

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 25, 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, James Krone, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney

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 Enforcement Officer Gerald Walis, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Robert Andrezzi

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals concerning requests for City Council endorsement of Community Development grant applications:

1. Acting Executive Director Joseph Holmes of the Garfield Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$61,000 for a gymnasium floor at their building located at 490 Midland Avenue.
2. Robert Moore, Chief Financial Officer of Bergen County Community Action Partnership Inc., and Nancy Griner, Director of Head Start, for improvements around their building located at 535 Midland Avenue including \$104,379 for site work access to Midland Avenue through Columbus Park, and \$124,382 for stormwater improvements.

### ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:25 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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3. Executive Director Patricia Gallagher of the Garfield YMCA in the amount of \$107,000 for improvements to the air system of their nanatorium at their building located at 33 Outwater Lane.

### WATER SYSTEM STUDY PROPOSAL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Matthey J. Mulhall, P.G., of M2 Associates, Inc., 50 County Acres Drive, Hampton, NJ 08827, who gave a powerpoint presentation concerning a Water System Study Proposal to increase pumping rates of the City water wells.

### GARFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City Council and Cabinet met with Library Director I. MacArthur Nickles and Library Board of Trustees President Charles Janesak concerning Library funding and architectural needs for their building located at 500 Midland Avenue.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The efforts of Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh on behalf of the City to aggressively pursue reimbursement for storm related damages during the April 2007 storm which resulted in a total reimbursement to the City of \$16,317.22.
2. The Local Update of Census (LUCA) workshop held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 19, 2007 in connection with the 2010 Federal Census.
3. Sunday, September 23 to Saturday, September 29, 2007 is "America On The Move" week to promote active living and healthy eating. Group walks are scheduled throughout the week in Twentieth Century Field from in front of the Health Department Building located at 60 Elizabeth Street.
4. The regional meeting of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America which was held recently.
5. Training for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) began Monday, September 17, 2007, for the next few Monday Nights at 7:00 PM at Fire House No. Five on Plauderville Avenue, and eighteen volunteers have enrolled.
6. The proposed ordinance amending Housing regulations to combat unlawful dwellings.
7. The proposed renewal of the Tax Abatement Program which began in 1997.
8. The preliminary meeting he had with the J & S Yankees Softball Team and the Girls Softball League at the Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue. A trophy presentation was made to the children and no additional decisions have been rendered at this time.
9. The Midland Commons 80 unit affordable housing project approved for 102-114 Midland Avenue in Saddle Brook at the Route 46 Overpass. Three 4 story buildings will be constructed with 161 parking spaces and an amazing stormwater drainage system and sanitary sewer system which is connected under the railroad tracks. There will be a storage building fronting on Route 46 West.
10. The recent Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended on Wednesday, September 12, 2007.
11. He has requested prison inmate labor from the State Department of Correction for the cleanup of the proposed riverfront park property.
12. Representatives and Players from the New York Giants will help dedicate seven fitness stations to be installed in Twentieth Century Field as part of the "Hometown Huddle" grant of \$25,000 on Tuesday, October 9, 2007.
13. The ground breaking ceremony for the new Police Station to be held Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 1:00 PM in front of the current Police Station at 411 Midland Avenue.
14. The proposed re-dedication ceremony of the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Citizen Center at 480 Midland Avenue next month.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 25, 2007.

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Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal reported on the following:

1. The Improvement to Dahnert's Lake County Park.
2. The proposed road – widening of River Drive and its affect on the Riverfront Park.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-346

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 7:55 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Condemnation of Used Car Lots on River Drive for Riverfront Park and Relocation and Use of Property for Used Car Sales Elsewhere in the City by Franchini Chevrolet and Benigno Automotive).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Reckless Driving and Speeding of Vehicles out of the Parking Lot of the Recently Renovated Belmont Oval Park Off Spring Street).
- \* 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 Increase of the Number of Personnel in the Department of Public Works; Proposed Transfer of David Gonzales from the Municipal Court to the DPW; Proposed Hiring of a Polish-Speaking Person for the Municipal Court; Police Cadets Performance in the Police Academy; Application for Disability Retirement by DPW Employee Dennis Mura; Letter Asking DPW Employee John Prencik to Retire; Employee Barbara Gazdagen to be on Disability for Two Weeks; Supervisory Performance of ICFO Roy Riggitano).

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) Louis G. Aloia  
James Krone

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK