

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 6:45 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and Councilmember-elect Tana M. Raymond

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The most recent copy of the Department of Health Services Annual Control Report from the Bergen County Animal Shelter.
2. The written Report of the City Engineer dated June 24, 2008.
3. The Independence Day fireworks scheduled to be held July 3, 2008 at Twentieth Century Field, with a July 5, 2008 raindate.
4. The City Recreation Department Golf Outing scheduled to be held June 26, 2008 at the Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, New Jersey.
5. The Record and Herald-News breakfast he recently attended concerning the "Newspapers in Classrooms" Program.
6. The June 13, 2008 status report from the Illegal Housing Inspections Task Force.
7. The Community Development grant application for a van which was filed by the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry and with assistance from the City Manager's Office.
8. The proposed Macedonian Festival proposed to be held in September 2008 at Twentieth Century Field and the request from the Festival Committee to shoot off fireworks.
9. City Engineer Kevin Boswell and his wife, Kathleen, were recognized by the West Bergen Mental Healthcare at the Sapphire Ball held April 4, 2008 at the Rockleigh Country Club for their good civic works.
10. The June 2, 2008, letter from Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney inviting each municipality in the County, whenever possible or practical, to explore the potential of sharing services, facilities, personnel, and equipment with each other or with the County.
11. The correspondence from Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund Executive Director David Grubb dated June 16, 2008, to the Board of Fund Commissioners concerning the DeVries and Carter vs. Secaucus lawsuit, concerning harassment of a gay couple.
12. The daughter of Garfield resident, Jesus Rodriguez of 141 Midland Avenue, has been chosen as an official State Finalist in the 2008 Miss New Jersey USA Pageant.
13. The proposal by Wawel Savings Bank located on River Drive, near Lanza Avenue, to sponsor college scholarships for two Garfield High School graduates.

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14. The Garfield High School Academic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held June 17, 2008 at the Royal Manor Restaurant located at 454 Midland Avenue.
15. The request for a bus stop near the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Passaic Street.
16. Citizen complaints concerning loitering on Monroe Street allegedly by large groups of juveniles playing loud music.
17. The wrap-up meeting to be held Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center for the Relay for Life cancer prevention fundraiser held on June 6-7, 2008.
18. The condemnation proceedings concerning 909 River Drive and 821 River Drive in connection with the Riverfront Park.
19. The request to allow a 7-11 convenience store to operate 24 hours a day at 85 Outwater Lane.
20. The request from a citizen for the construction of a skateboard park somewhere in the City.
21. The proposed contract with Burgis Associates, Inc., as the City Planner.

ARRIVAL OF CITY AUDITOR LERCH

At 7:20 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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22. The request from Reverend Manuel Isabella, the Pastor of Iglesia Christiana Rey de Reyes Church located at 132 Palisade Avenue to host a mini festival at Twentieth Century Field.
23. Resident complaints concerning the lighting of the ball fields in Belmont Oval, located off Spring Street.
24. The audit of the Garfield Free Public Library performed by the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins for the years 2005 and 2006.
25. The collective bargaining settlement agreement between the Library Workers Union and the Library Board of Trustees.
26. The Resident Parking Sticker Program.

PROPOSED 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed 2008 Municipal Budget.

JOINT LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION

New Jersey State Senator Paul Sarlo was recognized and he presented a Joint Legislative Resolution to the City in honor of Councilmember James Krone.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK