

A Work Session of the City Council was held Wednesday, May 27, 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney

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

#### 4- THE FAMILY COMMUNITY BARBEQUE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Overseer Anthony R. Prise, Founder and Pastor of Committed to the Word Fellowship Center Inc., concerning their 4-The Family Community Barbeque to be held Saturday, July 19, 2008, from Noon to 4:00 PM at Benda-Roehrich VFW Post No. 2867 located at 340 Outwater Lane, Garfield.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-181

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, May 27, 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 (Restrictive covenant to return property to the City from American Legion Memorial Post No. 255 located at 163 Cedar Street, once the American Legion ceases operation, which was allegedly removed by the City Council around 1957).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations of or possible violations of the law; (Potential default of contract for improvements to City Water System by APS Contracting).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Potential default of contract for improvements to City Water System by APS Contracting; proposed withdrawal from contract with Governmental Software Systems and switch to the Edmunds System by July 1st).
- \* 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; (proposed salary enhancements for Superintendent of Public Works, Recreation Director, Veterans Service Officer and Employees in the Finance Office).

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 Delaney

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal  
Louis G. Aloia

ARRIVAL AND EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 6:30 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session during Closed Session. At 7:00 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano left the Work Session during Closed Session. At 7:20 PM, just as the City Council was coming out of Closed Session, Police Chief Kevin Amos 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. Additional paperwork needed for the Community Development grant application filed by the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
2. The list of services provided to the City during the month of April 2008 by the Bergen County Animal Shelter.
3. Unlawful Dwellings Inspections.
4. The proposed reactivation of Well 1A near the intersection of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane.
5. The Palisade Avenue Water Main Improvement Project.
6. Proposed improvements to the Lighting System for the Little League Fields in Belmont Oval Park located off Spring Street.
7. The preliminary assessment report submitted for the \$600,000.00 grant application for improvements to Twentieth Century Field and the proposed Bergen County Open Space Trust grant application in the amount of \$600,000.00 for improvements to Twentieth Century Field.
8. The proposed park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge.
9. The Administrative Office of the Court is recommending signage for the Garfield Municipal Court.
10. The storm water drainage complaints being made by the Parisi Family of 62 MacArthur Avenue.
11. The need to address the Midland Avenue Sewerage System and the manhole in front of 721 Midland Avenue, near the intersection of Banta Avenue.
12. The Annual Picnic of Fire Company No. Two to be held at their Firehouse located at 72 Belmont Avenue on Saturday, May 31, 2009 starting at 3:00 PM.
13. The award of \$225,000.00 in grant money from the Bergen County Open Space Trust for the Riverfront Park.
14. The arrangements to provide water to the Garden State Paper Recycling Mill Redevelopment site located at 950 River Drive.
15. The proposed traffic control signal at the intersection of Lanza Avenue and River Drive.
16. The One Hundred – Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church of Garfield, located at Palisade Avenue and Commerce Street on Sunday, June 1, 2008.

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17. The thank you letter received from DP's Pub located at 732 River Drive concerning City Manager Duch meeting with the owners and addressing their concerns regarding the development of the Riverfront Park.
18. The subpoena received from the Office of the US Attorney concerning City Labor Attorney Dennis Oury.
19. Mediation with PBA Local No. 46 in connection with collective bargaining negotiations scheduled to be held Monday, July 7, 2008 at 10:00 AM.
20. Proposed amendments to the Graffiti Ordinance.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated May 27, 2008.

City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo reported on the following:

1. The proposed Café Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK