

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 8:35 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Tana M. Raymond presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting 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, Louis G. Aloia, Joseph Delaney, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John J. Bruno) and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Delaney moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Resolution No. 14-352

WHEREAS, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church will celebrate their annual Polish Celebration Dinner on Sunday, September 21, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Day Parade Committee has consistently proven to be a most worthwhile proponent of the causes of the Polish nation and Polish people, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield wish to acknowledge the successful endeavors of the committee and the contributions of citizens of Polish ancestry,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the entire month of October 2014, shall be deemed and designated as "POLISH HERITAGE MONTH", in honor of all citizens of Polish ancestry, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, and the Pulaski Day Parade Committee of the City of Garfield,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congratulations are also extended to Garfield Marshal Barbara Hetel Zackaroff, and to Miss Zoey Zibor on being named 2014 "Miss Polonia", and to Victoria Drzymala on being named 2014 "Junior Miss Polonia".

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 14-353

WHEREAS, Joseph Poidich is retiring from the Garfield Elks and Elksdom in general after 53 years of dedicated service because he will be leaving New Jersey and moving to sunny Arizona to be with his family, and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 21, 2014, the Garfield Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 2267 will be bidding a fond farewell to "Joe Pop", as he is affectionately called, with a cocktail party from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at their Lodge, and

WHEREAS, "Joe Pop" was born June 9, 1930 and grew up in Garfield on Semel Avenue and graduated from Garfield High School in 1948, and got married and raised his children, Craig, Bruce and Susan in Garfield, and,

WHEREAS, "Joe Pop" was initiated at the Garfield Elks Lodge's first meeting in 1962 and was honored as Elk of the Year for the year 1963-1964, has been a member of the Special Children's Committee, started the Handicapped Canteen, has spent 41 years at the New Jersey Elks Camp Moore on the Maintenance Committee and Chairman of just about every committee in the Lodge and has maintained both the Lodge and House Property over the many years, and

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WHEREAS, he was Co-chairman of the House and Hall Committee, was President of the Past Exalted Ruler Association for more than 30 years, Secretary for 10 years, Treasurer for 8 years, Trustee for 18 years, Exalted Ruler for 3 years and District Deputy for 1 year,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that JOSEPH POPODICH is hereby COMMENDED for devoting a generous portion of his precious lifetime in service to others and this Governing Body conveys to him respect and best wishes for health and happiness in retirement in Arizona.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 14-354

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

John J. Prelich, Jr. 33 Pacific Avenue, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Elizabeth Gray.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-355

Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on “Green” issues, the Mayor and Council wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wants to begin the process of focusing on “Green” issues by starting with audits of municipality facilities and operations first.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield has appropriated “seed money” in their 2014 budget to begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with energy audits of the Township’s facilities to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, solar power, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Township moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of eleven members who shall be residents or employees of the City of Garfield, appointed annually, but whose initial term of appointment shall be through December 31, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the GTA through December 31, 2014 are established as follows:

Mission

The City of Garfield Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Mayor and Council on ways to improve municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

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Goals

Submit a report and recommendations to the Mayor and Council by October 1, 2014 to include:

1. An audit of municipal facilities
2. An evaluation of municipal fleet vehicles
3. A report of suggested best practices for “greener” municipal operations

Objectives

1. Collaborate with City employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the GTA.
2. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the following persons are hereby appointed to the GTA for the remainder of 2014 and are eligible to serve until replaced though an updated resolution or ordinance:

FIRST NAME LAST NAME AND ADDRESS

Kevin Boswell	330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, NU 07070
David Burch	500 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Christine D’Angelo	93 Hartmann Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Yvette Delaney	15 Garden Court North, Garfield, NJ 07026
Joseph Delaney	15 Garden Court North, Garfield, NJ 07026
Thomas Duch	111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026
Joseph Fedor	40 Willard Street, Garfield, NJ 07026
Anthony Furfaro	413 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Sam Garofalo	413 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Denise Monesteri	607 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Joyce Uram	413 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-356

