

A Work Session of the City Council was held Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 6:00 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: Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph Rotolo, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Auditor Representative Robert Haag, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for Kevin J. Boswell) Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Fire Official Gerald Walis and Police Chief Kevin J. Amos

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Proposed Amendments to the Resident Parking Sticker Program.

### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 6:10 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session during the Report of the City Manager. It was duly noted for the record.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

2. The complaint concerning a rat infestation near Banta Avenue and River Drive which was successfully handled by the Health Department
3. Pending Council on Affordable Housing Regional Contribution Agreements between various municipalities and the City of Garfield.
4. The request by the Governor's Office for contact information from all Garfield City Councilmembers.
5. The proposed Amendment to the 2008 Municipal Budget.

### CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-295

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 6:50 PM on Thursday, August 21, 2008, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (City Manager Duch to attend meeting on Monday, August 25, 2008 at the City Recreation Center at 466 Midland Avenue concerning Garfield Junior Boilermakers Cheerleaders Dispute; Proposed new requirement for audits for any organization that accepts City funding).

CLOSED SESSION

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Request by Horace Buggs for a disabled veterans deduction)
- \* 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 terms of the settlement agreement concerning the employment of Barbara Gazdagen; Removal of ex-employees salaries from the 2008 Municipal Budget; Finance office employee Kelly Lombardi has resigned effective September 5<sup>th</sup>).

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  
Stanley J. Moskal

EXIT OF LABOR COUNSEL RANDAZZO

At 7:00 PM, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo left the Work Session during Closed Session after the discussion of the proposed terms of the settlement agreement concerning the employment of Barbara Gazdagen. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

6. The proposed specifications for the reconstruction of the Salt Shed in the DPW Yard at the end of Beech Street

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK