

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:25 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph Rotolo, Special Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and Police Chief Kevin Amos

### GARFIELD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps Captain Jo-Ann Gademan concerning a request from the New Jersey State First Aid Council for the Ambulance Corps to be part of a task force to Louisiana for assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. She reported that the rig and crew would be there for fourteen days in twelve hour shifts.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. His meeting today with representatives of the Garfield Little League concerning their proposed hosting of the State Little League Championship in July 2009.
2. The letter he received recently from a parent of a student complaining about the distance the child has to walk to the Middle School from their house. He will forward the letter to Garfield School Officials.
3. The written request from Superintendent of School Nicholas Perrapoto that polling places be removed from the schools in Garfield. Peter Incardone, the Chairman of the Bergen County Board of Elections, has sent a written response saying that there is little chance of that request being approved.
4. The cost for School Resource Officers, Crossing Guards and After School Bussing is approximately \$850,000.00 a year, and the School System pays almost none of those costs, which is absorbed by the City.
5. He responded to a letter from an employee of School No. 8 on Cedar Street which was written to the High School Right to Know Coordinator concerning possible chromium contamination. City Manager Duch responded that School No. 8 was not in an area of concern.
6. The schedule of activities for the delegation of Municipal Officials visiting Garfield from Prilep, Macedonia, from Friday, September 12, 2008, to Monday, September 15, 2008, including their attendance at the Macedonian Festival being held this coming weekend in Garfield at Twentieth Century Field.
7. Regulations will soon be changing in regard to Round Three from the Council on Affordable Housing and with that in mind, the Regional Contribution Agreement between the City of Garfield and Frankford Township was executed before the rules changed.
8. The Shelter Drill ran by the City Office of Emergency Management on Thursday, August 7, 2008 and Monday, August 11, 2008.

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9. The upgrade of the Computer Program for the Resident Parking Sticker Program.
10. The combined celebration of the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Thomas the Apostle to be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008 with an open procession at 12:30 P.M. from outside Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church to Division Avenue, to Ann Street, to Market Street and back to Madonna Place.
11. The recent meeting he had with representatives of the Green Acres Program concerning the development of the park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge and concerning Twentieth Century Field, in which he took a walk with them.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 9, 2008.

2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2008 Municipal Budget.

WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Water System Master Plan.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell continued his report on the written Report of the City Engineer dated September 9, 2008.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The proposed resolution on the Host Community Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 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