Explanation: This resolution creates the Sustainable Jersey Creative Team.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield recognizes the need to establish a Creative Team to develop a vision for the community to determine how arts, culture and the creative industries can connect with, and contribute to, the pillars of sustainability - social, economic and environment; and

WHEREAS, the Creative Team will explore how the arts, creative strategies and initiatives can contribute to livability and quality of life for our community, and select and implement arts-related actions within the approved Sustainable Jersey framework; and

WHEREAS, the Creative Team will communicate regularly and maintain a strong relationship with the Green Team in our geographic area to ensure that arts initiatives and the creative industries are linked within an inclusive understanding of sustainability, and establish open processes to engage with a broad cross-section of our communities and to encourage participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield does hereby establish a Creative Team that will be comprised of the following members:

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Martin Cohen 160 Belmont Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Kira Dessau 107 Schley Street, Garfield, NJ 07026
Jessica Esrig 500 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Janet Fede 448 Madeline Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Ken Fedor 40 Willard Street, Garfield, NJ 07026
Matthew Goetz 500 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Elizabeth Gray 135 Union Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Roger Hetel 405 Madeline Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Mary Jo Jennings 500 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Denise Monesteri 607 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Bernadette Welch 23 Garwood Court North, Garfield, NJ 07026

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-357

WHEREAS, William Murray on behalf of Susan Murray, 227 Pierre Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1339898, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the west curb line of Pierre Avenue commencing 295 feet north of the intersection of Pierre Avenue & Belmont Avenue, and run an additional 25 feet north from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-358

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Glenn A. Mati was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Joseph Delaney as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Pascual E. Duenas and Yilena T. Prado and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

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1. Councilman Joseph Delaney be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Pascual E. Duenas and Yilena T. Prado .
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of this marriage ceremony and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremony and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremony as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Joseph Delaney.

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

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-359

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Glenn A. Mati was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Joseph Delaney as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Marek Markowski and Malgorzata Maria Skorupka and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Councilman Joseph Delaney be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Marek Markowski and Malgorzata Maria Skorupka.
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of this marriage ceremony and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremony and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremony as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Joseph Delaney.

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

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-360

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Glenn A. Mati was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

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WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Joseph Delaney as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Karla Adelaida Chira Valle and Rafal Krzysztof Mielniczek and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Councilman Joseph Delaney be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Karla Adelaida Chira Valle and Rafal Krzysztof Mielniczek.
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of this marriage ceremony and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremony and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremony as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Joseph Delaney.

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

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-361

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Public Service Electric and Gas Company is hereby authorized and requested to install a “Yellow” High Pressure Sodium Lamp on Pole Number 60407 G and Pole Number 60406 located at 10 Sampson Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified and exact copy of this approved resolution to P.S.E. & G. Co. at the following address.

Mr. Patrick Buck
P.S.E. & G. Company
325 County Avenue
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-362

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD PERMITTING THE ISSUANCE OF A \$100.00 REWARD FOR A CIVILIAN WHOSE TIP LEADS TO THE DISCOVERY OF ILLEGAL APARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY AND THE SUBSEQUENT SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF THE OFFENDING LANDLORD

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield recognize that illegal apartments within the City are threatening the quality of life of Garfield’s residents.

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield recognize that illegal apartments pose a health and safety risk to its residents.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield recognize that the citizens of Garfield can assist in eliminating the problem of illegal apartments within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and City Council shall create a tip hotline where Garfield’s citizens can make tips regarding illegal apartments within the City; and
2. The tips can be called into the tip hotline at (973) 478-7071.

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3. The anonymous tip provider will be given a Tip Identification Number from the City Clerk.
4. Cash rewards up to \$100.00 are available for any tips that lead to the discovery of an illegal apartment and the successful prosecution of the offending landlord. To qualify for the reward the tipster must:
 - a) Be the first person to submit the tip for the location;
 - b) The tip must lead to the discovery of an illegal apartment; and
 - c) The tip must contribute to the successful prosecution and conviction of the offending landlord.
5. To claim their reward after the successful prosecution of the offending landlord, the tipster must provide:
 - a) The date the tip was made,
 - b) The location of the illegal apartment, and
 - c) Their Tip I.D. Number.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-363

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO SUPERCEDE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 2000 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and Emergency Solutions Grant Act of 2012, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to supersede an existing interlocal services cooperative agreement for the County and its people to benefit from this program; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been proposed under which the City of Garfield and the County of Bergen in cooperation with other municipalities, will modify an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et.seq.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Garfield to enter into such an agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Garfield, County of Bergen that the agreement entitled "Three Year Cooperative Agreement": An Agreement Superseding the Cooperative Agreement dated July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003, to clarify the planning and implementation procedures, and to enable the Municipality to make a Three Year irrevocable commitment to participate in the Community Development Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Act Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant program for the Program Years: 2015, 2016, 2017 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018) to be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with law.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-364

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security ("OHSP"), which is in, but not of, the Department of Law and Public Safety, is administering and coordinating a federal grant awarded to the State of New Jersey for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program ("BTOP") 700 MHz LTE Broadband Project ("BTOP Project"); and

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WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to participate in the provision of the communication services provided by the BTOP Project and to further the interests of domestic preparedness; and

WHEREAS, OHSP and the City of Garfield desire to further the purpose of the BTOP Project by placing certain OHSP owned equipment within the City of Garfield pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the Use and Occupancy Agreement attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, is hereby authorized and directed to:

- 1 execute the Use and Occupancy Agreement in the name of the City of Garfield; and
- 2 to execute the Use and Occupancy Agreement without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services are between the City of Garfield and the State of New Jersey and is excluded from competitive bidding and advertising; and
- 3 to file a copy of this RESOLUTION with the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield, the OHSP, and the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, as required by N.J.S.A. 52:34-10.6(b).

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-365

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE PIERRE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

WHEREAS, Kevin J. Boswell, P.E., of Boswell McClave Engineering prepared the bid specifications for the "Pierre Avenue Improvement Project";

WHEREAS the City of Garfield received the following bids for the "Pierre Avenue Improvement Project" prior to September 3, 2014 at 11:00 am:

- John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013 – Base Bid \$810,568.15, Alternative Bid - \$36,000.00, Total Base and Alternative Bid \$846,568.15
- Reivax Contracting Corp., 356 Thomas Street, Newark, NJ 07114 - Base Bid \$903,683.00, Alternative Bid - \$63,255.00, Total Base and Alternative Bid \$966,938.00
- Montana Construction Corp., Inc., 80 Constant Ave., Lodi, NJ 07644 - Base Bid \$1,058,469.83 Alternative Bid - \$100,000.00, Total Base and Alternative Bid \$1,158,469.83
- Your Way Construction , Inc., 404 Coit Street, Irvington, NJ 07111 - Base Bid \$1,161,081.50, Alternative Bid - \$74,000.00, Total Base and Alternative Bid \$1,235,081.50
- A.J.M. Contractors, Inc., 300 Kuller Road, Clifton, NJ 07011 - Base Bid \$1,279,035.00, Alternative Bid - \$110,000.00, Total Base and Alternative Bid \$1,389,035.00

WHEREAS John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., submitted the lowest total bid in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT 15/100 DOLLARS (\$846,586.15),

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of City of Garfield authorizes the City Manager, Thomas J Duch, to enter into contract with John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., to complete the Pierre Avenue Improvement Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 9th day of September 2014, the City of Garfield approves agreement to the Pierre Avenue Improvement Project between John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. and the City of Garfield for the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT 15/100 DOLLARS (\$846,586.15), with work to commence no later than twenty (20) days following the execution of said contract and the installation of the water lines, water services and appurtenances along with the existing storm line trench repair shall be completed by November 25, 2014. The milling and paving of the road shall

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commence in the spring of 2015 with all Contract work being completed by April 30, 2015. The issuance of the contract is pending the confirmation of the available funds by the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield and concurrence by the Community Development as this project is funded by a Community Development Grant and the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-366

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO REINER GROUP, INC. FOR FIXING HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, Reiner Group, Inc. fixed various heating issues; at various locations for the City of Garfield in emergency situations;

WHEREAS, Reiner Group, Inc. fixed various air conditioning issues; at various locations for the City of Garfield;

WHEREAS, the City Manager is desirous of satisfying the outstanding invoices;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, has paid Reiner Groups, Inc. for outstanding invoices in the amount of \$22,371.12 and still has outstanding invoices that are due and need to be paid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to have issued payment in the amount of \$2,817.50 to Reiner Group, Inc. in satisfaction of the invoice due and payable.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 14-367

A Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer to Provide Remedial Investigation Services, LSRP Representation and Retain Sub-Contractors on Behalf of the City to Repair Monitoring Wells, Undertake Groundwater Sampling and Summarize Sampling Results and Protocol Within a Remedial Investigation Report.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield removed one (1) 2,000 gallon diesel fuel tank and two (2) 2,000 gasoline tanks at the Garfield DPW facility in 1995, and;

WHEREAS, pertinent documents were prepared and submitted to NJDEP in a timely manner following the removal of the three underground storage tanks (UST), and;

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has subsequently initiated a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) program which requires additional delineation testing and evaluation of potential contamination to soil and groundwater, and;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer's office has provided a detailed summary of the requisite work required in a proposal dated August 20, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to serve as the City's LSRP in connection with NJDEP Case No. 95-3-8-1158-11 which provides for services to be provided by Boswell McClave Engineering, equipment charges and sub-contractor costs totaling \$53,900. A breakdown of these three categories provides for Boswell McClave Engineering fees in an amount not to exceed \$35,500, equipment costs in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 and sub-contractor costs in an amount not to exceed \$14,900.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-368

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, desires to collect all taxes, assessments, and other Municipal charges that are now delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is directed to sell all municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2009 in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54-5-19, and as amended by Chapter 99, Public Laws of 1997:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Garfield, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all Municipal Liens in accordance with New Jersey law, and as stated above on October 7, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-369

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of Ordinance No. 1856, adopted on 1/22/1985, as per the City Manager and his designee of the City of Garfield state that a Performance Guaranty shall be made, in an amount as determined by the City Engineer, to cover an Street Opening Bond for the period of one year and,

WHEREAS, a deposit has been received from DMN Heating , LLC 418 Second Street, Carlstadt , NJ 07072 , for 144 Harrison Avenue , Block 39.01 Lot 51 in the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for said Street Opening Bond on February 21,2013 said funds are being held in the Trust Other Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has investigated this deposit and had determined that they are due to the above individual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-370

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of Ordinance No. 1856, adopted on 1/22/1985, as per the City Manager and his designee of the City of Garfield state that a Performance Guaranty shall be made, in an amount as determined by the City Engineer, to cover an Street Opening Bond for the period of one year and,

WHEREAS, a deposit has been received from Z & J Corp., 465 U S Highway 46. Kenvil, NJ 07847 , for 12 Washington Place, Block 11 Lot 37 in the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for said Street Opening Bond on August 28, 2012 said funds are being held in the Trust Other Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector has investigated this deposit and had determined that they are due to the above individual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-371

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment for the year 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
119.04	259.02	Christopher Hliboki, Trust Account	TCJ	\$ 8,665.18

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

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Resolution No. 14-372

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment for the year 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
119.04	259.02	Christopher Hliboki, Trust Account	TCJ	\$ 8,879.96

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-373

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment for the year 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
202	7	Lowe, Robert T & Denise M	O/P	\$ 1,416.50

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-374

WHEREAS, YMCA/ROSE GARFIELD C/O ROSENBLUM is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 141, Lot 8, commonly known as 45 Outwater Lane, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, bearing Docket Nos. 006197-2011, 005375-2012 and 019044-2013; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2011, 2012 and 2013 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2011 Original Assessment	1,993,800	3,391,600	5,385,400
2012 Original Assessment	1,993,800	3,391,600	5,385,400
2013 Original Assessment	1,993,800	2,756,200	4,750,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

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Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2011 Settlement	1,993,800	3,206,200	5,200,000
2012 Settlement	1,993,800	3,206,200	5,200,000
2013 Settlement	1,993,800	2,293,900	4,287,700

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-375

WHEREAS, K &K REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 7.01, Lot 27, commonly known as 42 Bogart Avenue, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 bearing Docket Nos. 018234-2012, 018577-2013 and Bergen County Tax Appeal No.: 21-1400109L; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mc Nerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	120,200.00	380,100.00	500,300.00
2013 Original Assessment	120,200.00	380,100.00	500,300.00
2014 Original Assessment	120,200.00	380,100.00	500,300.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	120,200.00	304,800.00	425,000.00
2013 Settlement	120,200.00	304,800.00	425,000.00
2014 Settlement	120,200.00	304,800.00	425,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 14-376

WHEREAS, RIVERVIEW MALL C/O ROYAL PROPERTIES is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 199, Lot 11, commonly known as 822 RIVER DRIVE, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, bearing Docket Nos. 008652-2012, 002061-2013, and 001669-2014; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	230,800		230,800
2013 Original Assessment	230,800		230,800
2014 Original Assessment	230,800		230,800

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	230,800		230,800
2013 Settlement	230,800		230,800
2014 Settlement	230,800		230,800

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-377

WHEREAS, RIVERVIEW MALL C/O ROYAL PROPERTIES is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 199, Lot 5, commonly known as 798 RIVER DRIVE, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, bearing Docket Nos. 008652-2012, 002061-2013, and 001669-2014; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013 and 2014 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	1,217,900	1,740,600	2,958,500
2013 Original Assessment	1,217,900	1,740,600	2,958,500
2014 Original Assessment	1,217,900	1,740,600	2,958,500

RESOLUTIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	1,217,900	1,301,300	2,519,200
2013 Settlement	1,217,900	1,301,300	2,519,200
2014 Settlement	1,217,900	1,301,300	2,519,200

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-378

WHEREAS, GARAFALO BROS & GAROFALO RECYCLING is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 34.02, Lot 41, commonly known as 19 ATLANTIC AVENUE, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, bearing Docket Nos, 006463-2012, 005160-2013, 011066-2014; and
 WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and
 WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	539,800	1,460, 700	2,000,500
2013 Original Assessment	539,800	1,460, 700	2,000,500
2014 Original Assessment	1,200,000		1,200,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	539,800	1,460, 700	2,000,500
2013 Settlement	539,800	1,460, 700	2,000,500
2014 Settlement	1,200,000		1,200,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Glenn A. Mati

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 14-379

WHEREAS, GARAFALO BROS & GAROFALO RECYCLING is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 52, Lot 46, commonly known as 53 ATLANTIC AVENUE, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, bearing Docket Nos 006463-2012, 005160-2013, 011066-2014; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	44,900		44,900
2013 Original Assessment	44,900		44,900
2014 Original Assessment	44,900		44,900

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	44,900		44,900
2013 Settlement	44,900		44,900
2014 Settlement	44,900		44,900

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-380

WHEREAS, GARAFALO BROS & GAROFALO RECYCLING is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 48.02, Lot 16.01, commonly known as 31 ATLANTIC AVENUE, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, bearing Docket Nos, 006463-2012, 005160-2013, 011066-2014; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	518,300	282,900	801,200
2013 Original Assessment	518,300	282,900	801,200
2014 Original Assessment	750,000		750,000

RESOLUTIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	518,300	282,900	801,200
2013 Settlement	518,300	282,900	801,200
2014 Settlement	750,000		750,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Glenn A. Mati

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 14-381

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 1698 to 1699 covering, Dog Trust Fund, Trust Other totaling \$56,972.20, the Current Fund totaling \$2,245,148.04 and the Current Water Fund totaling \$84,146.85, and the General Capital Fund totaling \$89,654.63 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$1,950.00 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes thirty two (32) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

Following

Pages

Numbered _____

For

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2688

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2014; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO PIERRE AVENUE IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,150,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Aloia moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2689

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2014; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE FILMING OF COMMERCIAL MOTION PICTURES IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Aloia moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND CHAPTER 226 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND CHAPTER 226 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD” do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held September 23, 2014 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Calandriello was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND CHAPTER 119-7 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND CHAPTER 119-7 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD” do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held September 23, 2014 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Mati was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 8:50 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney left the meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Charles Nucifora, 126 Midland Avenue complained about the odors emitting from the solid waste transfer station located at 19-35 Atlantic Street. He complained about overgrown weeds by the “Welcome to Garfield” sign at the intersection of Passaic Street and Midland Avenue.

Mr. Anthony Morales, 90 Passaic Street, said that he had requested a garbage can in front of his business and he appreciated the quick response. He asked that a Council liaison be appointed between the City Council and the businesses on the block. He spoke on the upcoming breakfast meeting of the Hackensack Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Helena Plaskon, a resident of Wallington, spoke about Garfield Board of Education issues.

Mr. Mario Norcia, 508 Outwater Lane, asked about Mayor Raymond’s background. He spoke about a newspaper article in which Mayor Raymond is quoted and he said she should resign as Mayor.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, asked questions concerning what can be done to relieve pressure on the Police Department regarding issuing summonses and focusing on crime. He asked questions about the \$100.00 reward for information that leads to a conviction of an owner of an illegal apartment.

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CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Sam DiFresco, 490 VanBussum Avenue, spoke on the street sweeper making a cloud of dust behind the sweeper. He complained about sound pollution. He complained about what is happening in his neighborhood. He complained about a noise problem he said he is having with his neighbor.

Mr. Ciro Disclafani, 47 Orchard Street, spoke on his issue with his neighbor at 47 Orchard Street. He spoke on when Garfield will become a 21st Century Safe City in regard to pedestrian safety. He asked that Orchard Street become a one way the entire way. He said that he wants a traffic control signal at the intersection of Belmont Avenue and River Drive.

Mr. Joseph Petta, 8 Garwood Court North, asked questions concerning when the City will hire new employees in the Department of Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello asked about the proposal by School Board Business Administrator Edward Izbicki regarding the firing of Helena Plaskon. He said that he read that Green Sky Industries is going out of business and he said that it was a good thing that the City switched to Atlantic Coast Fibers a year ago because the City is not we are not in the same situation as other municipalities. He spoke on the success of the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Football Program.

Councilmember Aloia spoke on children playing in the street. He spoke about Division Avenue, Market Street and Banta Avenue and looking into making Orchard Street a one way.

Councilmember Mati said that the Council is meeting next week regarding the architect for the new Police Station. He said that Communications/Dispatch will be moved into the old Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps building located at 409 Midland Avenue. He spoke on the Pierre Avenue Improvement, he spoke on the City securing many grants and he spoke on the work at Twentieth Century Field. He suggested hiring a retired Police Officer to issue summonses. He said he hopes everyone had a great summer.

Mayor Raymond spoke on the resolution concerning the Illegal Apartments Tip Line whereby citizens would receive a bounty or a reward for information leading to convictions. She said that there should be no children on the street after 10:00 PM, which is the City curfew, and parents should be held responsible. She said that she would like a Shredding Day, four times a year, where residents could bring all their papers for destruction and the City would receive credits for a Sustainable New Jersey grant.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK