

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 23, 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: 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 J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Kevin Amos

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals concerning requests for City Council endorsement of Bergen County Community Development Block Grant applications:

1. Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia A. Gallagher in the amount of \$30,000.00 for structural improvements for the filter room of the swimming pool of the Garfield YMCA.
2. Garfield Boys and Girls Club Chief Executive Officer Paul Casey in the amount of \$80,450.00 for the replacement of siding of their building located at 490 Midland Avenue; and \$141,720.00 for their Teen Initiative.
3. Garfield Benda-Roehrich VFW Post No. 2867 members Michael Pollack and Larry Harvey in the amount of \$24,350.00 for roof repair and HVAC Improvements to their building located at 340 Outwater Lane.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR MOSKAL

At 6:20 PM, Deputy Mayor Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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4. Margaret P. Muscarelle Child Development Center Executive Director Jean Lickun and Board President John G. Duch in the amount of \$260,205.00 for renovations to their building located at 1 Walnut Street. Also discussed was the tax-exempt status of their property located next to 1 Walnut Street.
5. Bergen County Community Action Partnership Representatives Elaine Miller and David Winnegrat in the amount of \$55,570.00 for the renovation and installation of a Commercial Kitchen at 535 Midland Avenue; and \$59,500.00 for the development of a Garfield Community and Economic Development Assessment Plan.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The selection of Garfield resident Maribelisse "Molly" Rodriguez to be an Official State Finalist in the 2009 Miss New Jersey USA Pageant and her fundraising dinner to be held on September 26, 2008 at Que Pasta Restaurant located at 326 Market Street in Saddle Brook.
2. Arrangements for the Pulaski Day Parade to be held on Sunday, October 5, 2008.

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3. The Annual PBA Local No. 46 Dinner-Dance honoring Lifetime Membership Recipients David F. Brigati, Jr. and Martin P. Giesler, Esq. on Friday, November 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Brownstone Restaurant in Paterson.
4. The Project Graduation Beefsteak Fundraiser to be held Saturday, November 5, 2008 at the Sam and Ann Sangis Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue.
5. Complaints from Mr. Denistran concerning parking issues in the neighborhood of Abraham Lincoln School No. Six located at 111 Palisade Avenue.
6. The meeting he had with Garfield School Business Administrator Dr. Dennis Frohnafel and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Raymond Hryczyk concerning the assumption of salaries of two "Resource Police Officers" by the School System, effective November 2008; outstanding Board of Education Election bills; and a plan to address busing issues.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-360

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 6:40 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2009, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (Blue Collar collective bargaining negotiations; 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; (tax-exempt status of Margaret P. Muscarelle property at the end of Walnut Street and Court Order that was issued around the time of the tax sale; proposed lawsuit concerning the alleged removal of the reversionary clause in 1957 for property of American Legion Memorial Post No. 255 located at 163 Cedar street; proposed relocation of Police Station to VFW property at 340 Outwater Lane).
- * 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 Council to not become involved with the behavior of a Pee Wee Junior Boilermaker's Football Coach).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed settlement for Veterans Disability Exemption for property-owned by Horace Buggs; White Collar Union Lawyer claiming a proposed Finance Office position is a Union position; State vs. Ellen Heine lawsuit).
- * 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; (request from Clean Communities Employee Salvatore "Bratch" Guerrieri for health Benefits even though he is a part-time employee; need for additional help in the Municipal Court Office).

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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 or roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND

At 7:10 PM, Councilmember Tana M. Raymond left the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:45 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

7. Proposed ordinances regulating Shopping Carts and Public Intoxication.
8. The solicitation of quotations for Animal Control Services.
9. The proposed compilation of a Third Round Report for the Council on Affordable Housing by City Planner Joseph Burgis.
10. The utilization of a mixture of cooking oil and diesel fuel for vehicle fuel for the DPW Trucks in the Borough of Westwood.
11. The thank you letter he sent to the Superintendent of Schools for allowing the City to use the Middle School on Lanza Avenue on September 17, 2008 concerning a public information hearing by the Federal EPA concerning a chromium contamination investigation in the First Ward.
12. The elimination of a bus stop at the intersection of Clark Street and Harrison Avenue.
13. The Beefsteak to be held by Fire Company No. Two on Saturday, November 8, 2009 at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.
14. The written objection received by Ex-Fire Chief John Gervato concerning the Junior Fire Fighters Academy.
15. The Project Agreement which was executed for \$600,000.00 in Improvements to Twentieth Century Field.
16. The building that was demolished at 779 River Drive and 1000 gallon UGT tanks removed from the property as part of the development of a Park along the Passaic River. Pursuant to City Council resolution, Environmental Contractors Inc. of West Orange has been performing environmental assessment of samples, including 821 River Drive.
17. The Junior Boilermakers Pep Rally to be held Friday, September 26, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Twentieth Century Field.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The policy for removal of tree branches put out at the curb for collection by the DPW.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 23, 2008.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

18. The telephone call he received from Joe Sipos, whose brother, Captain William Sipos, was the second person from Garfield killed during the Vietnam War. In Delaware, they have a project where they make banners of those Veterans who have passed away. Mr. Sipos did not want the banner to hang in Delaware when it could hang in his hometown, the City of Garfield. Mr. Sipos gave the banner to the City and it can be hung on lanterns in the park along River Drive. Perhaps, in the meantime, the banner can be hung at the Veterans Monument on Marsellus Place during Memorial Day or Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Raymond

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK