

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:40 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Joseph Delaney 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: Frank J. Calandriello, Louis G. Aloia, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John J. Bruno), Labor Counsel John Lavin, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Chief Kevin Amos

TWENTIETH CENTURY FIELD

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed plans and specifications for improvements to Twentieth Century Field.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

At 7:45 PM, Deputy Mayor Tana M. Raymond joined the Special Meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

BOND SALE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Bond Sale to be held October 15, 2013.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund has audited the Workers Compensation History of the City and Garfield will be assessed an additional \$192,000.00 for 2011 and an additional \$180,568.00 for 2012, both to be included in the 2014 Municipal Budget.
2. He will be appointing Municipal Court Administrator Krystyna Moskal and Police Lieutenant Martin Gray to a Workers Compensation Committee.
3. The agreement signed this week between the City and Mr. Paul Crocholia of 237 Lincoln Place concerning the work the City will perform in response to his appearance at the September 10, 2013 Regular Meeting.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Safe Routes to Schools Grant.

Deputy Mayor Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. The Proposed Salary Ordinance for Crossing Guards.
2. Temporary Resident Parking Stickers.
3. Construction work reported at old "Spaghetti Factory Building" located at 22 Passaic Street.
4. The Proposed Salary Ordinance for the City Physician.
5. The City Street Sweeper making passes in the lots of the City Schools.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

6. Parking issues around City Schools.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

- 1. The Proposed Salary Ordinance for the City Physician and the requirements for physicals for emergency personnel.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 13-294

A Resolution Authorizing The City Engineer To Perform Design And Construction Inspection Services In Connection With The Safe Routes to Schools Grant Received from NJDOT In The Vicinity Of Washington Irving School and James Madison School.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield received a grant in the amount of \$280,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application, and;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to Schools Program is administered through both the State and Federal Government requiring additional coordination and other inspection requirements, and;

WHEREAS, design charges in the amount of \$25,000.00 and inspection charges in the amount of 35,000.00 are necessary, and;

WHEREAS, design charges and construction inspection charges are fully reimbursable pursuant to the requirements of the Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to perform the requisite design and construction inspection services for a total fee not to exceed \$60,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 13-295

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid taxes for the year 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
209	20	Figueroa, Alvaro & Brigitte	O/P	\$3,024.53

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
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BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
203.01	50.02 C1210	Dejiang Jin & Xiaoying Zhu	O/P	\$1,256.50

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION
OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY" do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held October 15, 2013 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Calandriello, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-297

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 8:40 P.M. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Need for additional police officers and proposed creation of Police Director Position).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (City vs. English Paving).
- * 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; (meeting with Police Chief Kevin Amos re: Police Department overtime, the need for additional Police Personnel and the need for Police Promotions; meeting with Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo re: the need for new hires in the DPW; the separation of employment of Zoning Officer Frederick Krowl effective today; the proposed creation of the Police Director position).

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
Frank J. Calandriello

EXIT AND RETURN OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 8:45 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo left the Special Meeting during Closed Session. At 9:15 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Special Meeting during Closed Session AND Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo returned to the Special Meeting. At 9:35 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo left the Special Meeting during Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 10:05 PM, Mr. Pedro Gongora, PBA Local No. 46 President, spoke on the need for additional personnel in the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK