

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 6:10 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, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: 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, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Farnham Avenue which was secured from the State Department of Transportation.
2. The grant application filed with Green Acres for improvements to 20th Century Field.
3. The Well production in the Elmwood Park Well Field.
4. The proposed activation of Well 1A near the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue.
5. The Radio Read Water Meter bids received on Thursday, May 23, 2013.

FIRE HOUSE NO. TWO

The City Council and Cabinet met with Assistant Fire Chief James Kovacs of Fire Company No. Two concerning the alleged need to make improvements to Fire House No. Two located at 72 Belmont Avenue and the proposed acquisition of emergency generators.

ARRIVAL OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 7:30 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The cleanup work that removed contamination soil from land in the Riverfront Park which was replaced with clean fill.
2. Fire House No. Two and Fire House No. Four received checks dated January 18, 2013 for emergency generators.
3. Police Lieutenant James Gilhooley has filed for retirement.
4. The JIF Safety Meetings show that the loss ratio rating for the City of Garfield needs to be improved and is the worst in the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund. The City needs to improve or face the consequences of an added financial assessment.

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5. The Suburban Essex JIF is in good financial health.
6. Tax Appeals filed by many City taxpayers.
7. The two letters received from Fire Company No. Two concerning the cost of the Dinner Dance and the suggestion that firefighters go for free but guests should have to pay.
8. There are two initial Organization Meetings with the Economic Board and the Event Planning and Special Events Committee. The first was held last Tuesday, May 21, 2013 and the next meeting will be either June 11th or 12th.
9. The proposed Resolution concerning taxes paid by Venture One.
10. The proposed Resolution concerning monitoring wells.
11. The proposed Resolution for Monsignor Hydek of Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church.
12. Proposed new Fire Department rules and regulations.
13. The retirement of DPW Employee Colleen Abbott and the hiring of Joyce Uram to succeed her.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Rigitano reported on the following:

1. The proposed budget of the Wet Down for the new Fire Truck to be held on June 15, 2013 at Fire House No. Four.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati spoke on the following:

1. Firefighter Dennis Mura and his check for clothing allowance.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-164

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 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (internal affairs investigations of Police Officers complaining that they are "offended" at PBA Local No. 46 meetings).

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 Calandriello

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Work Session May 28, 2013, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK