to exceed \$2,000.00 total for the defense of this matter.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-374

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

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION:	Removal and replacement of the roof At the Garfield Health Center
ENGINEER:	Boswell McClave Engineering
CONTRACTOR:	Laurant Construction Co. Inc. P.O. Box 720 Pennington, NJ 08534
ORIGINAL CONTRACT COST:	\$55,020.00

RESOLUTIONS

COST OF CHANGE ORDER:	\$10,000.00
NEW CONTRACT SUM:	\$65,020.00
CHANGE ORDER NUMBER:	#1
NATURE OF CHANGES:	Field conditions not accounted for in The Specifications. The existing roof Is flat and must be pitch. A tapered Insulation system will be installed.

WHEREAS, the original change order amount was \$10,996.00 and after negotiations the contractor has agreed to reduce this amount to \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the new contract sum is within the range of the original engineering estimate.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-375

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 provides that properties owned and occupied by the individuals with certain service related disabilities are to be exempt from real property taxation; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:403.32 also provides for the refund of taxes previously collected in connection with such properties since the date of the veteran’s actual disability; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 315 Mac Arthur Avenue was previously owned by Mr. Horace Buggs who has presented proof from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs dated June7, 2004 verifying that, effective February 1, 2001, he has been confirmed as 100% disabled in connection with a service-related disability; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and the City Manager have reviewed the proofs submitted by Mr. Buggs as well as the other facts and circumstances surrounding the property and Mr. Buggs’ disability and have determined that the appropriate amount of refund for the years of disability is \$7,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this amount represents a reduction of the total taxes paid due to the facts and circumstances surrounding this property as set forth in the Settlement Agreement reached between this property owner and the City of Garfield.

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

1. A Tax Refund in the amount of \$7,500.00 is hereby authorized for Horace Buggs.
2. The property in question is located at 315 MacArthur Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey (Block 122, Lot 16)
3. The City Manager and City Clerk and are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents or agreements which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution upon the review and approval of the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 08-376

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to over paid 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
127	38	Bruce Brunert & Regina Solarino	O.P.	\$558.34

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-377

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to over paid 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
52	9	N.J. Reformed Presbyterian Church	O/P	\$ 7,286.00
52	34	N.J. Reformed Presbyterian Church	O/P	\$ 1, 914.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 08-378

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH A ROOF REPAIR AND HVAC PROJECT

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Development Grant in the amount of \$24,350.00 has been proposed by the Garfield VFW Post No. 2867 for roof repair and HVAC improvements to their building located at 340 Outwater Lane; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interface Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, and;

WHEREAS, this endorsement does not obligate the City to any expenditure of funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that the implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 08-379

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 1269 covering Dog Trust totaling \$63.60 and Current Fund totaling \$441,243.60 and Water Fund Reserve totaling \$204.92 and Water Fund Current totaling \$170,309.78 and General Capital totaling \$51,008.41 and Water Capital totaling \$31,319.25 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 nineteen (19) items prior to the meeting be ratified

See

The

Following

Pages _____

For

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2538

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held September 9, 2008; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2218 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, WHICH ESTABLISHED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A
“RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Calandriello declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being no objections, Mayor Calandriello declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Raymond moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 268 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
ENTITLED “SHOPPING CARTS”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 268 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED ‘ SHOPPING CARTS’ ”, 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 October 14, 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 Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED
“ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED ‘ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES’ ”, 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 October 14, 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 Aloia, 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

Ms. Molly Rodriguez, 149 Midland Avenue, read the following statement:

“I have been selected as an Official State Finalist in this year’s 2009 Miss New Jersey USA pageant. I consider this to be an invaluable experience that will be memorable in all years to come. Only a very select group of young women have the opportunity to participate in this prestigious event, and I am very fortunate to be one of them.

I have been a Garfield resident since the age of 9 in which I attended Roosevelt School #7 Elementary School then went off to Thomas Jefferson Middle School and graduated from Garfield High School. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism from William Paterson University.

Currently I am working as an Executive Assistant to one of the Top Traders at an investment firm on Wall Street. I know most of you have heard how the market’s been so it’s definitely been a hectic week for us.

I never thought pageantry would be for me, but I thought about why I’d want to be Miss New Jersey. The reason is about being able to help young girls who think they can never amount to anything because of where they’re from or what they’ve been through. Growing up I participated in a lot of volunteer charity work, but as the times went on, I got busier and started working full time, going to school full time, and got lost in this crazy world with no time to help out in the community as much as I’d like to. I would like to win for all the right reasons, to help and teach and also be an example for girls of all ages, and represent the State of New Jersey in the Miss USA pageant next year.

I will be having a Fund Raising Dinner this Friday, September 26th at 7 PM at Que Pasta in Saddle Brook. It is \$50 dollars a person but we would gladly accept any donations. All proceeds will go towards all the pageant prizes the finalists and winner will be receiving, and also for my stay at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany for 3 days which is where the pageant will be held. I would appreciate all your support as I will be representing Garfield, NJ on October 17th – 19th at the Miss New Jersey USA 2009 Pageant. Thank You”.

Ms. Laura Danis, 33 Spring Street, spoke about her complaints about noise from the Garfield Little League Field across the street from her. She said that the quality of life in the City of Garfield is diminishing. She claimed that 510 noise complaints have been called into the Garfield Police Department from April 9, 2008 to August 26, 2008, and she spoke on the report she had compiled on this matter. She compared Garfield’s Noise Ordinance to the Township of Saddle Brook and the Borough of Rutherford. She announced the formation of a new residents group called “Citizens for a Better Garfield”.

Mr. Mario Norcia, 508 Outwater Lane, spoke on PSE&G failing to trim tree branches in his neighborhood. He spoke on regulations concerning the bagging of leaves. He complained about a pothole near the intersection of Outwater Lane and Mac Donald Street.

Ms. Jennie Anne Coulter, 609 Midland Avenue, said that she owns property at 96 Grand Street, and she spoke on her property being tested for chromium contamination by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. She said that she is concerned for the health of her family. She asked the City Council to put pressure on the State and Federal Government to clean this matter and make sure that they do their job.

Mr. Ignatius Tripodi, 155 Malcolm Avenue, spoke on the old Ritz Theatre at 100 Passaic Street being for sale.

Mr. Giuseppe Ribaldo, 338 Washington Street, Saddle Brook, said that he is the owner of property at 122 Krakow Street, and he spoke on a disagreement and issues that he is experiencing with the City Building Department and Municipal Court concerning a retaining wall on his property.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Jo Rienzi, 116 Prospect Street, gave out to City Officials written invitations to a food distribution day scheduled to be held October 18, 2008, by the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry.

Mr. Richard Derrig, 71 Herman Street, commented and asked questions concerning a building being constructed at 160 Lanza Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Raymond said that this Council will not sit back and let this chromium issue disappear. She said that it will not slip through this Council's fingers and the Council will go after the Agencies which can help keep the City safe. She thanked Laura Danis on her informative presentation. She thanked City Manager Duch on all his efforts on getting the School Board bills paid.

Councilmember Delaney said that the alleged chromium contamination does not affect just 614 properties in Garfield – it affects the entire City. He said that the Mayor and Council will do everything possible regarding this matter. He congratulated Molly Rodriguez on her being an Official finalist in this year's 2009 Miss New Jersey USA Pageant. He commented that Garfield product, Miles Austin, caught a touchdown pass recently for the Dallas Cowboys. He also commented on Luis Castillo playing football for the San Diego Chargers. He spoke on the Pulaski Parade Dinner held a couple of weeks ago.

Councilmember Aloia said that every concerned person should have their house tested because the chromium issue does not affect just 614 properties – it affects all of Garfield. He said that he expects affected properties to be substantially less than anticipated. He said that Federal Government could have handled the issue better, but they have the money to address the issue, and we should take advantage of their services in addressing this issue. He said that everybody should consider sending a note to their Congressman asking that the EPA finish the job they started. He said that all the issues that are brought to the podium are important, but this one is a real big one. He encouraged everyone to do all that they can. He said that Jesus Rodriguez must be a proud Dad and has a great family who represents the City well.

Deputy Mayor Moskal said that there were a lot of good comments tonight. He encouraged everyone to be cooperative and he said that even if your house is not in the "green area", the EPA can still come and sample your house and fill out the questionnaire. He spoke on how to contact the EPA. He said that this is an issue that has to be handled collectively. He spoke on YMCA Community Day scheduled to be held Sunday, September 28, 2008 and the Pulaski Day Parade to be held Sunday, October 5, 2008.

Mayor Calandriello said with all the bad news on the economy and the banks, across the country facing failure, there is some good news in Garfield in that Vornado Realty is applying for a demolition permit tomorrow at 9:30 AM for the South Garfield Redevelopment on Passaic Street and Lincoln Place. He said that the City has been looking forward to that and have been working towards this project for many years. He said that it is good to see that there are some forces working in a positive direction and he said that if we all chose the more optimistic road, hopefully, we will be living in a better economy soon.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

