

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 6:10 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney 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: Louis G. Aloia, James Krone, Stanley J. Moskal and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello
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 Robert Andrezzi

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-016-003 from The Cotillion Inc., to G & B, LLC., (Kida, Dariusz, 101 Haddenfield Road, Clifton, NJ 07013 and Kida, Grzegorz Ryszard, 56 Liberty Ridge Trail, Totowa, NJ 07512 who will each own 40% of the Corporation and Kida, Anna, 101 Haddenfield, Road, Clifton, NJ 07013 and Kida, Zegen Sophia, 56 Liberty Ridge Trail, Totowa, NJ 07512 who will each own 10% of the Corporation) t/a The Royal Manor, 454 Midland Avenue.

Attorney Henry Walentowicz with Law Offices located at 1035 Route 46 East, Clifton, NJ 07015 was present representing the applicants.

ARRIVAL OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 6:20 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The photos, including those of City Officials, which were taken today for the 2008 City Calendar.
2. It is estimated that approximately \$8,000 worth of vandalism was recently done to the batting cages in Twentieth Century Field off Elizabeth Street.
3. Green Acres grants over the years, including \$800,000 awarded in 2005 for Belmont Oval, \$600,000 awarded in 2006 for the Multi Parks Project which he is seeking to redirect to Twentieth Century Field, which along with the \$600,000 received from the Bergen County Open Space Program will total \$1.2 million for improvements to Twentieth Century Field. He also reported that the Historic Dundee Dam/Passaic Riverfront Park Project is estimated to cost \$4,645,574 and he is requesting the absolute maximum amount of funding available for this project through the Green Acres Program.
4. His request to the Tax Collector concerning which features are essential to the operations of the office to be considered when upgrading computer software programs in the Tax Collector's Office.
5. The need to comply with the New Jersey Municipal Stormwater Management Act.

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6. Elizabeth Street, at Twentieth Century Field, was recently improved with various traffic control measures, however, residents still complain about speeders driving through the area, so Police Chief Andrezzi may address this with radar and/or an officer to control traffic.
7. A Grant of \$25,000 recently awarded the City from the New Jersey Shade Tree Foundation.
8. The Central Bergen Municipal Managers and Administrators Meeting held on October 29, 2007.
9. Phase I of the Water System Master Plan and the tanks placed on line in the Elmwood Park Water Works on June 12, 2007, the Elmwood Park Boulevard Booster Pumping Station and Reservoir, and the new Belmont Hill Water Tank.
10. His letter of thanks addressed to Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney for the recent improvements made to Dahnert's Lake County Park located off Midland Avenue in Garfield.
11. The recent request he received from residents of 90 Somerset Street concerning sidewalk snow removal services. It seems both spouses are too ill to shovel, so he forwarded their inquiry to the Principal of the High School asking if a high school civic group, such as the Interact Club, could assist in this matter.
12. The status of the matter involving the coach and parents of the girls participating in the J & S Yankees Team in the Garfield Girls Softball League, and the allegation that Coach Joe Evelina was improperly terminated by the Softball League. He has met with many people concerning this matter, and it appears that proper procedure was followed in accordance with the League By-Laws and the League has a right to control its own activities.
13. He has applied for a \$15,000 grant from Hamburger Helper to repave the walking path in Twentieth Century Field.
14. The need to step up illegal housing inspection activities and to aggressively pursue legitimate complaints.
15. The need to commence collective bargaining negotiations with Garfield PBA Local No. 46.
16. The recent hiring of Ms. Kaylan Gloria Tarabocchia as a Public Safety Telecommunicator Dispatcher at the Police Station.
17. The notice given by Police Chief Robert Andrezzi to retire effective April 1, 2008.
18. The recent letter from Purchasing Manager Joseph Elcavage of the Star Dynamic Corporation of 100 Outwater Lane, praising the response of the Garfield Police Department in investigating a matter where a vehicle was parked on company property without permission.
19. The \$1,200 per unit sewer hook-up fee to the Garfield Sewer System for 16 units of housing in Saddle Brook on the Garfield border.

ARRIVAL OF MAYOR CALANDRIELLO

At 6:40 PM, Mayor Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session, assumed his seat at the head of the Conference Room table and chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

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20. An analysis of the water used by the City of Garfield from the Passaic Valley Water Commission and the water produced by the City at the Elmwood Park Water Works indicates that billing statements to water users by the Passaic Valley Water Commission are accurate.
21. The most recent check from Zozzaro Brothers Inc. to the City of Garfield for recycling material totals \$11,426.91.
22. The proposed change order concerning the Garfield Water Works Improvement and the need to utilize money from a Bond Ordinance to replace the control system of the old air stripper in the Packed Column Aeration Tower in the Elmwood Park Well Field.
23. The Social Events to be held by Fire Company No. Five, including their Annual Beefsteak meeting to elect new officers on December 1st and their annual Christmas Party on December 15th.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The Garfield Junior Boilermakers Cheerleaders would like to unveil a new cheer for the Mayor and Council next Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-425

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 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 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; (White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Firearms Discharge in the Neighborhood of the Envy Lounge, located at 279 Passaic Street, on Saturday, November 25, 2007; Proposed Parking Enforcement Officer).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed Settlement of Mildred Taylor vs. City of Garfield Lawsuit).

CLOSED SESSION

- * 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; (David Gonzalez from the Municipal Court to the Department of Public Works; Health of DPW Employee Paul Szawarski; Superintendent of Parks John Lord Need for a Leave of Absence for Hip Replacement Surgery; Retirement of DPW Employee John Prencik on a Disability Pension; Termination of DPW Employee Wayman Williams; Possible Disciplinary Action Involving DPW Employee Frank LiVoti; Police Department Retirements; Keith Kopacz to Police Detective Bureau).

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) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT AND RETURN OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:15 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session during Closed Session as Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora joined during the Work Session. At 7:40 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia left the Work Session during Closed Session prior to the discussion of the Mildred A. Taylor vs. the City of Garfield Lawsuit. At 7:50 PM, Councilmember Aloia re-joined the Work Session at the conclusion of the discussion of the Taylor vs. City Lawsuit and Councilmember Delaney left the Work Session prior to the discussion concerning White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session 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 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK