

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 6:10 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, James Krone, Joseph Delaney 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 Garofalo, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-052-014, from Ramos Investments, LLC., t/a the Envy Lounge for licensed premises located at 279 Passaic Street to JDMJ Entertainment LLC., (John J. Squicciarini, 11 Lynn Place, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 and Joseph C. Miller, 28 Paderewski Rd, Oak Ridge NJ 07438 and David L. Squicciarini, 31 Brookside Avenue, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 and Michael L. Stabile, 66 Highcrest Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480, who will each own 25% of the Corporation), t/a Jersey Sports Bar and Grill.

Attorney Francis J. Battersby, with Law Offices located at 4 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 was present representing the applicant.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER MOSKAL

At 6:15 PM, Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

WATER BILLING COMPLAINTS

The City Council and Cabinet briefly discussed Water Billing complaints.

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Resolution No. 08-78

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 6:25 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 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; (meeting with Library Director I. MacArthur Nickles re: funding for the Free Public Library to meet salary obligations; collective bargaining negotiations with P.B.A. Local No. 46).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds (Proposed lease extension with Crystal Holdings, LLC, t/a the Venetian; reversionary clause in deed to return to the City property located at 163 Cedar

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Street when American Legion Post No. 255 disbands, which clause may have been removed in 1957).

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (need for water/sewer line down Passaic Street to service the South Garfield Redevelopment Project and negotiations with Vornado Realty to pay for the \$750,000.00 improvement).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (OPRA request by Joseph Evalina for records that the City does not and never possessed concerning him and the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission and his threat to file a complaint; OPRA request by Tana Raymond fulfilled and records made available to her; alleged excessive costs for computer services; cable TV franchise renewal negotiations).

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) James Krone
Stanley J. Moskal

EXIT OF MAYOR CALANDRIELLO

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 6:55 PM, Mayor Frank J. Calandriello left the Work Session and Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The meeting of the Bergen County Improvement Authority scheduled to be held March 12, 2008 concerning the Bergen County Bond Bank Program which will be attended by Councilmember Krone and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo.
2. The Need Notice required in order to proceed with a Developer's Agreement for the new City Police Station to be constructed by the Developer of Record of the Garden State Paper Redevelopment.
3. The Little League Practice Field Flooding Alleviation Plan for Belmont Oval.
4. The grand opening of the Garfield branch office of the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union at 85 River Drive to be held Saturday, March 15, 2008.
5. The application before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Day Care Center at 186 Lincoln Place.
6. The 28th Annual Conference on Public Sector Labor Relations Law to be held at the Hilton in East Brunswick, New Jersey on Friday, April 18, 2008.
7. The proposal to purchase generators for each of the five City firehouses.
8. The proposed Junior Firefighter Program.

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9. The final inspection for the new fire truck for Fire Company No. Five will be held Thursday, August 28, 2008.
10. The need to present a City flag to each firehouse.
11. The resolution recently passed by the City Council supporting public libraries.
12. The graduation ceremony for the Police Academy held on March 6, 2008, at which Garfield Police Officer Mariggi Lopez graduated.
13. The Open the Door to the American Dream Program and the Bergen County Home Improvement Program.
14. The recent newspaper article about compounds in the water supplied by the Passaic Valley Water Commission.
15. The May 17th "Paint the Town Purple" publicity campaign for the Relay For Life Cancer Prevention fundraising event to be held June 6-7 2008.
16. The February 2008 list of suspected illegal apartments which will be investigated by City Housing Inspectors and the March 3, 2008 Report of Illegal Housing Inspections.
17. The retirement dinner for Police Chief Robert Andrezzi to be held Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Venetian Restaurant.
18. The County Parks Department will restore the lighting for the Christopher Columbus Monument in Dahnert's Lake County Park off Midland Avenue.
19. The Wall of Mayors to be dedicated in front of City hall on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:00 PM.
20. The New Jersey Safe Routes to School meeting to be held tomorrow from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority at One Newark Center in Newark, New Jersey.
21. The \$5,500.00 stormwater grant that was received by the City.
22. Grants to fund the Riverfront Park Project along the Passaic River from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam.
23. Proposed new parking requirements for Houses of Worship.
24. The professional wrestling show to be held at Garfield High School on Friday, April 11, 2008 to fund Project Graduation 2008.
25. The dedication of a new ambulance for the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps to be held Sunday, April 20, 2008.
26. The Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Competition Cheerleading Squad to be held April 6, 2008 at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.
27. The PBA Local No. 46 Circus fundraiser to be held June 11, 12 and 13, 2008 at the Garfield High School Fields off Semel Avenue.
28. The Pulaski Day Parade scheduled to be held Sunday, October 5, 2008.

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29. He publicly commends City Community Development representatives Joseph Delaney and Kurt Hielle because through their efforts, of the total allocation (for the ten towns in the region) of \$2,183,588.00; the City of Garfield and associated charitable organizations received a total of \$594,500.33, representing 27.23% of the total allocation for the region.
30. The appointment of Charles Daglian as Municipal Court Judge of the City of Garfield effective March 4, 2008.
31. The need to address the stormwater drainage problem at Dahnert's Lake County Park.
32. The proposed plan view and sketch of a playground for small children provided by City Engineer Boswell for the proposed park along the Passaic River.
33. The DPW Salt Shed that collapsed in December 2007 and the investigation proposal submitted by Edward Arcari, the City Architect.
34. The Fish and Chips Fundraiser Dinner for Fire Company No. Three to be held Friday, March 21, 2008 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
35. The request for funding for new sidewalks for Midland Avenue near the Plauderville Train Station from the State Department of Transportation.
36. The proposed purchase of a new garage structure for Little League equipment in Belmont Oval off Spring Street.
37. The ribbon-cutting ceremony of the "Garfield Cookie Basket" located at 24 Plauderville Avenue, to be held Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 2:00 PM.
38. Congressman Steve Rothman's Listening Tour will bring him to Garfield for a session on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.
39. He wrote a letter to the Garfield Postmaster objecting to the closing of the Garfield Post Office Substation located at 85 Outwater Lane.
40. The schedule prepared by City Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro indicating the use of various City Fields for the Spring season with consideration given to the youth first, and then adults.
41. New Jersey State Senator Paul A. Sarlo has sent correspondence indicating that he is doing everything possible to restore funding for property tax relief to municipalities.
42. The Verizon Franchise Fee Report indicates a total check in the amount of \$1,903.27 for Franchise Fees on revenues to Verizon of \$54,379.14.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated March 11, 2008.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Mayor Calandriello

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK