

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 8:00 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 boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, James Krone, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Krone moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Krone moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Regular	Meeting	-	August	14,	2007
Special	Meeting	-	August	28,	2007
Work	Session	-	September	11,	2007
Regular	Meeting	-	September	11,	2007
Work	Session	-	September	25,	2007
Regular	Meeting	-	September	25,	2007
Work	Session	-	October	9,	2007
Regular	Meeting	-	October	9,	2007
Work	Session	-	October	23,	2007
Regular	Meeting	-	October	23,	2007

Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 07-443

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST” 2007 YEAR END CRACKDOWN

WHEREAS, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

WHEREAS, 34% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout several counties to participate in the “Over the Limit under Arrest 2007 Year End Crackdown”; and

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WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 7, 2007 through January 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Garfield declares it's support for the "Over the Limit Under Arrest 2007 Year End Crackdown" from December 7, 2007 to January 2, 2008 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-444

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following is the list of regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council for the year 2008, with Work Sessions commencing at 5:30PM and Regular Meetings commencing at 8:00PM, except when a Legal Holiday or Special Occasion is involved as listed:

Wednesday,	January	2,	2008	Special Meeting at 5:30 PM (to Approve 2008 Temporary Budget)
Friday,	January	4,	2008	Special Meeting at 7:00 PM (Fire Chief and Firematic Officers Installation)
Tuesday,	January	8,	2008	
Tuesday,	January	22,	2008	
Wednesday,	February	13,	2008	(Change Due to Lincoln's Birthday)
Tuesday,	February	26,	2008	
Tuesday,	March	11,	2008	
Tuesday,	March	25,	2008	
Tuesday,	April	8,	2008	
Tuesday,	April	22,	2008	
Tuesday,	May	6,	2008	
Tuesday,	May	20,	2008	
Tuesday,	June	10,	2008	
Tuesday,	June	24,	2008	
Tuesday,	July	1,	2008	At Noon (Organization Meeting)
Tuesday,	July	8,	2008	
Tuesday,	July	22,	2008	
Tuesday,	August	12,	2008	
Tuesday,	August	26,	2008	
Tuesday,	September	9,	2008	
Tuesday,	September	23,	2008	
Tuesday,	October	14,	2008	
Tuesday,	October	28,	2008	
Wednesday,	November	12,	2008	(Change due to Veterans Day)
Tuesday,	November	25,	2008	
Tuesday,	December	9,	2008	
Tuesday,	December	16,	2008	(Change due to Christmas Week)

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved resolution to all the official City newspapers and to cause to have copies posted on the bulletin boards in City Hall and at the Garfield Free Public Library.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 07-445

WHEREAS, Robert Scarpa, residing at 7 Asa Street, Montville, NJ 07045 has requested to be appointed as a Constable, and a Class Two Officer and he has met the requirements of C. 200, laws of 1971(NJSA 40A:9-120 et. Seq.) and he has been recommended for appointment by City Manager Thomas Duch,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Robert Scarpa, residing at 7 Asa Street, Montville, NJ 07045 is hereby appointed a Constable and a Class Two Officer for the year 2008.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-446

WHEREAS, Robert Cochrane, residing at 72 Manner Avenue, has requested to be appointed as a Constable, and he has met the requirements of C. 200, laws of 1971(NJSA 40A:9-120 et. Seq.) and he has been recommended for appointment by City Manager Thomas Duch,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Robert Cochrane, residing at 72 Manner Avenue is hereby appointed a Constable for the year 2008.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-447

WHEREAS, Joan Mercandante, 153 Division Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P638766, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the north curb line of Division Avenue commencing 379 feet west of the intersection of Division Avenue and Ray Street and an additional 25 feet west from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-448

WHEREAS, Robert Pepsis, 46 Division Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P122660, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the south curb line of Division Avenue commencing 100 feet west of the intersection of Division Avenue and Ann Street and an additional 25 feet west from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 07-449

WHEREAS, Terry Thomas, 194 Plauderville Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P451067, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the south curb line of Plauderville Avenue commencing 50 feet west of the intersection of Plauderville Avenue and Midland Avenue an additional 25 feet west from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-450

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Retired Firemen be compensated as provided by Ordinance No. 1466 adopted August 10, 1971 and as amended by Ordinances No. 1925, 1990 and 2021.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-451

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008, to Mrs. Rose Ann Merendino, wife of deceased Joseph Merendino, who resides at 66 Davison Street, Garfield, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1716 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW AND DEPENDENT OF JOSEPH MERENDINO, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY”, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on February 19, 1980.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-452

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008, to Mrs. Jennie Ciuppa, wife of deceased Ignatius Ciuppa, who resides at 52 Tall Oaks Drive, Wayne, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1177 entitled: “AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD FROM INJURIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY”, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on May 25, 1955.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 07-453

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008, to Mrs. Linda Yondolino, wife of deceased Nicholas A. Yondolino, who resides at 71 Heritage Court, Towaco, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1839 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW AND DEPENDENT OF NICHOLAS YONDOLINO, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on October 2, 1984.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-454

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2008, to Mrs. Arlin Sabat, wife of deceased Edward Sabat, who resides at 111 Falmouth Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1177 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD FROM INJURIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on May 25, 1955.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-455

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the "New Jersey Unit Pay to Play Law" enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to NJSA 19:44A, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a "fair and open process"; and
WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a "fair and open process".
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:

City Engineer	Grants Consultant (2)
City Auditor	Computer Services Consultant
City Bond Counsel	City Attorney (including Housing Program
City Planner	Mortgage Closings)
Risk Management Consultant	Special Litigation Attorney
City Architect	Special Labor Attorney
City Real Estate Appraiser	Municipal Prosecutor
For Tax Appeals	Municipal Public Defender
Insurance Broker for Medical and Prescription Coverage	

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2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 4, 2008.
3. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the reorganization meeting scheduled for 5:30 PM, January 22, 2008.
4. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on the City of Garfield website for a period of not less than ten (10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the City Attorney as well as to all professionals currently holding the positions described in this Resolution.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-456

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN A ROOF SCUPPER AND LEADER SYSTEM AS WELL AS CORNICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD'S MUNICIPAL BUILDING, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the existing roof drains are not functioning to proper capacity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has determined the need for undertaking roof drain and cornice improvements to the Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer, Roy Riggitano, has certified to the existence of sufficient funds in the appropriate accounts for this expenditure; and

WHEREAS, Arcari and Iovino Architects P.C., shall prepare contract documents for public bidding and provide construction inspection services for same; and,

WHEREAS, this work can be awarded without public bidding; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Arcari and Iovino Architects P.C. is authorized to perform Professional Design Services in the amount of \$10,500.00 to perform and complete the above described services all in accordance with the December 6, 2007 proposal.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-457

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF GRANTS CONSULTING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, Capital Alternatives Corporation has previously performed services on behalf of the City of Garfield which services included grants consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes that it would be in the best interests of the City to enter into a new contract with Capital Alternatives Corporation which will designate that company as the exclusive grants consulting firm for a one (1) year period; and

WHEREAS, the services performed by Capital Alternatives Corporation are professional services and, therefore, competitive bidding is not required.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. A contract for grants consulting services between the City of Garfield and Capital Alternatives Corporation of New Milford, New Jersey be and is hereby authorized.

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2. The Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the City for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2008 and extending until December 31, 2008, in the form to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield.
3. The within Contract shall not provide for the payment of any retainer to Capital Alternatives Corporation, but shall provide for fees to be paid based upon eligible funding programs and successful grant applications presented to the City of Garfield by Capital Alternatives Corporation.
4. The within Contract may be entered into without the necessity of competitive bidding as it provides for professional services within the definition set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Capital Alternatives Corporation, the Chief Financial Officer and the City Attorney for the City of Garfield.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-458

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and NJAC 5:: 34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Garfield authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Garfield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the City of Garfield and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-459

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$60,000 has been proposed by the Garfield Boys and Girls Club of Garfield for funding for Project Director/Unit Director in the municipality of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

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WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Garfield, and
WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-460

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the provisions of Chapter 82-17 of the code of the City of Garfield concerning the hours of service and sales, specifically the portion regulating the hours an establishment holding a Plenary Retail Consumption License may stay open for business, is hereby suspended strictly for the 2008 New Years Day Holiday and that permission is hereby granted to said establishments to remain open an additional 3 hours until 5:00 AM on January 1, 2008,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved Resolution to the Garfield Police Chief.

