

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 6:25 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: James Krone and Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi, Traffic Sergeant Ronald Polonkay, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and City Auditor Dieter Lerch

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Ms. Ruth Springer of Calvary Baptist Church concerning their second annual Multicultural Festival scheduled to be held Saturday, August 11, 2007, on and around their church property, located at 217-245 Passaic Street.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Mr. Elliot Ramos, of Ramos Investments, LLC holder of Plenary Retail Consumption 0221-33-052-014, t/a Envy Lounge, for premises located at 279 Passaic Street, concerning his requests relating to live entertainment matters, including requests for permission for Murder Mystery Night and Karaoke.

Ms. Vera Cupo, 111 Clark Street, was present, as were several other neighbors, and she objected and made complaints concerning noise, cars, garbage, littering, vomiting and public urination.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

1. The bids received for a new ambulance on May 31, 2007, and the need to postpone award of contract until funding is in place for the purchase through Community Development.
2. The proposed ordinance adding two additional Alternate members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
3. The Garfield High School Graduation ceremony is scheduled to be held June 20, 2007 at the Garfield High School Stadium.
4. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Wawel Savings Bank located at 933 River Drive is scheduled to be held Saturday, June, 23, 2007 at 11:00 AM.
5. Difficulties, start up hardships and over-billings in connection with the transition of the City water billing to the Passaic Valley Water Commission.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER KRONE

At 7:15 PM, Councilmember James Krone joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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6. The temporary on-site storage, and current carting away of the soil dredged from Dahnert's Lake County Park as part of the County's multi-million dollar improvement of the park.
7. The Consumer Confidence Report compiled for the City Water System.
8. The proposed recommendation to select the continuation of the Improvement to Palisade Avenue, as the project for which to apply for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program grant.
9. The proposed Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Improvement along the City-owned "Railroad Property" between Semel Avenue and Columbus Avenue, the estimated cost of the project and engineering fees.
10. The proposed ordinance rezoning a portion of River Drive from Park to B-1, between Passaic Street and Midland Avenue, and the need for a resolution from the Planning Board recommending approval of the ordinance.
11. The Public Hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget scheduled to be held at the opening of the Regular Meeting to be held tonight after the conclusion of the Work Session.
12. The resolution renewing alcoholic beverage control licenses for the 2007-2008 term.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated June 12, 2007.

Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal reported on the following:

1. The proposed widening of River Drive and signalization of the intersection of River Drive and Lanza Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-210

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 7:35 PM on Tuesday, June 12, 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 or possible violations of the law; (All Police Officer Candidates have Passed their Psychological and Physical Tests; Concerns About Police Department Ability to cover Two Festivals on the Same Weekend in September – Feast of Our Lady of Mount Virgin and Macedonian Festival; Alleged Bias Incident at Boggy's Bar and Liquors, 142 Division Avenue; Reactivation of Well 1A With Funding by the State D.E.P.).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed Reimbursement to Offset Tax Liability of Property Owned by Calvary Baptist Church Located at 245 Passaic Street; Joseph Dorman vs. City of Garfield Lawsuit; Compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act).

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- * 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; (Police Officer Candidate Kelly Hogan has Been Dismissed From the Police Academy; Overtime Issues and Prohibition of Differential Pay for Finance Office Employees and White Collar Employees).

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 Delaney

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Stanley J. Moskal

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 7:50 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney 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 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK