

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 6:15 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 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), City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell) and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

### THANKSGIVING WEEK HONOREES

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Thanksgiving Awards that are scheduled to be given out at the November 25, 2013 Council Meeting.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. There will be a public hearing at Most Holy Name RC Church located 99 Marsellus Place on October 30, 2013 regarding the NYU School of Environmental Medicine and the toe nail testing for chromium exposure program.
2. The next phase of the EC Electroplating environmental cleanup of chromium will involve the movement of materials the week of November 11, 2013. There will be an estimate of 800 trucks removing alleged contaminated soil to an out-of-state landfill. The use of the Vornado property off Passaic Street or the Kalama property off Monroe Street as staging sites may be necessary.
3. The Riverfront Cleanup scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013.
4. The City of Garfield Christmas Tree Lighting has been changed to Friday, December 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM in front of City Hall.
5. Public Health Nurse Darlene Reveille sent out a flyer regarding the Alliance Healthy Schools Forum where 16 schools in New Jersey earned national recognition, one of which is Woodrow Wilson School No. 5 located on Outwater Lane in Garfield.
6. The agreement with the County of Bergen allowing the use of the Senior Center facilities from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday thru Friday and occasionally on Saturdays.
7. The Macedonian Government has plans to build a water treatment facility in Prilep, Macedonia. The government has authorized three people from Prilep to come to America to tour American Treatment Facilities. City Manager Duch will send an invitation to the town of Prilep, Macedonia to tour the Passaic Valley Water Commission and the City Water Works in January.
8. There is a need to repair the Fire House No. Three roof and heating system.

### ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:40 PM, Special Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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9. The proposed Property Pilot Program which provides Cloud Powered Government Management Solutions for Property Records data including Digital Tax Maps, ownership information, assessment data, sales data, FEMA Flood Maps, Wetlands Maps, known contaminated sites, Foreclosure locations and other maps and technology for \$28,000.00.
10. The need for new servers for City Police computers.
11. The proposed redevelopment of the First Ward area around Passaic Street after a comprehensive study is completed.
12. The meeting he will be attending with VFW representatives tomorrow at 12:00 noon, regarding the Police Station possibly being located at 340 Outwater Lane
13. There will be a JIF Seminar on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the NJ League of Municipalities Conference which Councilmembers will need to attend for the City to receive insurance discounts.
14. Bond Ordinances for consideration at tonight's Regular Meeting.
15. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pastor Arthur Bryant with Freindship Baptist Church on Gaston Avenue.
16. The Garfield YMCA will be holding their Comedy Night on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The renewal of Health Insurance Brokers Buckelew, Connor and Strong which would result in only a 3% raise in premiums and with Buckelew, Connor and Strong offering to reduce their commission by \$2,500.00.

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Resolution No. 13-324

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 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed redevelopment of Central Bergen Properties located at 141 Lanza Avenue; proposed condemnation of the Mark Wallace Property located near the intersection of Walnut Street and Outwater Lane for use of 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; (the cease of operations of the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry; proposed city parking authority; proposed Police Director position).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (English Paving vs. the City; Ellen Heine vs. the City).
- \* Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or

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disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (proposed hiring of retiring Prospect Park Police Officer Robert Marcoux as a Court Attendant constable for the Garfield Municipal Court; proposed Police Director position).

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

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO AND  
EXITS OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT GAROFALO AND  
CITY ENGINEER REPRESENTATIVE MIRANDI

At 7:10 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session during Closed Session. At 7:50 PM Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, Councilmember Aloia reported on the following:

1. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Field Improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK