

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 25, 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The termination of the contract with the Bergen County Animal Shelter effective December 1, 2008.
2. The proposed parking plan for teachers at School No. Six includes curb cuts off Cambridge Avenue between Hepworth Place and Hudson Street and a fenced in enclosed area for approximately twenty cars.
3. The City is in receipt of a check from the Board of Education in the amount of \$84,368.00 to cover the cost of School Resource Officers.
4. The Police Response to various complaints and reports.
5. The State DEP has sent a notice concerning Application No. 2246P to divert water from three wells in the Borough of Wallington at the Farmland Dairies property at 520 Main Street.
6. Garfield Planning Board Attorney Ralph W. Chandless sent a letter dated November 19, 2008 to City Planner Joseph H. Burgis concerning a Report of Completed Approved Planning Board applications since May 2003 for preparation of the 2008 Housing Element of the Master Plan.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The proposed redevelopment of the Samuel Hird/C-Mor Shade/Martin Rappaport old Woolen mill property bounded by Outwater Lane, River Drive, Columbus Avenue and Jewell Street.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

7. Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano sent out a memo dated November 14, 2008, advising all employees that the schedule of payroll during the 2009 calendar year makes it necessary to delay pay to January 6, 2009 followed by the next payroll on January 23, 2009 and thereafter every Friday, so as not to have 27 payrolls during the year, instead of the authorized 26 payrolls.
8. The notice dated November 14, 2008 from the State Department of Transportation that Garfield was awarded \$229,104.00 from the Fiscal Year 2009 Municipal Aid Program for the Palisade Avenue, Section 5, Improvement Project.
9. The Statewide Livable Communities Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the demolition cost recently expended to raze the auto repair garage on River Drive near Pacific Avenue for the park along the Passaic River.

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10. State Grants in the amount of \$660,000.00 and \$250,000.00 for the Historic Dundee Dam Pedestrian Way and Preserve.
11. His letter dated November 17, 2008 requesting, on behalf of Councilmember Tana Raymond, a listing of all the addresses where meters were replaced since the Passaic Valley Water Commission began performing this service on behalf of the City of Garfield.
12. Police Lieutenant Darren Sucorowski is addressing the issue of resident complaints about truck traffic in the DeWitt Street area.
13. City Manager Duch is scheduled for a deposition on Friday, December 19, 2008, in the Mark Wallace vs. City of Garfield lawsuit involving an alleged illegal apartment.
14. The proposed Ordinance concerning Retail Business Hours.
15. The 2009 Relay for Life Cancer Prevention fundraiser Kickoff Meeting which was held Monday, November 24, 2008.
16. The proposed 2009 City Calendar will cost \$21,000.00. If the cost is deemed prohibitive, perhaps sponsors can be solicited.
17. The request by the Board of Education to pave over and fence and utilize the City-owned "Railroad Property" near Semel Avenue for storage of school buses.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Water System Master Plan

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 7:05 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo reported on the following:

1. The proposed solicitation of sealed quotations for Group Medical and Prescription Coverage Renewal for City Employees. An ad was placed on the City Website on Friday, November 21, 2008 and the deadline for submission of solicitation, is December 3, 2008 at 11:00 AM.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-430

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 7:15 PM on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (contract with Passaic Valley Water Commission and alleged deficit in Water Utility Budget).

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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 Raymond

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

RETURN OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 7:35 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond returned to the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK