

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:30 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, Stanley Moskal and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: James Krone 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, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano 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. 0221-33-013-003, from Phat Nat Corporation, t/a Pip's, 226 MacArthur Avenue, to Thirteen-Hundred, LLC, (Joseph A. Cantelmo, Jr., 37 Blauvelt Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621, who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation), t/a Pip's.

Attorney Luther G. Jones IV, 286 Union Street, Hackensack NJ 07601, of the Law Firm Pescstore and Sauter was present representing the applicant, as was the applicant Joseph A. Cantelmo, Jr.

2007 HEALTH BENEFITS COST ANALYSIS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2007 Health Benefits Cost Analysis performed by City Auditor Dieter Lerch. He said that based on 146 Active Enrollments, the State Health Benefits Program cost the City \$156,975 a month and the current Horizon program costs the City \$122,181 a month which is a \$34,794 savings to the City per month. He said that 61 Retiree Enrollments cost the City \$56,657 a month which is a \$21,980 savings to the City per month. If the \$34,794 monthly savings for Active Enrollments is combined with the \$21,980 monthly savings for Retiree Enrollments, the monthly savings to the City total \$56,774. In conclusion, the City is estimated to save approximately \$681,288 a year (\$56,774 x 12) in health premium costs for calendar year 2007 (assuming current enrollments) as a result of changing insurance carriers from the State Health Benefits Program to Horizon.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal bids received April 27, 2007.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposal resolution regarding the current coverages maintained by the Garfield Boys and Girls Club through the commercial insurance market and the ability of the City to assist the Club by providing certain coverages through the City's membership in the Suburban Essex Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
2. Stuart Levitch, the Environmental Division Manager of Pennoni Associates, has advised him via e-mail that the State DEP has awarded grant money for the environmental cleanup of old Firehouse No. 3 located at 58 Willard Street.

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3. The Ramapo and Meadowlands Survival (RAMS) Camp was a pilot program last year free to the 16-18 participating middle school-aged children, and this year, it is hoped that the number of participating children double in number. The program was created by the Garfield Health Department though the Mayor's Wellness Campaign to address childhood obesity.
4. The meeting he attended this morning at the Dundee Dam with City representatives and representatives of United Water and the New Jersey Water District, the owners of the Dundee Dam, concerning the plans to expose the wing wall of the Dam which extends all the way to River Drive, which will help with the plans for the widening of River Drive.
5. The meeting he had with City Engineer Boswell, other City Officials and Hedwig Djatschenko of 202 Market Street and Walter Lojek of 134 Pacific Avenue concerning sanitary back-up issues at their addresses as well as possible solutions to these re-occurring sewer back-ups.
6. The recent meeting Interim Chief Financial Officer Riggitano attended at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy in Mahwah, New Jersey, concerning FEMA claims filed by Municipal and State entities and the FEMA claim filed by the City concerning City property damaged by flooding during the heavy rains of April 7-8, 2007.
7. The legal opinion of City Attorney Rotolo that the City may adopt an ordinance adding two additional Alternate Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
8. The Garfield Municipal Court will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, May 16 and 17 so that new computers for Violations and the Court Room can be installed.
9. The proposed ordinance for introduction tonight concerning on-street parking in the area of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church off Madonna Place.
10. Money received in connection with the City Recycling Program.
11. The Safe Routes to Schools Community Forum to be held May 31, 2007 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Garfield Nutrition Center and Senior Citizen Building located at 480 Midland Avenue.
12. The 125 Shade Trees planted during May along various streets throughout the City.
13. The proposed three year agreement with CGI Communications, Inc. to produce a series of online videos to showcase the assets and attributes that Garfield has to offer to its residents, its visitors, and its business community.
14. Environmental Commission member Mehmet Secilmis is concerned that the City of Garfield needs to designate a certified Flood Plain Manager.
15. The offer by the Hudson Turkish American Cultural Association (HUTUCA) for interested individuals to visit Turkey as their guests.
16. The Garfield Boys and Girls Club have requested to hold Bingo fundraisers on Saturday nights, Monday nights, and Tuesday nights at the City Nutrition Center and Senior Citizen Building located at 480 Midland Avenue.
17. The proposed receipt of bids for a new Ambulance on May 31, 2007.
18. His letter dated April 4, 2007, to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, in support of the application to designate Daniel P. Conte Court, Golden Tower, and Belmont Gardens as Elderly Peoples Housing facilities of the Garfield Housing Authority.

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19. Plans for the Relay for Life cancer prevention fundraiser scheduled to be held June 9-10, 2007 at Twentieth Century Field.

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. Out of thirteen member municipalities in the Suburban Essex Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, Garfield is one of only four to be recognized with a Safety Incentive Program Award of \$1,000 for compliance with all Safety Incentive Program requirements for 2006.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-184

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 8:10 PM on Tuesday, May 8, 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; (while collar collective bargaining negotiations;(PBA Local No. 46 Proposal concerning terminal leave and accumulated sick days, accumulated compensated hours and vacation days and written executive summary analysis by City Auditor Dieter Lerch).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Proposed assumption of control and administration of City-owned sewerage system by Passaic Valley Sewage Commission; relocation of Francini Chevrolet for Riverfront Park between the Outwater Lane Bridge and the Dundee Dam).
- * 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 hiring of twelve new Police Officers).

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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Krone and Calandriello

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Krone and Calandriello