

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 6:10 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, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: James Krone

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Acting Construction Code Official Gerald Walis, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro

WALL OF MAYORS

The City Council and Cabinet met with former Councilmember Connie Kasica-Giacomarro concerning a proposed Wall of Mayors to be placed in front of City Hall.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Addie Caputi, Vice President of the DACKK's Group, Inc, PO Box 702, Ramsey, NJ 07446, concerning proposed City Council endorsement of a Community Development grant application for the LINKS TWO Project for Supportive Housing Development in the amount of \$737,450.00.

ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FLORA

At 6:25 PM, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

The City Council and Cabinet met with Ms. Maria Lojek of 134 Pacific Avenue concerning sanitary sewerage back-ups occurring in her home.

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 6:40 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and Councilmember Stanley Moskal all left the Work Session with Ms. Lojek to inspect her property. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano has been in regular contact with the Passaic Valley Water Commission concerning water billing services and the system seems to be working better.

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2. The next CERT training class will be held Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Fire House No. Five located at 33 Plauderville Avenue.
3. The proposed filling of the new Water Tank on Belmont Hill will occur soon and this should increase water pressure throughout the Water System.
4. The recent audit of City facilities by the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund.
5. The Safe Routes to Schools grant.
6. The Macedonian Festival to be held at Twentieth Century Field from Friday, September 14, 2007 through Sunday, September 16, 2007.
7. The short commemoration of September 11th to take place prior to the Police Promotion Ceremony to be held prior to the Regular Meeting after the conclusion of the Work Session.
8. The proposed agreement between the Bergen County Community Action Program and the Garfield Board of Education that the Head Start Program would not compete with the Garfield School District's Early Childhood Education Program but will only take on those students who cannot be accommodated in the City School System.
9. The proposed ordinance regulating parking and traffic in the area of the new Middle School off Lanza Avenue between Ray Street and Jewell Street.
10. The cancellation of this year's Columbus Day Parade which was scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007.
11. Enforcement of the City Property Maintenance Code, chiefly by Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo.
12. The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the dedication of the new Church Building of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, September 23, 2007; and the 115th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church also on Sunday, September 23, 2007.
13. The proposed riverfront park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge.
14. The Law Firm of Loccke, Correia, Schlager, Limsky and Bukosky has notified the City that they represent Garfield PBA Local No. 46 and would like to commence collective bargaining contract negotiations for a new contract after the old one expires December 31, 2007.
15. A recent letter from former Police Lieutenant Edward Puzio urging the re-establishment of Special Police Officers to increase police presence and patrols and provide Garfield citizens with the increased services they require.
16. Someone used the new artificial turf soccer field in Belmont Oval and put tape on the field, so a "rules of use" contract will be drawn up for all soccer players and coaches to sign before a permit is issued.
17. The proposed City donation of uniforms to the Garfield YMCA Soccer Program.

RETURN OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:15 PM, Councilmember Moskal, City Engineer Boswell and Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo all returned to the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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18. The proposed ordinance concerning enforcement of illegal housing prohibitions.
19. Proposed revisions to the City Towing Ordinance.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER KRONE

At 7:20 PM, Councilmember James Krone joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. A proposed ordinance prohibiting auto repairs on the public street.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 11, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-324

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, September 11, 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; (Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations; White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Mildred Taylor vs. the City of Garfield).

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) Joseph Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Work Session September 11, 2007, Continued

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 7:50 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia left the Work Session during Closed Session just prior to the discussion of 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 8:00 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK