

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 6:05 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, 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 Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro

FLAG PRESENTATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Police Sergeant Edward Mura, a Technical Sergeant, and soon to be Master Sergeant, in the Air Force National Guard Reserve, who was serving in Iraq, and who presented the Mayor and Council an American Flag which was flown on a United States Air Force RQ-4A Global Hawk High Altitude Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (HALE UAV) above 60,000 feet on a classified Combat Reconnaissance Mission over Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on November 26-27, 2006.

WATER BILLING

The City Council and Cabinet met with Passaic Valley Water Commission Executive Director Joseph A. Bella and General Manager Tim Cupo concerning the proposed contract between the City of Garfield and Passaic Valley to provide water meter and water billing services and to be a general services as a customer services provider to the water users of Garfield.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-42

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 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations of the law; (Water Meter Billing Services Proposal by Passaic Valley Water Commission and Outstanding Water Bills Not Paid by Certain City Water Users).

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

GARFIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 6:55 PM, the City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Affordable Housing Program Director William Katchen concerning a status report on the Program.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed resolution engaging the services of United Computer and Munidex.
2. Proposed fee changes in the Recreation Department Summer Program.
3. Proposed Specifications for a proposed Hazmat vehicle for Fire Company No. Five.
4. The proposed resolution renewing the contract with Zozzaro Brothers Inc., to market the recyclables generated by the City's curbside program.
5. The request for a reduction in the property tax obligation by Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The proposed contract with T-Mobile for a Flag Pole Cell Tower Antennae and the dismantling of the water tank on Harrison Avenue.
2. The proposed resolution for a Change Order in connection with the Belmont Oval Improvement.
3. The proposed resolution concerning the Palisade Avenue Improvement.

GARFIELD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following representatives of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps concerning the proposed acquisition of a new ambulance: Jo-Anne Gademan, Joe Lynch, Tracy Belli and Trish Van Riper.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-43

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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 8:25 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * 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; (Proposed Promotions in the Police Department Including Captains and Proposed Abolition of the Deputy Police Chief Position in the Future).

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:45 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK