

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:05 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

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

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. He went to Campbell Freight Liner in Edison, New Jersey today with representatives of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department to go over the punch list and inspect the new aerial Fire Truck for Fire Company No. Four. The truck is scheduled to be delivered to the City lunchtime on Friday, January 11, 2013.
2. The need for complaints filed through the City Website to be better addressed.
3. The next meeting of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry is scheduled to be held on January 24, 2013 at Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church located on Marsellus Place. The articles of incorporation are being finalized.
4. Green Acres grant funding
5. The Chromium Study to be performed by representatives of New York University.
6. The need for Special Prosecutor Mark Fierro to handle more Driving While Intoxicated Municipal Court Cases.
7. Safety Training sessions conducted by New Jersey Transit Railroad for students in the Garfield School System.
8. The City Property Tax Appeal Filing Summary.

#### ARRIVAL OF MAYOR DELANEY

At 7:30 PM, Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session, assumed his seat at the head of the Conference Room table and chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-2

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 7:45 P.M. Monday, January 7, 2013, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

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- \* 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).
- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (Garfield Redevelopment Agency Attorney Christos Diktas re: proposed development of the Capodagli/Sketchley services property located at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street; VFW Post No. 2867).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Councilmember Glenn Mati to meet with the County Prosecutor's Office tomorrow, January 8, 2013 re: Garfield Police Department matters).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Garfield Redevelopment Agency Attorney Christos Diktas re: proposed development of the Capodagli/Sketchley services property located at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street, VFW Post No. 2867; English Paving vs. City; Ellen Heine vs. City; James Mazzer vs. 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; (proposed settlement of Police Officer Gregory Drelich disciplinary matter; Police Officer Christopher Strabone; Police Lieutenants Martin Gray and Anthony Blackfeld; no plans from City Manager Duch re: Police promotions, hirings, detectives at this time).

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) Tana M. Raymond  
Frank J. Calandriello

EXIT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO

After the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garoflo left the Work Session. At 8:10 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo returned to the Work Session during Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 9:20 PM, City Manager Duch reported on the following:

9. Former Garfield School Business Administrator Thomas Egan has been appointed as the new State Monitor for the Elmwood Park School District.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The proposed conveying of the City-owned "Railroad Property" located along the City High School Stadium and the requirement that the School System provide adequate storm water drainage improvements to the property.

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2. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 7, 2013.

City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro reported on the following:

1. The proposed repeal of Chapter 73-9 of the City Code prohibiting B.Y.O.B. in the City of Garfield.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The placement of newspaper boxes all over town by “free” newspapers.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-3

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 10:50 P.M. Monday, January 7, 2013, 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; (proposed conveying of the City-owned “Railroad Property” to the Garfield School System on the condition they address storm water drainage issues and the probable need for a subdivision).

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) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 10:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Raymond duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK