

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:35 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: Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia and 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

VER-MAC MESSAGE SIGN

The City Council and Cabinet met with Police Traffic Lieutenant Ronald Polonkay and Police Officer Michael Marsh of the Traffic division concerning the proposed purchase of a Ver-Mac message sign for \$17,250 utilizing DWI Funds. The device is a Message board Sign Trailer offered for sale by Certified Speedometer Service, Inc., Speedometer Calibration Services, Traffic Safety Products.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed purchase of an emergency power generator at each of the five Firehouses, one a year for the next five years, and the proposed servicing of three generators that the City currently owns.
2. The proposed Ordinance updating the City Code.
3. The proposed creation of a new "Restaurant Zone" along River Drive from Belmont Avenue to the Elmwood Park border that City Planner Joseph Burgis is reviewing.
4. The Department of Homeland Security Grant which the City received last year, now only applies to municipalities with populations of at least 65,346 people. Previously, it applied to municipalities with populations over 19,000 and with Garfield's population being approximately 30,000, the City no longer qualifies.
5. A proposed Community Development Block Grant for the Garfield Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$61,700.
6. A quality of life complaint from Joseph Balbach of 41 Manner Avenue being handled by Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Acting Construction Official Gerald Walis and Building Inspector Nicholas Melfi.
7. The recent hiring of Laura Stanchfield as a Clerk-Typist in the Municipal Court.
8. The \$5,000 Emergency Management Assistance Grant received from the State Police. Garfield is only one of ten municipalities within Bergen County to receive this grant.

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9. He has made the following appointments for a one year term expiring December 31, 2008: Sam Garofalo as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Robert Oddo as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator; the following individuals as Assistant OEM Coordinators: Richard Uram, John Keating, Kenneth Robertson, Kevin Amos, Arthur Rotio, Jeffrey Stewart and Ronald Polonkay; and the following individuals to staff the Office of Emergency Management: Christopher A. Rotio, Alan R. Tani, Carmin V. Breonte, Ana Verdade, Eric Saimson, Joseph Marsh, Kenneth T. Adamo, Robert Cochran, Dominick D'Agostino, Keith D. McElwee and Vincent Conti.
10. Improvements to the Pump Station in the Elmwood Park Well Field.
11. The funding for improvements to the roof of City Hall.
12. The condemnation of land along the Passaic River for the proposed park from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam.
13. The December 28, 2007 letter which was received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation rejecting the City's application for a Municipal Aid grant for Palisade Avenue (Section 5).
14. Bergen County Open Space Trust has awarded the City a \$225,000 grant to fund the Riverfront Park Development.
15. The City of Garfield has been purchasing water from the Passaic Valley Water Commission since 1955 without a contract and current State regulations require that a contract be in place to guarantee that the City has a sufficient water supply available to meet the needs of its people. A proposed contract has been drafted and the lack of a contract is holding up final State approval for the Redevelopment of the former Garden State Paper property at 950 River Drive.
16. The December check to the City of Garfield from Zozzaro Brothers for recycling materials totals \$12,944.78.
17. The environmental cleanup of the Schley Crossing LLC Development Site, (old Eastern Overall/Sketchley Services site) at 163 Schley Street. According to the Memorandum of Agreement Application dated November 6, 2007, a Remedial Investigation Work Plan was to be submitted to the State Department of Environmental Protection by December 1, 2007, and the Department is in receipt of a Vapor Intrusion Investigation Work Plan.
18. He has granted approval to Off the Top Rope Inc. to film the movie "The Wrestler" in Garfield at the Garfield Boys and Girls Club, the Jersey Dollar Store on Midland Avenue and in the Garfield High School Gymnasium.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano reported on the following:

1. State rule changes to Budgets on the Municipal and Local School Levels, including a 3 ½% Cap and Abbott School District funding changes.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 8, 2008.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER KRONE

At 7:25 PM, Councilmember James Krone joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch again reported on the following:

19. The proposed "Restaurant Zone" along River Drive from Belmont Avenue to the Elmwood Park border.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-3

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 7:35 PM on Tuesday, January 8, 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; (White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds (Planning Board Recommendation For Zoning Ordinance Changing the Zone of Property on River Drive from Park to B-2; Demolition For HP Garfield/Garden State Paper Redevelopment at 950 River Drive).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (New Police Officers; Investigation of Vandalism at Roosevelt School No. 7, Lincoln Place on January 6, 2008; Drug Arrests on Farnham Avenue Last Night; Salt Shed Collapse at the DPW Yard at 413 Midland Avenue/Beech Street).
- * 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; (Disciplinary Hearing of Marcy Calabrese Has Been Set for Tuesday, January 15, 2008).

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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Stanley J. Moskal

Work Session January 8, 2008, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK