

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 8:05 PM in the Council Chamber, 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, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Deputy Police Chief Kevin Amos

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 07-139

WHEREAS, Geisler and Geisler of the Garfield Boys & Girls Club Junior Basketball League completed an undefeated 2007 season; and

WHEREAS, the team is comprised of Alizette Soto, Christian Todorovski, Daryn D'moone, Eran Peci, Esther Moreno, Jennifer Yahm, Karlo Pozo, Renzo Rodriguez, Ruben Hernandez, Reynaldo Garcia, Romeo Rodriguez, Victoria Tufaro under the direction of their Outstanding Coaches David Hernandez, Paul Tufaro and Frank Parenti

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of publicly recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of the Geisler and Geisler Basketball team,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that CONGRATULATIONS are hereby extended to Giesler and Giesler of the Garfield Boys & Girls Club Junior Basketball League on their undefeated season.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

At this time, CERTIFIED copies of Resolution No. 07-139 were presented to the Geisler and Giesler Junior Basketball Team.

Resolution No. 07-140

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is a neuron-muscular disease striking children and adults, affecting control of voluntary muscles and afflicting several hundred of our fellow New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of this disorder include, but are not limited to, difficulty moving, breathing, swallowing, speaking and seeing; and

WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded, "to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by myasthenia gravis and closely related disorders, and to improved their lives through programs of patient services,, public information, medical research, professional education, advocacy, and patient care"; and

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is the most common neuromuscular disorder affecting the residents of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the many physicians who demonstrate an untiring effort to treat this disease and search for a cure;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that June 2007 is hereby Proclaimed as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the City of Garfield and urge all residents to join with us, during the period, in an attempt to focus attention on the need for education, treatment, research, and ultimately an end to this as yet incurable disease.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 07-141

WHEREAS, unintentional injury is the number one killer of children 14 and under; and
WHEREAS, each year, more than 5,000 children 14 and under die from unintentional injuries; and
WHEREAS, emergency rooms experience nearly 2.4 million visits from children 14 and under each summer; and
WHEREAS, 90 percent of these injuries and deaths are preventable; and
WHEREAS, 41 percent of these deaths occur during "trauma season", the months of May, June, July and August; and
WHEREAS, the risk areas that show the greatest seasonal surge in deaths and injuries between May and August compared to the rest of the year are biking, drowning, pedestrian, motor vehicle occupants and falls; and
WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids New Jersey, led by the New Jersey State Safety Council promote childhood injury prevention by uniting diverse groups into local and state coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and strategies, initiating public policy changes, promoting new technology and raising awareness through the media; and
WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, with the support of founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, launches Safe Kids Week 2007, "Make it a Safe Kids Summer," which focuses on five of the deadliest warm-weather risk areas of motor vehicles, drowning, pedestrian, biking and falls; and
WHEREAS, Safe Kids New Jersey has planned special childhood injury prevention activities and community-based events for Safe Kids Week 2007 in an effort to educate families about summer safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that April 29 – May 6, 2007 is hereby proclaimed

NATIONAL SAFE KIDS WEEK

and call upon all the residents of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey to join in supporting the efforts and activities of Safe Kids New Jersey to prevent childhood injury.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 07-142

WHEREAS, the Garfield High School Hall of Fame Committee has proudly announced their inductees into the Hall of Fame for 2007, and
WHEREAS, the inductees were selected with consideration of athletic, civic and student activity contributions while in Garfield High School, and
WHEREAS, by their active participation in these areas, they have brought honor and pride, not only to themselves, but to the entire educational and civic community, and
WHEREAS, the Induction Dinner-Dance will be held Friday, May 4, 2007 at the Cotillion Restaurant in Garfield,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the following individuals are hereby publicly congratulated and recognized for their steadfast dedication to excellence as demonstrated by their induction into the Garfield High School Hall of Fame:

Steve Purciello (Coach)
Edward Alling '77, Godfrey Gordon '95, Thomas Rabolli '92
Robert Puzio '94, William "Bee Bee" Ryan '69

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations are also extended to the 1961 Passaic Valley Conference Champion and North Jersey, Section I State Champion Foot Ball Team as they receive the Team Awards from the Hall of Fame.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 07-143

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL A-3872 REGARDING FRANCHISE FEES

WHEREAS, the Assembly has introduced Bill No. A-3872 which authorizes certain water conditions to administer a franchise fee and distribute proceeds to the Passaic Valley Water Commission's other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this bill would allow a franchise fee to be imposed by the Passaic Water Commission, a water commission which services and provides water to the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, a Bill, as drafted, could be implemented to require the City of Garfield to pay this franchise fee without receiving new or improved services with the revenues being distributed to the "owner municipalities" of Passaic, Paterson and Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Bill does not specify the amount of the franchise fee or how often it may be increased thus permitting the Passaic Valley Water Commission to have unrestricted ability to establish their own rates with no recourse to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield have determined that the passage of this bill would be against the best interests of the City of Garfield and wishes to express its opposition to the same.

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. The City Council hereby opposes the adoption of Assembly Bill No. A-3872;
2. The City Manager is hereby directed to forward a letter, together with a certified copy of the within Resolution to Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer as well as all members of the State Senate and Assembly for the District in which the City of Garfield is located.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Kevin J. O'Toole, Assemblyman for the 40th District and to the Office of City Manager and City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-144

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Richard Uram of 37 Schley Street, as an active member, effective April 2, 2007,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-145

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have expelled Carlos Alejo of 6 Harding Court, as an active member effective March 2, 2007,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

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Resolution No. 07-146

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have expelled Joseph Lynch of 130 B Hartman Avenue, as an active member effective February 13, 2007,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-147

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has accepted Lorenzo Rosado of 47 Bogart Avenue as a regular active member, effective March 6, 2007.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-148

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has accepted Mateusz Leja of 72 Sampson Street as a regular active member, effective March 6, 2007.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-149

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has accepted Fernando S. Rosado of 47 Bogart Avenue as a regular active member, effective March 6, 2007.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-150

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has accepted Christopher J. Hoffman of 485 Van Bussum Avenue as a regular active member, effective March 6, 2007.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-151

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for receipt of bids for the Acquisition of a 2007 Haz-Mat Truck and Specified Equipment on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 10:00 AM, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room in City Hall

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

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Resolution No. 07-152

RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND THE COUNTY OF BERGEN REGARDING THE HOMELAND SECURITY/WATER FILLABLE BARRIER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has presented the City of Garfield with a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Bergen and the City of Garfield regarding the Homeland Security Equipment/Water Fillable Barrier Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of the program is set forth in the aforesaid Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, a condition of receiving the homeland security equipment is the execution of the said Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Garfield and the County of Bergen had been prepared setting forth the terms and conditions of the agreement between the City of Garfield and the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding incorporates all of the terms of the agreement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both the City of Garfield and the County of Bergen to enter into the memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the execution of the within Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed by the attorneys for both the City of Garfield and the County of Bergen and the execution of the same is recommended by the attorneys for both the City of Garfield and the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Bergen regarding the Homeland Security Equipment/Water Fillable Barrier Program.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-153

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO SHORT-TERM OCCUPANCY AGREEMENTS FOR GARFIELD RIVER FRONT HISTORIC PARK PROJECT PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (“the City”) has proceeded to acquire properties on Block 140 on River Drive in the City of Garfield for the development of a public park; and

WHEREAS, some of the properties are currently tenanted, and the approved costs for the relocation of those tenants are the responsibility of the City under the Relocation Assistance Law of 1967, and the Relocation Assistance Act, hereafter referred to as the “Relocation Laws”; and

WHEREAS, some of the tenants are commercial enterprises whose relocation is difficult due to the nature of their businesses, such as used car lots, and relocation of such businesses often requires land use applications and in particular use variances, and suitable locations to transfer said business are not readily available; and

WHEREAS, the City has permitted, as an accommodation to these tenants, to continue using the property upon payment to the City of the same prior rents as to the prior owner, and providing evidence of insurance naming the City as an additional insured; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend, for short durations of 30 days at a time, the occupancy of the various tenants as they pursue relocation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above paragraphs are deemed incorporated into the body of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized on behalf of the City of Garfield to enter into short-term occupancy agreements and amendments thereof permitting short-term occupancy to tenants located within block 140 in the City of Garfield for all properties acquired by the City for the development of the Passaic River Historic Park project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of said tenancies shall be terminable by the City upon 30 days written notice, and all such agreements entered into by the City Manager shall be subject to approval as to content and form by counsel to the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 07-154

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR GRANTS CONSULTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the need exists for the appointment of grant consulting firms which provide various services on behalf of the City of Garfield including grants consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has previously entered into agreements with Capital Alternatives Corporation of New Milford, New Jersey and Bruno Associates, Inc. of Clifton, New Jersey, which companies provide various services on behalf of the City of Garfield in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the contracts described above are both non-exclusive in that they permit each company to operate independent of one another and the City Manager has been authorized to coordinate the efforts of these various companies in order to achieve maximum benefits for the City; and

WHEREAS, a third company, Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC of Springfield, New Jersey has offered to provide additional services on behalf of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the principals of Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC were previously associated with Bruno Associates, Inc. and as a result, have substantial knowledge and background regarding the services to be rendered on behalf of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC has proposed to perform these services on behalf of the City with payment to them to be based upon the results achieved, i.e., a percentage of the grant funds actually applied for and received as a result of their services; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the City of Garfield enter into such an agreement with Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC.

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 non-exclusive contract for grant consulting services between the City of Garfield and Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC is hereby authorized;
2. The above referenced contract shall be for a term commencing upon the adoption of this Resolution and shall continue until December 31, 2007 in the form to be approved by the City Attorney, the Chief Financial Officer and the City Manager;
3. The aforesaid contract shall not be provide for the payment of any retainer to Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC but shall provide for fees to be paid based upon eligible funding programs and successful grant applications presented to the City of Garfield by Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC and actually approved for funding to the City;
4. The within contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding as it qualifies as extraordinary unspecifiable services;
5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all contracts as may be required in order to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this contract is contingent upon confirmation by the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield, that sufficient funds exist for these purposes;

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 City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and City Attorney for the City of Garfield as well as to Strategic Enterprise Solutions, LLC, 25 route 22 East, Suite 290, Springfield, New Jersey, 07081.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-155

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH FEDERAL GOOSE CONTRACT, INC.

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Garfield, Anthony Furfaro, has recommended that the City enter into an agreement for Canada goose control at three (3) municipal parks within the City; and

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WHEREAS, the presence of Canadian geese in the City of Garfield, as well as in other municipalities in Bergen County has created significant problems for the residents and users of these facilities including verified health risks; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed the recommendation received from Mr. Furfaro and concurs with that recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Federal Goose Control, Inc. has submitted a proposal to the City Manager for providing the services at a rate of \$900.00 per month for a twelve (12) month contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract for this service may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since the same is in an amount which is less than the applicable bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the contract for this service may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since the same is in an amount which is less than the applicable bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this proposal and believe that it is in the best interest of the City of Garfield to enter into an agreement with Federal Goose Control, Inc. for a period of twelve (12) months based upon the recommendation of Mr. Anthony Furfaro and the City Manager.

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. The contract with Federal Goose Control, Inc. is hereby authorized;
2. This contract will be for a period of twelve (12) months commencing immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution and shall be at a rate of \$900.00 per month, billed monthly;
3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the agreement with Federal Goose Control, Inc. for these services based upon the form submitted with the proposal dated January 24, 2007, however, the provisions regarding automatic renewal shall be deleted from the contract as further action will be required at the end of the initial term in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey Law;
4. The award of this contract is contingent upon certification, by the Chief Financial Officer, that sufficient exist for this purpose.
5. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, invoices or other documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

NOR THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Anthony Furfaro, Director for the Parks and Recreation for the City of Garfield, the City Manager, Federal Goose Control, Inc. and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-156

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF 1988 CASE LOADER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is currently in possession of a 1988 Case W20 Loader which was previously used in connection with that Department; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Sam Garofalo has determined that this piece of equipment is no longer needed for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has also estimated that the value of this piece of equipment is \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lodi has offered to purchase this unneeded article of equipment from the City of Garfield at its fair market value, \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the Governing Body authorize this sale to the Borough of Lodi.

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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. The sale of a 1988 Case W20 Loader to the Borough of Lodi be and is hereby authorized;
2. The above authorized sale shall be for the sum of \$6,000, the fair market value of this equipment;
3. This payment of \$6,000.00 will be received by the City of Garfield at such time as can be negotiated by the City Manager and the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate with the Borough of Lodi for the payment of this amount;
4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate this transaction.

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 Office of the City Manager, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works,, the Borough of Lodi, and to the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-157

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$87,000.00 has been proposed by the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry for the purchase of a panel truck, shelving and racks, computer needs, refrigerator, safety security system and other needs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and Community Development regulations these funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the City of Garfield to any financial obligation or any other monetary expenditure,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Community Development Program.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-158

A RESOLUTION FOR THE AWARD OF BID FOR A THIRTY (30) FOOT EXTENSION TO EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONOPOLE AT FIREHOUSE NUMBER 4 IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, bids were received on Friday, March 20, 2007, at 10:00 AM, in the second floor Conference Room in City Hall for a thirty (30) foot extension to the existing telecommunications monopole at Firehouse Number 4; and

WHEREAS, present at the bid opening were Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk, Kelly Lombardi, City Finance Office, and Bernard N. Mirandi, PE., City Engineer Representative; and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

1. Spring Spectrum, L.P.
One International Boulevard, Suite 800
Mahwah, New Jersey 07495
Bid \$ 1,500.00/Month
Total \$18,000.00/Year

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WHEREAS, the bid received is an annual base rent of in the amount of \$18,000.00 that shall be paid to the City of Garfield for each year in twelve (12) equal installments. Commencement of rent shall be due upon receipt of all required permits to begin construction. There shall be a yearly increase in rent by 3% or Consumer Price Index the (“CPI”), which ever is higher, applicable to the New York Region on each anniversary of the Commencement Date or Renewal Date over the term of the Lease; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and other appropriate City Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend award of contract for this project, to Sprint Spectrum, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the genera public in the City of Garfield.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that a contract is hereby awarded to Sprint Spectrum L.P., One International Boulevard, Suite 800,, Mahwah, New Jersey 07495, for a thirty (30) foot extension to the existing telecommunications monopole at Firehouse Number 4 in the amount of \$18,000.00 paid to the City of Garfield for each year in twelve (12) equal monthly installments;; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Attorney, Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the appropriate contract and land lease agreement for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

Resolution No. 07-159

WHREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield has identified the following checks to be stale dated and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has deemed to cancel of record the following checks which are dated prior to January 1, 2007

NOW THEREFORRE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that all balances be treated as MRNA, as to the treasurers bank statement reconciliation:

Current Check #	Amount
3931	\$25.00
3937	\$25.00
4308	\$25.35
4852	\$200.00
5061	\$46,326.62
5527	\$56.25
5545	\$56.25
5546	\$56.25
6304	\$200.00
6396	\$395.86
6813	\$150.00
6990	\$50.00
7000	\$80.00
7283	<u>\$1642.00</u>
Total	\$49,288.58

Water Operating Check #	Amount
1566	\$550.00

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General Capital	
Check #	Amount
325	\$2500.00
Escrow Developers	
Check #	Amount
1139	\$1125.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 07-160
 RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Current Fund Reserve totaling \$915.85 and Current Fund totaling \$2,875,325.70 and Water Fund Current totaling \$56,464.61 and General Capital totaling \$431,886.59 and Water Capital totaling \$134,321.55 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 eleven (11) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following

pages numbered _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS WITHIN
CHAPTER 57 OF THE CODDE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT””

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS WITHIN CHAPTER 57 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” do 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 April 24, 2007 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, and in the Garfield Messenger.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Sewer Line Break that occurred on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 on Midland Avenue near the Railroad Crossing and President Street in Saddle Brook.
2. The planting of Red Maple Trees which will commence in late April, including along Spring Street and near the entrance of Belmont Oval.
3. The sign donated by Wawel Savings Bank which reads “Garfield Supports Our Troops” which will be erected in a prominent place in front of City Hall, along with stars, each with the names of Garfield citizens serving in the Military.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Fatios Popodopolous, 71 Gaston Avenue, spoke about property maintenance complaints concerning his landlord and inspections made by City Officials.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, complained about the way the Mayor and Council treats the public. She complained about the format of Council meetings. She complimented the sign displayed in the Council Chamber which reads “Garfield Supports Our Troops”. She spoke against the cutting back of the hours of the Crossing Guards and she said that she knows two crossing guards who really depend on the money they will lose by the reduction of hours. She questioned when the City would purchase a new ambulance. She complained about a house on Shaw Street which she implied may have been converted into an illegal boarding house. She complained about a house on Outwater Lane near Spruce Street which she said had coolers on its roof. She asked about an analysis of City employee Health Benefits. She said that Mr. Joseph Dorman deserves answers to his questions concerning the call to prayers by the Albanian American Islamic Center located at 43 Monroe Street. She said that things are settled through discussion and mediation. She said that before Garfield gets another black eye, this matter needs to be discussed.

Mr. Joseph Dorman, 174 Palisade Avenue, said that he first notified the City of Garfield about the loudspeakers mounted upon the minaret of the Albanian American Islamic Center on December 14, 2006. He said that this was his sixth appearance before the Mayor and Council concerning the violation of an established ordinance which prohibits the use of loudspeakers in a fixed or immovable position exterior to any building. He said that he has requested answers to a series of

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questions since December 14th, 2006. He gave his chronology of events concerning this matter since that time. He complained about loudspeakers on the mosque and he said that he has not received answers to several of his questions. He commented and asked questions about this matter. He said that he had a new question and he asked, "Did the plans submitted by the mosque for the minaret include loudspeakers?"

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia said, with regard to people asking questions and giving answers, the Council would be most ignorant if it just made up an answer when it did not know the answer. He said that some things can not be answered. He said that sometimes when an answer is given; it puts the City in a more difficult position – not in a better position. He said that the City has received an attorney's letter on behalf of Mr. Dorman and sometimes it is in the best interest of the City to remain silent. He said that in regard to the issue raised by Mr. Popodopolous, sometimes when a tenant – landlord relationship becomes bad, the tenant has to consider relocating. He said that City inspectors are not to be used to make things right between the landlord and the tenant. He said that sometimes the better part of the discretion is to move on. He said that there are other tenants in the building and they have not been heard from. He concluded by saying he hoped everyone had a nice Easter.

Councilmember Krone spoke on the American Cancer Society Relay For Life fundraiser to be held June 9 and 10, 2007 at Twentieth Century Field. He said that he was at a County Board of Freeholders Meeting the other night and May 5th will be designated as a day where many people will be in the streets of certain towns collecting funds and six different towns have been lined up so far. He said that volunteers are needed at A & P, Shop-Rite, and Pathmark supermarkets and four adults are needed at each intersection. He said that there will be another Relay for Life meeting on April 23rd. He spoke on the Boys and Girls Club dinner held on March 31, 2007 at the Cotillion Restaurant. He said that the Boys and Girls Club is having financial difficulties due to the recent New Jersey law which prohibits smoking at Bingos and because of this the attendance and profits at the Boys and Girls Club's bingos are way down. He said that it is a great organization that does so much for our kids in town and we have to help them survive. He concluded by saying that he hoped everyone had enough to eat and had plenty of chocolate.

Councilmember Moskal said that baseball is back and this weekend is opening day for softball and Little League. He commended Recreation Director Tony Furfaro for getting the fields ready, including for soccer. He commended City Manager Duch, Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo, the DPW, and the Police Department for their response to the Midland Avenue sewer line break. He said that it is not an easy thing to go through in an emergency situation. He thanked the residents and business owners for their patience and understanding.

Councilmember Delaney said that it was a great job by the DPW and everyone else involved with the sewer line break. He said that the City Council does answer questions, but people sometimes do not like the answers, so they ask again, expecting a different answer, and the answer remains the same. He said that as far as getting City Manager Duch involved in certain situations, he is spread so thin. He said that the City has the proper people in place to handle these situations that the City Manager can rely on. He said that at the next meeting he would like the Council to declare April as Autism Awareness Month. He commented that Mayor Calandriello had a big article he wrote in the most recent edition of New Jersey Municipalities Magazine about his fitness campaign. He thanked San Diego Chargers Defensive End Luis Castillo for coming to the Boys and Girls Club dinner last week. He said that it was great for the City and great for the kids.

Mayor Calandriello said that the article that he wrote was about awareness of Childhood Obesity. He said that the Mayor's Wellness Campaign was initiated from the City's Health Department. He said that being the Mayor, he was asked to participate in it, along with the City Manager and Council and the City is getting some grants for the children and to promote this statewide. He said that there is a lot of fast food and sodas in the public schools and projections down the line are not good for our children. He said that in regard to the crossing guards, if the City Council is told that the City will save \$80,000 to \$100,000 by shortening the time on duty by forty-five minutes and not affect the safety of the children according to the Police, the Council has to listen and consider it and

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it has been acted upon. He said that he is sad about the couple of crossing guards he was told depend on the money they lost, but the City Council has to represent the needs of 30,000 people vs. two people when considering a job that is supplemental income.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 P.M., there being no further business, Councilmember James Crone moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the notion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew Pavlica, CITY CLERK