

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6:20 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, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia

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), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

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

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. He will testify on behalf of the Suburban Essex JIF before the New Jersey Senate Environment and Energy Committee in support of a Senate Bill concerning municipalities not being liable for Sewerage and Sewerage Sledge created by private businesses.
2. The resignation of Charles Janesak from the Library Board of Trustees. He sent him a nice letter in gratitude for his decades of service.
3. The proposed security improvements at the outside Garfield High School Basketball Courts.
4. The possible use of additional funding from the Clean Communities Program to employ someone along the Riverfront Park.
5. The 99th Annual Conference of the International City County Managers Association to be held in Boston, Massachusetts from September 22 – 25, 2013.
6. The sewerage backup hardships being experienced by Ms. Hedwig Dischenko, at her home at 202 Market Street.
7. The Redevelopment demolition will begin tomorrow at 10:00 AM at the old Samuel Hird Woolen Mill Property located at Outwater Lane and River Drive.
8. The proposed resolution regarding a Sweeper for City Parks.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 7:00 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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9. The Audit Report of the City Redevelopment Agency.
10. The recent City dog bite incident involving a pit bull.

ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 7:10 PM, Special Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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11. The resolution concerning the "Chief For A Day" Program.
12. The Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps Beefsteak fundraiser scheduled to be held this Friday at Three Saints Russian Orthodox Church which is a kickoff dinner and Induction Ceremony for their "Hall of Fame".
13. Street Lights on River Drive along the Riverfront Park will be turned away from traffic to avoid being hit by passing trucks.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GARFIELD

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals of the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield concerning the proposed honoring of the Mayor and City Council at their Annual Holiday Gala to be held December 11, 2013. Executive Director Paul Casey and Project Director Shane Sudol.

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14. Next week's scheduled demolition of the old Amvets Building located at 326 Outwater Lane to make way for a new Police Station.
15. The condition of the City Firehouses.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. The City-owned Railroad Property along the Garfield High School Stadium which would have been conveyed to the Board of Education if they proceeded with the Stadium Renovation and drainage improvements.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-192

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 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 11, 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; (reconfiguration of the court room and new equipment that sends information from the court room to the downstairs Court Administrator's Office; need to hire additional Police Officers).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed resolution to hire an Appraiser to defend Tax Appeals; settlement of Police Lieutenant Anthony Blackfeld vs. the City lawsuit and confidentiality agreement; English Paving vs. the City).

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- * 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; (retirement of Police Officer Jose Brito; proposed hiring of new Court Officers for when court is in session; need to hire additional police officers; retirement of Police Officer James Gilhooley).

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) Tana M. Raymond
Glenn A. Mati

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro all left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK