

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 14, 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, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, and Police Chief Robert Andrezzi

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the renewal application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-005-009, B & R Inc, (Aranit Haklaj, 19 Heritage Court, Morris Plains, NJ 06950) t/a Paradiso's for licensed premises located at 361 Midland Avenue. Mr. Michael Durante was present representing Paradiso's.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The traffic study which was performed concerning the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Gaston Avenue and the recommendation from the Police Traffic Division for a three way stop at that location.
2. The recommendation from the Police Traffic Division that the front of the new Middle School on Lanza Avenue be posted as a No Parking Zone and used for the drop off and pick-up of students. This zone would be posted No Parking Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM and also posted as a drop-off and pick-up area.
3. The procession to be held by Our Lady of Sorrows RC Church on Sunday, September 9, 2007 at 12:30 PM around the church on Madonna Place, Division Avenue, Ann Street and Market Street to celebrate the combined Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Thomas the Apostle.
4. The request from citizen Ignatius Tripodi of 195 Malcolm Avenue to have temporary custody of the key to the gate of the Malcolm Avenue Playground and the responsibility to open the gate each morning and to lock it each night.
5. The meeting he had today concerning H.P. Garfield Investments, LLC, in connection with the Redevelopment of the old Garden State Paper site located at 950 River Drive and the issue of water supply to the site and the need for a "will serve" letter from the City in order for the redevelopment to proceed.
6. A recent analysis of the Water Billing Program with the Passaic Valley Water Commission compiled by Interim Chief Financial Officer Riggitano dated August 7 and August 9, 2007.
7. The route of the Columbus Day Parade scheduled to be held Sunday October 7, 2007, will be reversed as compared to prior years, commencing in Garfield and ending at the Columbus Statue on Main Street in Lodi.
8. The Palisade Avenue Improvement Sections 1, 2, 3 & 4 has commenced.

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9. The Dedication Ceremony of the Improvements to Belmont Oval which was held Monday, August 6, 2007.
10. Proposed ordinances recommended from Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh concerning Public Safety Radio Amplification necessary for police and fire radios to work and for developers to install such systems; and to require any developer of any large-scale projects to provide a key lock box.
11. The proposed dredging of Schroeder's Brook from Dahnert's Lake south to Chestnut Street near Erie Street, to improve drainage.

ARRIVAL OF CITY AUDITOR LERCH

At 7:00 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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12. The appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh as National Incident Management System Coordinator for the City of Garfield and the need to comply with Executive Order #50, signed by then-Acting Governor Richard Cody requiring all local and state emergency responders and elected official to complete Incident Command System training.
13. A proposed ordinance prohibiting basement and attic bathrooms, similar to an ordinance in effect in the City of Clifton.
14. The proposed scheduling of the Relay For Life cancer prevention fundraiser on Friday, June 6, 2008 and Saturday, June 7, 2008 in Twentieth Century Field.

2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2007 Municipal Budget.

EXIT OF CITY AUDITOR LERCH

At 7:35 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch left the Work Session at the conclusion of the discussion on the 2007 Municipal Budget. It was duly noted for the record.

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15. His Directive dated August 3, 2007 to All Fire Chiefs and Volunteer Firefighters concerning prohibitions on the consumption of alcohol, policies concerning social affairs and companies being "out of service" during approved social affairs.
16. The cancellation of a Town Meeting which was scheduled to be conducted by Congressman Steven Rothman on Thursday, August 23, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue, Garfield.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated August 14, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-274

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 7:45 PM on Tuesday, August 14, 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);
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Proposed Settlement of Property Tax Issue with the Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield, 217-245 Passaic Street).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Proposed Prohibition of Alcohol at Macedonian Festival Scheduled to Be Held in Twentieth Century Field in September; Concern About the Well Being of Retired Former Police Lieutenant Sal Ricciardi and Request for Reimbursement of the Door of His House Broken Down by Police.).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Meeting with Joseph Lombardi with City Manager Duch and City Clerk Pavlica Re: Request for Records and Request to Be Involved with City Matters Involving His Wife, Kelly, Employed in Finance – Please Note: - No Discussion of Employee or Employee Performance in Closed Session).
- * 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; (Health of Police Cadet Appointee Mariggi Lopez and Need to Continue Her Training at the Passaic County Police Academy in September; proposed Police Table of Organization).

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
Joseph Delaney

Work Session August 14, 2007, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK