

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 26, 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, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Deputy Police Chief Kevin Amos

### FLEISCHER'S BROOK

The City Council and Cabinet met with Elmwood Park Mayor Richard Mola concerning his request for City Council endorsement for representatives of the Borough of Elmwood Park and the County of Bergen to seek funds to rehabilitate Fleischer's Brook from the Garfield border with Elmwood Park to Lanza Avenue in Garfield.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed resolution for a contract with Bruno Associates for grant acquisition services until December 31, 2007. Mr. John Bruno will personally meet with him on a monthly basis to provide status reports on grant acquisition activities.

### ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:20 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

2. The next City of Garfield Redevelopment Meeting scheduled to be held Monday, July 9, 2007. Pet Smart has delivered their proposed plans to him in connection with the South Garfield Redevelopment Plan.
3. The proposed resolution designating September 2007 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
4. The proposed Tree Ordinance proposed by Environmental Commission Member Chrissy Janesak.
5. The soil that was dredged out of Dahnert's Lake is non-hazardous and has some residual roadway runoff in it. Dahnert's Lake County Park was closed during the soil removal process and efforts were made to keep dust to a minimum and fencing was extended to Midland Avenue. He has met with County Officials and 25 trucks are removing the soil daily Monday to Friday and 50 trucks are removing soil on Saturdays. It is hoped that this schedule will take three to four weeks to remove the soil instead of five weeks and the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission is accepting all of the soil as fill.

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6. The sewer line breaks that occurred this past month on Midland Avenue and on Grace Avenue near Herman Place.
7. The proposed funding of the acquisition of an ambulance through Community Development grants and the need for an appropriation for this purchase at the next Council Meeting.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER MOSKAL

At 6:30 PM, Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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8. The letter from Passaic Valley Water Commissioner General Supervisor Tim Cupo apologizing to water users for programming errors in water billing and that corrective action will be taken to prevent over-billing and double-billing.
9. Police Captain Raymond Kovach and Sergeant John Lesica have been reviewing areas in the City which can be considered problem areas including the areas of Palisade Avenue (between Monroe Street and Van Winkle Avenue), the intersection of MacArthur Avenue and Charles Street, and MacArthur Avenue and Passaic Street, and they have met with representatives of PSE&G, toured the areas and made a recommendation for a plan to improve street lighting in those areas.
10. In a letter dated June 21, 2007, the Bergen County Board of Taxation has directed that City Tax Assessor Kurt Hielle and a City representative personally appear at the next board meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2007 to formally request an extension in writing and give a status report regarding the progress of the Revaluation in Garfield.
11. An application will be filed for the next round of funding from the Bergen County Open Space Trust for the completion of the riverfront park from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge.

LITTLE LEAGUE BUILDING

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Little League representative Scott Dunning concerning permission to construct a deck above the Little League Building Concession Stand to enable Little League Officials to observe all the Little League Fields in Belmont Oval located off Spring Street.

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12. The letters of thanks he sent to Saddle Brook Mayor Louis V. D'Arminio, Lodi Mayor Gary Paparozzi and Fair Lawn Borough Manager Thomas Meltzer for their town's participation and assistance with the Relay For Life cancer fundraiser held in Garfield June 9-10, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-232

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 6:45 PM on Tuesday, June 26, 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)
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Illegal Housing Inspections; Liquor License Renewals for the 2007-2008 License Term).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Lower Passaic River Basin Contamination Lawsuit and Gene O'Neill Telephone Call and His Claim that He was Representing the "Cooperating Parties Group"; Potential Harassment Lawsuit Against Mary Music and John Nunno to be filed by Shannon Tarzia and Kelly Lombardi).
- \* 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; (DPW Employee Alexander Washington Disciplinary Hearing; John Lord as Acting Superintendent of Parks; Police Officer Candidates and Extension of Department of Personnel List Until September; Laura Sowinski Transfer to Finance Office and Barbara Gazdagen to "Copy Room/Mail Room").

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 5

(Sgd) James Krone  
Stanley J. Moskal

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 7:35 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:40 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated June 26, 2007.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The need for another flag pole in Twentieth Century Field, in the area of Emanuel Street.

Work Session June 26, 2007, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK