

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 6:15 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 and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Kevin J. Amos

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. His response to a telephone call he received today from a newspaper reporter from the Record concerning what the City is doing to address escalating energy costs.
2. Lisa Jackson, the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection is scheduled to appear in Garfield tomorrow at 3:30 P.M. at the Garden State Paper redevelopment site located at 950 River Drive concerning the DEP Cleanup of the City Redevelopment at the site.
3. The dumping that is occurring along the railroad sidings of the New York Susquehanna and Western Railway behind Garfield Lumber located on Lanza Avenue.
4. Property Maintenance issues involving the neighbors of Christine Korsak of 185 Chestnut Street.
5. The testing being done on the new artificial field in Belmont Oval off Spring Street for safe levels of various chemicals.
6. The newspaper article in the USA Today where the City of Holly Springs, Georgia placed an extra \$12.00 surcharge on speeding tickets due to rising fuel costs. This surcharge only applies to moving violations and will be rescinded once gasoline falls under \$3.00 a gallon.
7. Proposed Amendments to the Dwelling and Rooming Units Chapter of the City Code.

### ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL AND DEPUTY MAYOR MOSKAL

At 6:30 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session; and at 6:35 PM, Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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8. The proposed purchase, at the recommendation of Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, of a machine that sweeps Astroturf fields for approximately \$10,000.00.
9. Proposed improvements to the intersection of Lanza Avenue and River Drive.
10. The New Jersey Department of Corrections has announced that due to State-wide labor budgeting cut backs, the Prisoner Labor Support program was eliminated effective July 1, 2008.

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11. The updated list of City Officials including names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact information.
12. The proposed rejection of Health Center Roof Repair Bids received on June 26, 2008.
13. The most recent Audit of City Facilities be the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund.
14. The latest check in the amount of \$14,752.48 from Green Sky Industries for the collection of recyclable materials.
15. His appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their unanimous support and confidence shown in him by adopting a resolution appointing him as City Manager on July 1, 2008.
16. The third round of New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing requirements and the need for City Planner Joseph Burgis to develop a revision of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for the City of Garfield.
17. The payment plan worked out by the Municipal Court with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reyes of 18 Commerce Street to pay their court imposed fines of \$1,283.50 for having an illegal apartment.
18. The Independence Day Fireworks held on July 3, 2008 at Twentieth Century Field.
19. The letter dated June 17, 2008 from Garfield Boys and Girls Club Acting Executive Director Robert Foster thanking DPW Superintendent Sam Garofalo for his help in arranging for the cleanup of the rear of the Boys and Girls Club Building located at 490 Midland Avenue.
20. The need for a new Salt Shed at the DPW yard at the end of Beech Street.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated July 8, 2008.

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Resolution No. 08-244

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 7:50 PM on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiations of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (PBA Local No. 46 collective bargaining negotiations).
- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Proposed rezoning of the corner of Semel Avenue and Jewell Street to allow a used car lot to be relocated at that southeast corner from land condemned by the City for parkland on River Drive).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Safety issues with request by DPW Employees to wear shorts during summer months).

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- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (City Manager Duch to listen to all sides involved in a Junior Boilermaker Cheerleader Dispute ).
- \* Matter involving the employment, appointment, terminations 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; (Disciplinary and termination hearing of clerk/typist Barbara Gazdagen).

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) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:30 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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK