

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 6:25 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: Tana M. Raymond, Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal

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 Riggiano, Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo and Police Chief Kevin J. Amos

ANNUAL REPORT OF GARFIELD'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUBURBAN ESSEX JOINT INSURANCE FUND

The City Council and Cabinet met with City Risk Manager Frank Covelli, the Public Entities Department Manager of Professional Insurance Associates, 429 Hackensack Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072, who gave the Annual report of Garfield's Membership in the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund including recent JIF/MEL Developments practices liability, recertification, fund statistics and membership, MEL Safety Institute, and a Synopsis of Coverages provided to the City of Garfield including: Property and Building Contents; Extra Expense; Valuable Papers and EDP Media; Flood Coverage; Earthquake; Boiler and Machinery; Deductibles; Physical Damage, Auto Fleet and Mobile Equipment; Auto Physical Damage Reimbursement for Emergency Service Volunteers; Benefits Liability; the \$20,000,000 Limit of Liability which is layered as follows: the first \$200,000 covered by the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund (J.I.F.) and the rest (\$19,800,000) covered by the Municipal Excess Liability Fund (MEL); Terrorism Coverage; the limits of the Excess Liability Policy; Public Officials Liability; Employment Practices Liability; Crime Coverages; Faithful Performance and Employee Dishonesty Bond; Excess Public Official Bond; Workers Compensation; Environmental Liability (claims made policy) Coverage provided through EJIF, Public Officials Bonds provided by the MEL; and other Insurance Coverages provided by P.I.A., Inc. rather than the J.I.F. Also mentioned were Statutory Bond Coverages, MEL Safety Institute – Learning Management System, the Crossing Guard Safety Program and a 2009 Update on Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability.

PARKING AT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL NO. SIX

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed relocation of designated teacher parking at Abraham Lincoln School No. Six located at 111 Palisade Avenue.

WATER BILLING SERVICES WITH THE PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Timothy Cupo, Business Manager/General Supervisor-Water of the Passaic Valley Water Commission concerning City Water Billing Services.

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Resolution No. 08-413

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 7:55 PM on Tuesday, October 28, 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; (Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations).

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- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Animal Control Services; former tower and auto body businessman Joseph Giordano matter referred to Police Department; Georgiana Banos, 172 Pierre Avenue, neighborhood dispute complaint; City Manager Duch met with Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and Coach Joseph Evalina and they left the meeting shaking hands).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (closing of Wearbest Sil-Tex Mills at 325 Midland Avenue and potential redevelopment; proposed ordinance that allows a business to remain open for 24 hours in a business zone as long as it is at least 200 feet from residences; proposed resolution declaring APS contract in default).
- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of 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; (Kevin Bilin as a City licensed sewer operator for \$6,000 a year; proposed resolution for professional engineering fees in connection with improvements to 20th Century Field).

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 Moskal

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Joseph Delaney

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK