

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:10 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 Work Session 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: Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello and Louis G. Aloia
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferrarro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-048-005, from PJG Corp., (Dana Gary, 2 Highview Drive, Stockholm, NJ 07460, who owns 100% of the shares of the Corporation) to Antonio Parlato, 113 Maitland Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 – who will own 100% of the license, t/a La Cambusa, to be located at 517 River Drive.

Attorney Susan Rosti, Esq., with law offices located at 242 Oradell Avenue, Second Floor, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 was present, along with the applicant.

WATER METERS AND BILLING

The City Council and Cabinet met with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas concerning the proposed acquisition of Radio Road Water Meters.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBERS CALANDRIELLO AND ALOIA

At 7:20 PM, Councilmembers Frank J. Calandriello and Louis G. Aloia joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED ACTIVATION OF WELLS 1, 1A AND 2

The City Council and Cabinet met with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas concerning the proposed activation of Wells 1, 1A and 2 located near the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue.

WELL 8C

The City Council and Cabinet met with Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas concerning the activation of Well 8C last year in the Elmwood Park Well Field.

RECREATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield High School Athletic Director Michael Alfonso, Assistant Athletic Director Tom Giuffre and Board of Education Member Tony Lio to discuss a proposed Athletic Committee.

ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 8:00 PM, Special Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GARFIELD

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield High School Athletic Director Michael Alfonso and Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Paul Casey concerning the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield assuming control of the Junior Boilermakers Cheerleading Program. The Garfield Competition Cheerleaders will remain a separate organization.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Freddie Porter Scholarship Dinner will be held May 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.
2. The proposed Ordinance regarding the Redevelopment Plan for Schley Crossing at the South end of Walnut Street.
3. The map of Official Emergency Plan Helicopter Landing Spots from the City Office of Emergency Management and the map of Primary Traffic Control Points.
4. The Interactive maps for the City web site provided by John Sondej of EZ2 Read Maps which will include the Zoning Map, all the Houses of Worship, all the parks, election districts.
5. His meeting with a sales woman for Centrex Homes for the Redevelopment at 950 River Drive because many potential home buyers are concerned with the chromium cleanup and fire hydrant pressure in the area. He provided her with many explanations and she seemed satisfied that she can now give satisfactory, informative explanations to potential home buyers.
6. Financial Disclosure Statements will have to be filed individually and electronically this year.
7. A recent water bill credit he gave to a certain woman homeowner.
8. The proposed sale of the old Fire Truck of Fire Company No. Four.
9. The legality of Hooka Lounges in Garfield and in the State of New Jersey.
10. The meeting he attended on Friday, April 19, 2012 regarding the First Ward Rehabilitation Study.
11. The proposed 2013 Roadway Paving Program.
12. The Redevelopment meeting that was held this week regarding the demolition of the C-Mor Shade Property bounded by Outwater Lane, River Drive, Columbus Avenue and Jewell Street. Demolition should commence mid-May and it should take six weeks to complete. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 2, 2013.
13. The two proposed locations for the new Police Station: One at the current site at 411 Midland Avenue and the other at the VFW site at 340 Outwater Lane.

SHORT RECESS AND RETURN TO ORDER

At 9:05 PM, a short recess was called so the City Council and Cabinet could view the new Fire Truck for Fire Company No. Four parked in the rear of City Hall. At 9:15 PM, the Work Session was again called to order and all City Officials were present as before the recess. It was duly noted for the record.

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14. Customer Service Training for all employees will be starting next Monday, April 29, 2013 and ending the following Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated April 22, 2013.

Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh reported on the following:

1. Reimbursement for costs associated with Super Storm Sandy that struck Garfield October 29, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-124

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 9:20 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2013, 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; (collective bargaining negotiations with Teamsters/Blue Collar Labor Unit).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed acquisition of VFW property located at 340 Outwater Lane as a site for a new Police Station; possible lease hold condemnation involving the property of the Dunkin Donuts in the C-Mor Shade Redevelopment bounded by Outwater Lane, River Drive, Columbus Avenue and Jewell 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; (considering the Boston Marathon bombing of April 15, 2013, Possible locations and tactics to protect the public if the City holds Independence Day Fireworks this year; former firefighter Ronald Svrcek's request to join a Garfield Fire Company to attain exempt Firemen's status with the City - his prior settlement granted him exempt status with the State).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (negotiations with Arthur Thibault, Jr. Esq., for services rendered and pursuant to Resolution No.'s 11-192 and 12-304 in connection with a grievance filed by PBA Local No. 46 against Garfield Police Chief Kevin Amos; funding for the building housing the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry; Gregory Drelich vs. the City; Anthony Blackfeld vs. the City; English Paving vs. the City; Vargas vs. the City).
- * 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; (Court Administrator Krystyna Moskal's Seniority time with the City of Garfield and Borough of Wallington).

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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) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF MAYOR DELANEY

At 10:35 PM, Mayor Joseph Delaney left the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 10:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Mayor Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK