

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:15 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail and fax to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin board in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: James Krone

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garafalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Robert Andrezzi

### PROPOSED RENOVATIONS TO FIRE HOUSE NO. TWO

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following Officers of Fire Company No. Two concerning proposed renovations to Firehouse No. Two located at 72 Belmont Avenue: Assistant Fire Chief James Kovacs Jr.; President James Kovacs, Sr. ; and Captain William Houck.

### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER KRONE

At 6:25 PM, Councilmember James Krone joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Comparison of arrests between the 28 day period of December 24, 2006 to January 21, 2007 and December 24, 2007 and January 21, 2008. During this period, arrests are up 74% from 57 to 99 and call volume has increased 11% from 2322 calls to 2583 calls.
2. The need for Developers Agreements for big projects approved by City Land Use Boards.
3. The list of streets compiled by Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo for future roadway paving projects.
4. The need to utilize \$50,000 from the Statewide Liveable Communities Grant Program which was awarded three years ago for the Historic Dundee Dam Bikeway and Preserve.
5. The Independence Day Fireworks will be held at Twentieth Century Field on Thursday, July 3, 2008.
6. The Health Department Flu Vaccine Clinic.
7. The status of the condemnation of land along River Drive for the proposed park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge.
8. The proposed renovations to the Garfield Free Public Library located at 500 Midland Avenue.

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9. The most recent report of activities from Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro.
10. Collective Bargaining Negotiations with Garfield PBA Local No. 46.
11. The Risk Management Seminar scheduled to be held Friday, January 25, 2008 at the City Recreation Center.
12. The proposed elimination of the Middle School Police Resource Officer.
13. The recent resignation of Stanley Bielewicz as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
14. His investigation into the alleged water billing irregularities of Tana Raymond.
15. The draft architect's report for improvements to the Garfield Free Public Library.
16. A proposed ordinance regulating Pawn Shops as proposed by Police Captain Dennis Linares.
17. The proposed lease of City-owned abandoned railroad property by the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive between Botany Street and Lizette Street.
18. The proposed resolution concerning the financing of bonds with the approval of the Local Finance Board.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 22, 2008.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The proposed purchase of a storage shed for \$3,000 for the Garfield Little League in Belmont Oval.
2. The request of a \$900 donation for the Garfield Junior Boilermaker Cheerleaders so that they can compete in a competition in Virginia.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-19

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a "Closed Session" is hereby called at 7:25 PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (PBA Local No. 46 Collective Bargaining Negotiations).

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- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds (Phase I of the Water System Master Plan; Resource Police Officers in the School System).
- \* Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (Proposed Services and Compensation of Members of the Building Department Including Zoning Officer Nicholas Melfi).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK