

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 6:35 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: James Krone, Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia

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, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser Dinner to be held Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the Cotillion Restaurant located at 454 Midland Avenue, honoring Luis Castillo of the San Diego Chargers as "Man of the Year" and Lou Ann Vistocky as "Woman of the Year".
2. The Kickoff Meeting held last night for the Relay For Life cancer prevention fundraiser to be held June 9-10, 2007 at Twentieth Century Field located off Elizabeth Street.
3. The proposed leasing of a new ambulance for the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps through the Bergen County Improvement Authority and Republic First National.
4. The recent meeting of the Central Bergen Municipal Administrators and Managers Cooperative and the proposal that instead of the member municipalities utilizing three different types of police vehicles, that one type be used as the Cooperative standard.
5. The next meeting of the Central Bergen Municipal Administrators and Managers Cooperative scheduled to be held tomorrow in Maywood Borough Hall.
6. The Reorganization Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board scheduled to be held tomorrow at 7:00 PM at the City Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue.
7. Permission granted by the State to Verizon to offer its fiber-optic cable TV system state-wide which should eventually give Garfield consumers the ability to reap the monetary benefits of competition between cable providers.
8. Attendance by Environmental Members Steven Geydoshek and Mehmet Secilmis to a Brownfield Steering Committee Meeting.
9. Renovations to the Garfield Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue including the installation of barrier free restroom facilities and a new kitchen door and frame.
10. The property for sale across from the Police Station located at 411 Midland Avenue.
11. Complaints made about in improvements to Belmont Oval by residents of Garden Court South.
12. The application by Cablevision for renewal of Municipal Consent to construct and operate a Cable Television System in the City of Garfield.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated February 27, 2007.

City Manager Duch reported on the following:

13. The meeting he had with representatives of New Jersey Transit Railroad concerning the need to address drainage and the need to trench out along the train line in connection with the Belmont Oval Improvement and the Dahnert's Lake County Park Improvement.
14. The meeting he had with Library Director I. MacArthur Nickles, Library Board of Trustees President Charles Janesak and Library Board of Trustees member Beverly Krudys concerning budgetary matters and the physical condition of the Garfield Free Public Library Building at 500 Midland Avenue.
15. The proposed contract with the Passaic Valley Water Commission to assume administration of the City Water Meter Reading and Water Billing.
16. His memo dated February 15, 2007 to Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato concerning parking and traffic issues when the newly constructed Middle School on Lanza Avenue opens in the Fall of 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-65

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 7:20 PM on Tuesday, February 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).
- * 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; (Incident Involving Clerk-Typist Marcy Calabrese in the City Clerk's Office on Friday, February 23, 2007).

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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Stanley J. Moskal

Work Session February 27, 2007, Continued

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 7:40 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia joined the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:55 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