

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 9, 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: Louis G. Aloia, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: 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, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0221-44-029-005, from Luva, Inc. to Ranpar, LLC, (Paresh Patel, 1431 Mountainside Drive, Orefield, PA 18069 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation), for licensed premises located at 194 Van Winkle Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, t/a Whoopie Discount Liquor & Wine.

Attorney Bennett Wasserstrum, Esq., with law offices located at 3 Botany Village Square West, Clifton, New Jersey 07011, was present, along with the applicant.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:25 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The reorganization of the leadership of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry.
2. The Junior Police Academy is being conducted this week, July 8th thru July 12th.
3. Bond Ordinances for consideration at the Regular Meeting to be held later this evening.
4. The hiring of four police officers effective Monday, July 15, 2013.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated July 9, 2013.

ARRIVAL OF POLICE CHIEF AMOS

At 7:00 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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5. The meeting held today in the Conference Room in City Hall with representatives of PBA Local No. 46, the Blue Collar Union, Insurance Risk Manager Frank Covelli and other Insurance Representatives and other City leaders regarding enhancing safety and improving the claims experience of the City.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-221

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 7:15 P.M. on Tuesday, July 9, 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; (the need for additional police officers and the need for the promotion of police officers).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (the proposed settlement with unsuccessful Police Officer Candidate Diana Zalewski, which she rejected, and her dismissal as a Garfield Police Officer).
- * 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; (the postponement of the proposed hiring of additional DPW personnel and the proposed waiver form to authorize background checks for those who apply for employment with 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

SHORT RECESS, EXIT OF BERNARD MIRANDI OF BOSWELL ENGINEERING
AND RETURN TO ORDER

Immediately after the City Council voted to go into Closed Session, a short recess was called. At 7:20 PM, the Work Session was called to order in Closed Session and all City Officials were present as before the recess with the exception of Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering. It was duly noted for the record.

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:25 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session and at 7:50 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

Work Session July 9, 2013, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:30 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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK