

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 6:45 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 boards 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, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Robert Andrezzi

ON - STREET PARKING

The City Council and Cabinet met with Pastor Joy Alappat of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church located at 30 Madonna Place concerning proposed on-street parking regulations to accommodate the congregation of the church and weekend worshippers. Church representatives also present included Laurence Scucci and Thomas Briggs.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Attorney Dennis Yackovetsky concerning his attempts to activate Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221 – 33 - 028 - 002, formerly held by Mary Godina (deceased) and Jane M. Piascik, t/a The Cedar Café, for premises formerly located at 224 Cedar Street.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The specifications for receipt of bids for a new ambulance and the endorsing resolution for City Council consideration at the Regular Meeting to be held later this evening.
2. The annual Polish Automobile Parade to be held Sunday, May 6, 2007 and the cost of police coverage for the event.
3. The meeting to be held between City Officials and representatives of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission concerning proposed consolidation of municipal services to be held Friday, April 27, 2007 in the Conference Room in City Hall.
4. The recent Census 2010 meeting he attended at the Office of the Bergen County Department of Planning and Economic Development in Hackensack.
5. The new L.E.D. Community Bulletin Board costs approximately \$21,000, of which Interstate Waste Services, 19-35 Atlantic Street, Garfield, donated \$10,000. It will be located in front of the Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue.
6. The Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted a resolution declaring Saturday, May 5, 2007 as American Cancer Society Day to promote the Relay For Life scheduled to be held June 9-10, 2007.
7. He is debating whether to continue leasing the current Christmas decorations, to purchase them, or seek out new ones.

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8. The Cross Acceptance Hearing on the State Master Plan to be held Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Freeholders Meeting Room in the Administrative Building in Hackensack.
9. A proposed new time clock system with a thumb I.D. system which is estimated to cost \$20,000.00, and will help automate the City payroll.
10. The proposal to repair the roof of City Hall to address the storm water seeping through the masonry capstone. He has obtained a price quote from Best Roofing to cap the stone, brickpoint the entire building on top and to brickpoint the chimney.
11. The Dodge Durango Police vehicle which caught fire on the day the City received a notice of recall of the vehicle. The City has ordered four new police vehicles.
12. The Borough of Branchville has offered to be a sending municipality to the City of Garfield for four Mount Laurel housing units at \$35,000.00 a unit.
13. The proposed sale of air compressors to the Borough of Wallington.
14. The offer by HUTACA to sponsor City Officials on a proposed cultural exchange trip to Turkey.
15. The heavy rains which occurred last Sunday, April 15 to Monday April 16, 2007 and the response and exceptional job by emergency services personnel including the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, DPW Superintendent, Emergency Management Coordinator, Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps and many, many volunteers.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Sewer Line Break which occurred on Midland Avenue near Banta Avenue on April 10, 2007.
2. The Water Line Break of a 6" line that occurred today in the Elmwood Park Well Field.
3. The Water System Master Plan and the estimated completion date of Phase I by January 2008.
4. The Belmont Oval Improvement.

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. The bids for Solid Waste and Recycling scheduled to be received Friday, April 27, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room in City Hall.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-161

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, April 24, 2007 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

CLOSED SESSION

- * 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 of acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (River Drive Property Acquisition for Proposed Riverfront Park).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law: (Alleged Sewer Line Tap in Passaic Street by Vornado, Inc.; Garwood Court Area Flooding; On – Street Parking Enforcement Issues; Bleeding, Drunken Man Found on Prospect Street Claiming He was Shot Near the Midnight Sun on Semel Avenue).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Cedar Café Expired Liquor License).
- * 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 Salary Enhancement of Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo; Disciplinary Matters Involving DPW Employee Alexander Washington; Background Investigation of 15 Police Candidates).

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 3, Absent, 2 –
Councilmembers Moskal and Delaney

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
James Krone

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent, 2 –
Councilmembers Moskal and Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK