

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:15 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: Frank J. Calandriello, Glenn A Mati and Joseph Delaney  
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia and Tana M. Raymond  
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), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

#### FIRE COMPANY NO. FOUR WETDOWN

The City Council and Cabinet met with Ex-Fire Chief Ernest P. Rosolen and Fire Chief John Kopacz concerning the Wet Down for the new Fire Truck to be held June 15, 2013 at Fire House No. Four located at 97 Outwater Lane.

#### PBA LOCAL NO. 46 CIRCUS FUNDRAISER

The City Council and Cabinet met with PBA Local No. 46 Delegate Everett Garnto regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Circus of the Stars to be held May 30, 31, June 1 and 2, 2013 at Garfield High School.

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Dennis Serritella regarding his offer to assist in the City Recreation Department.

#### ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

At 7:40 PM, Deputy Mayor Tana Raymond joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### 2013 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed 2013 Roadway Improvement Project.

#### PROPOSED BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed appointments to the newly formed Advisory Committees.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Gun Buy Back Program to be held Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Mt. Virgin Roman Catholic Church.
2. The Independence Day Fireworks to be held July 3, 2013, with a rain date of July 5, 2013 to be held in Twentieth Century Field.
3. The need for the City Council and the Planning Board to endorse the First Ward Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.
4. The Redevelopment Agency has endorsed the Sketchley Services Redevelopment Plan for the property at the south end of Walnut Street.
5. The Customer Service Program for all City Employees to be held April 29, May 1, May 2 and May 6, 2013 and facilitated by Emil Sadlock Associates.

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6. The proposed resolution concerning a Shared Services Agreement with Hasbrouck Heights and Elmwood Park.
7. The recent request from URGENT for City funding.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated April 8, 2013.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-107

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 8:45 P.M. on Monday, April 8, 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; (Teamster Local Union #169 Blue Collar Collective Bargaining negotiations; negotiation of light duty policy with PBA Local No. 46).
- \* 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 Post No. 2867 at 340 Outwater Lane as a site for a new Police Station; Redevelopment Agreement with James Demetrakis for property located at 950 River Drive to remove affordable housing requirement in exchange for additional \$500,000.00 in funds for a new Police Station).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (complaint by John Oddo of 323 Lanza Avenue and investigation of feral cats; task force to address Route 21 Crime Corridor; use of Fire House No. Three at 159 Gaston Avenue as a rental hall).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (contract for renovation of Police Pistol Range at 413 Midland Avenue; motion to dismiss Ellen Heine vs. State of New Jersey; Brett Anastos vs. the City; Police Officer Pedro Gongora vs. the City; English Paving vs. the City Lawsuit; pay dispute with Arthur R. Thibault pursuant to Resolutions No. 11-292 and 12-317).
- \* 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; (Possible need to hire additional Police Officers due to many officers qualifying for retirement; Police Recruit Diane Zalewski settlement offer to dismiss her claim against the City; Police Officer candidate Frank Caneja failure to pass exam).

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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 4,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Frank J. Calandriello

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 10:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK