

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 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: 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 and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

PROPOSED JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The City Council and Cabinet met with Fire Chief Stephen Semancik and Assistant Fire Chief James Kovacs concerning a proposed Junior Firefighter Program for High School students.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER MOSKAL

At 6:35 PM, Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal 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 proposed Lanza Avenue Water System Improvement Program.

EXIT OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:45 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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2. A proposed Ordinance requiring permits for parades, protests and special events.
3. Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh's training trip to Chicago at no cost to the City for airfare or training.
4. Drawing for Position on the Ballot for City Council Candidates has been called by City Clerk Pavlica for Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 3:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall.
5. The procedure for complaints received via email to the City website.
6. The proposed settlement of the Mildred Taylor vs. City lawsuit.
7. The request by the owners of DP's Pub located at 732 River Drive to meet with him concerning the plans for the riverfront park.
8. The proposed extension of the Lease Agreement between the City and Crystal Holdings, LLC, t/a the Venetian located at 545 River Drive, concerning the City-owned "Railroad Property" which abuts their land.

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9. The recent notice received from the State Department of Transportation concerning grants to the City for the Municipal Aid Program.
10. The solicitation of ads for an Ad Book to benefit Project Graduation for a professional wrestling show fundraiser to be held at Garfield High School on Friday, April 11, 2008.
11. The Garfield YMCA Swim-A-Thon to be held on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at the Garfield Boys and Girls Club building located at 490 Midland Avenue.
12. The retirement dinner of Police Chief Robert Andrezzi to be held Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Venetian Restaurant.
13. Complaints which have been received from a resident in the DeWitt Street area concerning trucking and the number of truck bays permitted at the rear of the building located at 70 Outwater Lane.
14. The attendance of Councilmembers Krone and Delaney at a recent Bergen County Improvement Authority Breakfast meeting concerning the Bergen Municipal Bank Program.
15. His request to the State Department of Personnel for an extension of the “acting” status of the following officials in the City Building Department: Nicholas Melfi as Building Sub-Code Official, Gerald Walis as Construction Official and Dominick Nasuta as Plumbing Sub-Code Official.
16. The recent recertification of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for the replacement of the Belmont Hill Water Storage Tanks on Schley Street and the Elmwood Park Well Field Pumping Station and Reservoir by the Bergen County Soil Conservation District.
17. The status meeting held March 19, 2008 with the representatives of Boswell Engineering, Bristol Babcock, Packetalk, Garfield Police, APS Contracting and the Garfield Water Department concerning Phase II of the Water System Master Plan.
18. The 2008 Clean Communities entitlement to the City from the State DEP is \$26,118.71.
19. The article in the February 2008 edition of New Jersey Municipalities Magazine entitled “Affordable Housing Requirements – the latest COAH Developments” by Joseph V. Doria, the State Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.
20. Newly appointed Municipal Court Judge Charles Daglian is performing well and he has implemented changes in the Municipal Court Office.
21. The \$424.31 payment received from a driver who damaged a light post at the corner of Passaic Street and Cambridge Avenue.
22. The proposed Consent Order for Final Judgment to settle the matter of the City of Garfield vs. Inserra condemnation.
23. Proposed Zoning Code Amendments concerning parking for Places of Worship.
24. The “Committed to the Word Fellowship Center” worshipping at the Garfield VFW located at 340 Outwater Lane.
25. New Jersey Transit has awarded funds to the City for a new bus, specifications have been prepared and approved, and the City should award a contract for a new bus by September 2008.

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26. The Municipal Rebate Incentive Program with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has resulted in \$6,089.40 to the City in Connection Fees from projects referred to PVSC's Connection Office by Garfield.
27. New Jersey State Senator Paul A. Sarlo is being honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the Hackensack Chapter of UNICO National at their annual awards dinner to be held Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Seasons Restaurant located in Washington Township.
28. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the expansion of the Venetian Restaurant scheduled to be held Friday, March 28, 2008 at 2:00 PM.
29. The recent check received from Zozzaro Brothers for recyclable materials in the amount of \$10, 768.09.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-102

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

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds (Request by Venetian located at 545 River Drive to lease additional city-owned "Railroad Property" which abuts their property).
- * 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; (Ardian Ramadani request for employment).

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) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:40 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Krone duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK