

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6:50 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: Tana Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello and 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), Special Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The agreement with the City of Hackensack to lease the old Ladder Truck from Fire Company No. Four.
2. The Mayor was approached by someone from the Country of Croatia to give them the old Ladder Truck after the City of Hackensack returns it to the City of Garfield.
3. Pastor Arthur Bryant of the Friendship Baptist Church is celebrating his tenth anniversary.
4. The engagement letter for services from the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins.
5. The City Debt is \$27,817,000 and the bonding capacity is about \$77,000,000. Due to the financial strength of the City, Garfield can bond up to \$88,000,000 for the School System, for a total bonding capacity of \$167,000,000.
6. The total cost of the Riverfront Park over ten years, including the purchase of property, relocating businesses, realigning River Road, soil remediation, landscaping, etc., totals \$17,173,000. The City over the years has received grant assistance from the County, NJ Bike Ways, Bergen County Open Space, Green Acres and other sources totaling \$15,191,000, so the only cost for out of pocket expenses for the City is about \$1,000,000.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 13-297 A

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 7:10 P.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 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; (negotiations 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 pilot program in lieu of property taxes for the proposed Schley Crossing Redevelopment Project at the south end of Walnut Street).

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- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Garfield Housing Program Administrator William Katchen reduction from original salary of \$24,000.00 a year to \$3,750.00 a quarter).
- * 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; (exceptional performance of Police Officer David Pikul who was injured in the line of duty during a recent incident involving a home invasion; appointment of temporary Police Sergeants Francisco Sanchez, Michael Bocco and David Coniglio; staffing of the Building Department since the separation of employment of Zoning Officer Frederick Krowl; hiring of DPW personnel).

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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Glenn A. Mati

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEBER CALANDRIELLO AND
EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 7:20 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session during Closed Session.
At 7:45 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Work Session during Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:50 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell report on the following:

1. Proposed improvements to 20th Century Field.
2. The Safe Routes to Schools grant.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK