

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 6:15 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: Louis G. Aloia, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello and Tana M. Raymond
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), Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The usage of iPads which have been provided to the Mayor and City Council and on which City correspondence is now provided.
2. The Pre-Construction meeting to be held Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room in City Hall for the Police Pistol Range.
3. He will be attending the Mayors-Emeritus Meeting hosted by Governor Christopher Christie on Thursday, January 24, 2013 in Trenton.
4. The Diamond Shamrock vs. the EPA concerning the \$2.9 Billion Cleanup of the Lower Passaic River Basin of dioxins which were dumped into the Passaic River over many years. He and Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo attended a meeting of the Lower Passaic Cooperating Parties Group who would like a Resolution passed by the City Council supporting the concept of one environmental study instead of two or several concerning the Passaic River from the Lower Passaic river Basin to the Dundee Dam.
5. The proposed creation of angled parking on Jewell Street near the intersection of Outwater Lane.
6. In light of the December 14th shooting tragedy at the elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, Police Sergeants John Lesica and Joseph Marsh presented a "Stranger Danger Safety Program" in the Garfield School System.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:25 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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7. The Seminar on Law Enforcement Internal Affairs Investigation conducted by Attorney Arthur Thibault on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in the Conference Room in City Hall.
8. The Department Head Meeting held Tuesday, January 15, 2013, in the Conference Room in City Hall, concerning customer service.
9. The need for the contractor, English Paving, to alleviate the "paddling" and "bird baths" along the newly created Riverfront Park from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam.

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10. The recent email he sent to the Garfield Superintendent of Schools and the proposed resolution to allow the transfer of the City-owned "Railroad Property" along the Garfield High School Stadium to the School System with certain conditions including the relocation of the outdoor storage of School Buses to the area of the stadium and the School System agreeing to making storm water drainage improvements.
11. The proposed Gun Buy Back Program.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

At 6:45 PM, Deputy Mayor Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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12. The meeting scheduled with representatives of PBA Local No.46 for Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 3:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall concerning various pending issues.
13. The proposed Shared Services Agreement between the City and the Garfield School System concerning the purchase of fuel for vehicles.
14. The alleged Stormwater Drainage Hardship at Christopher Columbus School No. 8 located on Cedar Street.
15. The inspection of cracks in the floors of Fire House No. One located at 97 Midland Avenue by the City Engineer's Office.
16. The meeting concerning proposals for relief of stormwater flooding of the Saddle River to be hosted by Assemblyman Timothy Eustice on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at Lodi Borough Hall.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. The great job done by the DPW to repair and paint certain areas of Fire House No. One.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The original cost to the City and the Bond Ordinances adopted by the City to purchase the abandoned "Railroad Property" along the Garfield High School Stadium.

Mayor Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. Businesses who place their garbage at the curb on Saturday for Monday collection and the need to enforce the prohibition of putting garbage at the curb so far in advance of the pick up.

Councilmember Mati reported on the following:

2. The proposed issuance of a City Newsletter.

Mayor Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

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2. He will be conducting an “Open Mayor’s Forum” making himself available in his office to the public every Wednesday from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM during February and March.

Deputy Mayor Tana M. Raymond reported on the following:

1. The proposed establishment of an Events Committee Advisory Board.
2. The proposed re-activation of the Environmental Commission Advisory Board.
3. Alleged property maintenance violations at the old A&P Supermarket property located at 59 Outwater Lane and the attempts to attract another food store to relocate there.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The proposed 2013 Roadway Improvement Program.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-18

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 7:25 P.M. Tuesday, January 22, 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; (the proposed acquisition of VFW Post No. 2867 at 340 Outwater Lane for use as a site for a new Police Station).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Gary Paparozzi vs the City re: taxation of properties located on Harrison Avenue; English Paving vs the City; contract for animal control services with Lysa Lyn DeLaurentis or All Humane Animal Control of Wanaque).
- * 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; (Joyce Uram declining reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees; performance of City Employees in dealing with the public and the need for better customer service; transfer of Lisa Sokulski from the Health Department to the City Manager’s Office; need for assistance in the Municipal Court; proposed enforcement and clearly defining light duty especially in the Police Department).

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) Joseph Delaney
Frank J. Calandriello

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ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK