

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, May 13, 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: Louis G. Aloia, Tana M. Raymond and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Glenn A. Mati and Frank J. Calandriello
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, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Building Inspector Fred Krowl and Police Chief Kevin Amos

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Shane Sudol of the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield concerning proposed City Council endorsement of Community Development grant applications for Unprogrammed Funds for:

1. A Teen Initiative in the amount of \$50,000.00.
2. The Interior Renovation and Game Room Project in the amount of \$50,000.00.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Fire Official Gerald Walis and Building Inspector Frederick Krowl concerning the enforcement of Property Maintenance Ordinances.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 7:35 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Police Chief Kevin Amos regarding security and other considerations for the proposed Independence Day Fireworks.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. An update on the status of the Police Pistol Range Renovation at 413 Midland Avenue.
2. The stormwater drainage hardship being experienced at the intersection of Botany Street and River Drive.
3. The vandalism which occurred at the Garfield High School Basketball Courts.
4. The proposed acquisition of generators for each of the City Fire Companies.
5. The order signed by Governor Christopher Christie to allow certain work be performed without permits to repair storm damage caused by Super Storm Sandy which struck New Jersey on October 29, 2012.
6. The proposed resolution concerning parking for the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive.

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7. The Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program funded by “Sending Municipalities” in connection with regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing. There will be a public hearing held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall concerning this program.
8. The lightning strike which occurred at the Elmwood Park Well Field which affected several of the City Wells.
9. Developer James Demetrakis of HP Garfield appeared before a recent meeting of the Garfield Redevelopment Agency and agreed on the record to provide an additional \$500,000.00 for the Garfield Police Station Project for a total contribution of \$4 million.
10. The Coremark Redevelopment Project at the corner of River Drive and Outwater Lane is proceeding and there is another pre-construction meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013.
11. He has received two letters from Fire Company No. Two regarding hall rentals and regarding Dinner Dance expense.
12. Applications for Bergen County Open Space Funding and Green Acres funding has been applied in regard to Phase II of the Twentieth Century Field Improvements.
13. The Blue Star Veterans Breakfast to be held Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Garfield Middle School located on Lanza Avenue.
14. The first Induction of a new National Honor Society at the Middle School will be held on June 3, 2013.
15. The correspondence he received from Met Life Stadium concerning Garfield being a Super Bowl Host Community and he will involve the Special Events Committee.

SHORT RECESS

At 9:05 PM, a short recess was called.

At 9:15 PM, the Work Session was again called to order by Mayor Delaney and all City Officials were present as before the recess. It was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed Resolutions for City Council consideration at the Regular Meeting to be held later this evening.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-141

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, May 13, 2013, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

CLOSED SESSION

- * 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 the Blue Collar Labor Union).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed utilization of the VFW property located at 340 Outwater Lane as 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; (objection by members of Fire Company No. Two that other fire companies cannot rent or lease their firehouses but Fire Company No. Three rents out their firehouse).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Police Officer candidate Frank Caneja vs. City of Garfield; English Paving 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; (Police Officer candidate Frank Caneja vs. City of Garfield; Mary Music request to become a part time employee in the Health Department; proposed hiring of additional personnel for the Department of Public Works.).

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 Mati

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

MOTION TO CONTINUE WORK SESSION

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 10:35 PM, Councilmember Raymond moved to continue the Work Session until 6:30 PM tomorrow, May 14, 2013. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK