

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:00 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 Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello
Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Robert Andrezzi

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-80

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 6:05 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 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 and Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Proposed County Acquisition of a Portion of Green Acres Parkland to Straighten Out the Curve in River Drive Near Semel Avenue).
- * 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; (Construction Code Official James Mazzer Initial Decision by Administrative Law Judge, Subsequent Ruling by State Department of Community Affairs and Appeal to Appellate Court; Marcy Calabrese Disciplinary Settlement Agreement; Barbara Gazdagen Disciplinary Hearing; Health Benefits Report from Insurance Broker Joseph Bigica).

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 – Mayor Calandriello

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

ARRIVAL AND EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 6:10 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch joined the Work Session during Closed Session. At 6:15 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia left the Work Session during Closed Session prior to the discussion of the Mildred Taylor vs. City of Garfield Lawsuit. At the conclusion of that discussion, at 6:25 PM, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora left the Work Session during Closed Session and Councilmember Louis G. Aloia and Mayor Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session during Closed Session. At 6:50 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch joined the Work Session at the conclusion of Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

After the City Council Came out of Closed Session at 6:50 PM, the City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2007 Municipal Budget.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Joseph Bigica of Joseph Bigica, Inc., 309 Indian Trail Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417, and Eric Labaska of the Doyle Consulting Group, Inc. One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 3510, Philadelphia, PA 19103 concerning Employee Health Benefits and an annual cost savings estimated at \$487,000 to the City for the same benefits as previously provided by the State Health Benefits Program.

GARFIELD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps Captain Jo-Ann Gademan concerning a proposed purchase of a new ambulance.

SHORT RECESS AND RETURN TO ORDER

At 7:40 PM, a short recess was called to allow the City Council and Cabinet to go to the City Hall Parking lot to examine a model ambulance for consideration. At 8:00 PM, Mayor Calandriello again called the Work Session to order and all City Officials were present as before the recess. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated March 13, 2007.

City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. The vehicle auction that he and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garafalo conducted on Saturday, March 3, 2007, pursuant to Resolution No. 07-35, garnered \$1,650.00.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