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-461

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has identified the following checks to be stale, and
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has been deemed to cancel of record the following checks which are dated prior to December 31, 2007
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that all balances shall be treated as MRNA, as to the treasurer’s bank statement reconciliation:

Payroll Account 61-24976

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
338	\$1,038.51
150388	\$ 138.58
150791	\$ 260.47
152483	\$.01
152636	\$1,012.11
153624	\$1,299.89
423	\$ 697.61
154364	\$ 401.65

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-462

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the Collector-Treasurer shall and hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer as follows:

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	<u>Appropriation From</u>	<u>Appropriation To</u>
Police Salary and Wages	\$204,500.00	
UCC Other Expenses		\$ 1,500.00
Employee Insurance		\$135,000.00
Police Other Expenses		\$ 10,000.00
Traffic Division Police Other Expenses		\$ 20,000.00
Office of Emergency Management Other Expenses		\$ 5,000.00
PSE & G Electric		\$ 30,000.00
Police Off Depnd R.S. 43		\$ 3,000.00
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	\$204,500.00	\$204,500.00

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

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 07-463

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING INSURANCE CONSULTANT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield retained the services of Joseph Bigica, Inc. approximately one (1) year ago in order to act as Broker of Record and Insurance Consultant in connection with the placement of medical and prescription benefits for employees; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, the City Manager has been satisfied with the services provided to the City of Garfield by this professional; and

WHEREAS, the initial term for said services is scheduled to expire shortly and the City Manager has recommended that this contract be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by Joseph Bigica Inc. as Broker of Record and Insurance Consultant in connection with the placement of medical and prescription benefits for employees are exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:11-5(1)m as the same constitutes professional services or “extraordinary unspecifiable services”; and

WHEREAS, during the past year it has become apparent that services provided by this vendor has resulted in significant cost savings to the City and, therefore, the City Council wishes to renew this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Joseph Bigica Inc. is hereby designated as Broker of Record and Insurance Consultant in connection with the placement of medical and prescription coverage for employees of the City of Garfield;
2. Joseph Bigica Inc. shall have full authority to investigate and evaluate the medical and prescription insurance programs presently in effect within the City of Garfield and submit proposals and recommendations to the City Council and City Manager.
3. The City Manager Thomas J. Duch, Esq. shall have the authority to execute any and all documents which may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution as well as the provisions of any insurance coverage after consultation with the City Council.
4. The term of this agreement shall for a period of three (3) years commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 21, 2010. Notwithstanding this term, however this agreement/appointment may be terminated by the Mayor and Council upon ninety (90) days notice, with or without cause or in the event that the City Attorney determined that the term set forth herein is not permissible.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield, the City Attorney and to the Office of the City Manager.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 – Mayor Calandriello
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 8:05 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Regular Meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 07-464

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 1222 to and including 1226 covering Trust/Community Development Account, Trust Other Account and Dog Trust Account totaling \$42,866.33 and Current Fund Current Year totaling \$1,946,804.42 and Water Fund Current Year totaling \$2,675.35 and General Capital totaling \$300.00 and Water Capital totaling \$338,043.75 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes thirteen (13) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following

pages numbered _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2518

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held November 27, 2007; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

“BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$400,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BOULEVARD BOOSTER PUMPING STATION AND BELMONT HILL WATER STORAGE TANKS IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Calandriello declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being no objections, Mayor Calandriello declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Aloia moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, LAND USE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 157 ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, LAND USE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 157 ENTITLED “LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”, does now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held on January 22, 2008, at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk shall be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in the Garfield Messenger.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Krone, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Dr. Dawn Sova, 126 Banta Avenue, spoke on her water bill.

Mr. Jerry Pineson, 326 Chestnut Street, Hackensack; and Mr. Alvin Korby, 435 Hudson Street, Hackensack, both spoke on an alleged national crisis of mortgage foreclosures.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia said that he hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving and he hopes everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a safe holiday.

Councilmember Krone spoke on the plans being formulated to organize the 2008 Relay For Life cancer prevention fundraiser. He told everyone to have a good holiday and to enjoy the season.

Councilmember Moskal spoke on Santa Claus coming to City Hall for the City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting held on December 3, 2007. He said that the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party held on December 5, 2007, was a nice affair. He told everyone to have a wonderful and happy holiday.

Deputy Mayor Delaney remarked that the next meeting of the Mayor and City Council will be held Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at which the police cadets will be in attendance.

Mayor Calandriello spoke on the metal detector which is in the back of the Council Chamber which is a new requirement for when Court is in session. He wished everyone a healthy and happy New Year and said to always remember the less fortunate and to give to them.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK