

A Work Session of the City Council was held Monday, May 21, 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 board in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, James Krone and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal and Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garafalo, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora

GARFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The City Council met with Garfield Public Health Nurse Darlene Revielle concerning the Safe Routes to School Community Forum scheduled to be held Thursday, May 31, 2007.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The renewal process for Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses as well as the process involving disciplinary hearings.
2. Stormwater infiltration and flooding through the back wall of the Industrial Parts Building at the corner of Belmont Avenue and Spring Street adjacent to the Little League Field. It appears that the Little League practice field now slopes down to the back of the Industrial Parts Building.
3. He intends to attend the Managers Conference being held this coming Wednesday, May 23, 2007 to Friday, May 25, 2007 in Spring Lake, New Jersey.
4. His efforts to help citizens as best as he can until they ask him for legal advice, and although he is a practicing attorney, he cannot give it to them, because it is improper for him to do so in his capacity as City Manager.
5. The recent meeting held with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission concerning coordination of municipal services.
6. The repair of the sanitary sewer line near 134 Pacific Avenue and along the abandoned City-owned "Railroad Property".
7. The efforts to resolve the sanitary sewer backup hardships in the area of 202 Market Street.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:45 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8. The \$250,000 Passaic River Bikeway grant.
9. Concerns that the Palisade Avenue Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 grants might be in jeopardy, have been alleviated.
10. The acting appointments of Gerald Walis as Construction Official, Nicholas Melfi as Building Sub-Code Official and Dominick Nasuta as Plumbing Sub-Code Official have been extended through July 31, 2007 by the State Department of Community Affairs, Office of Regulatory Affairs.
11. The Firehouse No. Two Interior Stairway Repair Project.
12. The stormwater drainage hardships being experienced in the Garwood Court area and concerns that the drainage system of Garfield Lumber, located on the abandoned "Railroad Property" that crosses Lanza Avenue, may be part of the problem.
13. The New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics will be passed to participating Garfield PBA Local No. 46 members in front of the Police Station located at 411 Midland Avenue on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 8:00 AM.
14. The Garfield High School Academic Hall of Fame luncheon/reception for six new members will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 1:00 PM at Paradiso's Restaurant located at 361 Midland Avenue.
15. The Grant Acquisition Activity Report provided by Bruno Associates for the period February 1, 2007 to the present.
16. Green Acres vouchers totaling \$743,000 in connection with the Passaic River Historic Park Acquisition.
17. The computer software upgrades and training sessions which are being implemented in connection with the Passaic Valley Water Commission assuming administration of the City's Water billing.
18. The letter he wrote and recently sent to Congressman Stephen Rothman complaining about railroad cars filled with garbage and debris being parked in the City of Garfield.
19. His recent meeting with Recycling Coordinator Joanne Pannuto concerning ways to increase recycling.

Councilmember James Krone reported on the following:

1. The need to repair the roof of City Hall.
2. The proposed renovation of the Garfield Free Public Library to address basement flooding and barrier-free improvements and the proposed State bonding program for urban library renovations.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The roof leak of Firehouse No. Three located at 159 Gaston Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-198

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 Monday, May 21, 2007, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Proposed Acquisition of Land For Proposed Riverfront Park Along the Passaic River From the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Investigations of Police Officer Candidates; Maitland Place Investigation of Illegal Drug Sales).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Mildred Taylor vs City of Garfield Lawsuit).
- * 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; (Disciplinary Hearing of DPW Employee Alex Washington; Police Officer Todd Mosby Disciplinary Proceedings; Proposed Amendment to Terminal Leave Policy for Retiring Police Officers; Proposed Salary Enhancement For Superintendent of Public Works).

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 Moskal

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

ARRIVAL AND EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBERS

At 7:30 PM, Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session during Closed Session. At 8:00 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia left the Work Session during Closed Session prior to the discussion on the Mildred Taylor vs. City of Garfield Lawsuit. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

