

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:15 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, 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Garfield Redevelopment Agency Attorney Christos Diktas

#### GRANT PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The City Council and Cabinet met with David Biunno of GLD Associates, 98 Larned Road, Summit, New Jersey 07901 concerning Grant Procurement Services.

#### GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

The City Council and Cabinet met with Bergen County Community Action Partnership Executive Director Robert Halsch, Bergen County Community Action Partnership Director of Real Estate Services David Wenegrat, 241 Moore Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601 and DMR Architects Senior Urban Designer and Redevelopment Consultant Francis A. Reiner, Heights Plaza, 777 Terrace Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 607, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 concerning a Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the Passaic Street areas and the First Ward of the City.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-84

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 8:35 P.M. on Monday, March 11, 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; (meeting with Garfield Redevelopment Agency Attorney Christos Diktas re: the proposed redevelopment of the Sketchley Services/Eastern Overall property located at the south end of Walnut Street and the east end of Schley Street).

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 4,  
Absent 1 – Mayor Delaney

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Glenn A. Mati

ARRIVAL OF MAYOR DELANEY

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 9:00 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.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The contract for the Police Pistol Range Improvement Project.
2. Various Grant Opportunities.
3. The meeting he attended with the EPA on Thursday, March 7, 2013. On-site EPA Coordinator Neil Norrell has been reassigned to New York due to Hurricane Sandy and Donald Graham is the new On-site EPA Coordinator for the cleanup of the EC Electroplating site.
4. The Gun Buy Back Program scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Mount Virgin Church on MacArthur Avenue.
5. Many people are not eligible for the \$250 State Tax Deduction and the City has to send in \$48,350.00 to the State in connection with this program.
6. His requests for crosswalks on County Roads and the response from the Bergen County Department of Parks in response to his requests.
7. A neighbor of the DPW Salt Shed off Beach Street has requested a new fence and claimed trees and landscaping were removed when the Salt Shed was constructed.
8. The proposed Resolution for Garfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame honorees.
9. The proposed Resolution concerning the awards being presented to Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato by the Sicilian Federation of New Jersey at their dinner to be held Sunday, April 7, 2013.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated March 11, 2013.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

10. The Loading Zone requested by the owners of 85 Passaic Street.
11. The 2013 Financial Disclosure Statements are to be filed on line by each Municipal Office holder to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey.
12. The \$2,100 estimated cost to produce and mail out a new City newsletter.
13. The Planning Board gave approval for the Board of Education to purchase American Legion Post No. 255 located at 163 Cedar Street.
14. The Grant money to be applied for the last River Drive parcel for the park project along the Passaic River.

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15. The restoration of the Memorial Day Parade and the Independence Day Fireworks Celebration. July 3<sup>rd</sup> has been set as the date for this year's Fireworks and July 5<sup>th</sup> has been set as the rain date.

Louis G. Aloia reported on the following:

1. The Fort Lee Parking Sticker Program.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-85

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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 9:30 P.M. Monday, March 11, 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; (the PBA Local No. 46 settlement of the grievance concerning payment for attendance at hearings).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (proposed meeting with City Manager Duch and five Fire Chiefs concerning social uses of Fire Houses and restrictions of the serving of alcohol).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Police Officer Pedro Gongora vs. the City regarding his demand to be promoted to Police Sergeant; decision regarding unfair labor charge in connection with Pedro Gongora vs. Police Chief Kevin Amos; Police Lieutenant Anthony Blackfeld vs. the City; Police Officer Gregory Drelich vs. the City; English Paving vs. the City).

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

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 10:30 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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK