

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 8:15 PM in the Conference Room 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 and Tana M. Raymond
Councilmember Present: Joseph Delaney and Glenn A. Mati
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative John Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John J. Bruno) and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

MINUTES

Councilmember Aloia moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Work	Session	-	October	07,	2014
Regular	Meeting	-	October	07,	2014
Work	Session	-	October	28,	2014
Regular	Meeting	-	October	28,	2014
Special	Meeting	-	November	05,	2014
Work	Session	-	November	10,	2014
Regular	Meeting	-	November	10,	2014

Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 14-488

WHEREAS, the Garfield Junior Boilermakers of the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield Mighty Mites sported an undefeated 7-0 record which made them this year's NBJFL 2014 Champions, and WHEREAS, the team is comprised of Adonay "Junior" Almodovar, Fabian Barrera, Shane Belschner, Miguel Berstein-Miranda, Jordan Calderon, Zayne Carswell, Brian Davidson, Jaydyn Dowd, Anthony Estrada, Carmine Evelina, Austin Falone, Nicholas Felipe, Mario Gato, Marcelo Giglio, Jason Gil, Aaron Gilkes, Vincent Giordano, Anthony Haro, Jayden Jennings, Andrew Kopf, Alexander Leonor, Kyle McConnell, Talib McCullough, Thomas Messina, Carlos Minaya, Amir Murray, Sean Nealy, Anthony Nolasco, Jonathon Nolasco, Landon Pena, Aiden Peterson, Mauricio Rojas, Jeremiah Santana, D'Vonne Thorpe, Dayshon Tisder, Rayshon Tisder, Roberto Vargas, Gabriel Velasquez, Ismael Vertedor under the direction of their outstanding coaches Paul Giglio, Jason Dowd, Pedro Nolasco, Brian Davidson, Phillip Peterson; and WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of publicly recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of the 2014 Garfield Junior Boilermakers Mighty Mites Division,

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that CONGRATULATIONS are hereby extended to the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Mighty Mites Division of the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield for an outstanding undefeated season.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

At this time, CERTIFIED copies of Resolution No. 14-489 were presented to the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Mighty Mites Division players.

Resolution No. 14-489

WHEREAS, Gerri Koch is retiring from a more than four decade teaching career, and
WHEREAS, she began her career as an educator in the Paramus School System in 1975 and a year later began her long career in the Garfield School System, as a First Grade Teacher at Christopher Columbus School No. 8, and
WHEREAS, Gerri is a lifelong City resident and she and her husband, Gil Koch, raised five sons, Jeffrey, Darren, Lonny, Jason and Randy, and
WHEREAS, a Retirement Dinner will be held in her honor at the Venetian Restaurant in Garfield on December 8, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that GERRI KOCH is hereby COMMENDED and CONGRATULATED upon the occasion of her retirement from a distinguished four decade tenure of service to the Garfield School District, during which she has fostered respect and devotion among her colleagues, promoted excellence in achievement, and shaped the development of thousands of children.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-490

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Nathaniel DeLaCruz of 232 Grand Street, as an active member, effective November 10, 2014.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-491

WHEREAS, Jeanne R. Elton, 194 Pierre Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1218082, 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 east curb line of Pierre Avenue commencing 113 feet south of the intersection of Pierre Avenue & Belmont Avenue, and run an additional 25 feet south 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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-492

WHEREAS, Michael Flores, 48 Midland Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1203543, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and

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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 east curb line of Midland Avenue commencing 212 feet south of the intersection of Midland Avenue & Bogart Avenue, and run an additional 25 feet south 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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-493

WHEREAS, Robert Rubin, 33 Maitland Place, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1346568, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his 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 Maitland Place commencing 116 feet south of the intersection of Maitland Place & Charles Street, and run an additional 25 feet south 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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-494

WHEREAS, Edward Dolack, residing at 113 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 has requested to be appointed as a Constable, and a Class Two Officer and he has met the requirements of C. 200, laws of 1971 (NJSA 40A:9-120 et. Seq.) and he has been recommended for appointment by City Manager Thomas Duch,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Edward Dolack, residing at 113 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 is hereby appointed a Constable and a Class Two Officer for the year 2015.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-495

WHEREAS, Robert Ridarick, residing at 400 Midland Avenue, Apt. 11, Garfield, New Jersey 07045 has requested to be appointed as a Constable, and a Class Two Officer and he has met the requirements of C. 200, laws of 1971 (NJSA 40A:9-120 et. Seq.) and he has been recommended for appointment by City Manager Thomas Duch,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Robert Ridarick, residing at 400 Midland Avenue, Apt. 11, Garfield, New Jersey 07045 is hereby appointed a Constable and a Class Two Officer for the year 2015.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-496

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the attached Open Public Records Act Request Form, which utilized as a template in the Model OPRA Request Form on the New Jersey Government Records Council Web Page, is hereby adopted by the City of Garfield.

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On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-497

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the provisions of Chapter 82-17 of the code of the City of Garfield concerning the hours of service and sales, specifically the portion regulating the hours an establishment holding a Plenary Retail Consumption License may stay open for business, is hereby suspended strictly for the 2014 New Year's Day Holiday and that permission is hereby granted to said establishments to remain open an additional two hours until 5:00 AM on January 1, 2015,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved Resolution to the Garfield Police Chief.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No, 14-498

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of Professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a "fair and open process"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a "fair and open process".

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

1. The City Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:

City Engineer	Grant Consultant (2)
City Auditor	Computer Services Consultant
City Bond Counsel	City Attorney (including Housing
City Planner	Program Mortgage Closings)
Risk Management Consultant	Special Litigation & Labor
City Architect	Municipal Prosecutor
City Real Estate Appraiser for Tax Appeals	Municipal Public Defender

2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00PM on Friday, January 23, 2015.
3. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the Council meeting scheduled for January 27, 2015.
4. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the City.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on the City of Garfield website for a period of not less than ten(10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the City Attorney as well as to all professionals currently holding the positions described in this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-499

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISCIPLINARY ACTION EVER WIDE, INC., D/B/A NICE FOOD RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, upon the recommendation and request of the Garfield Police Department, authorize the filing of disciplinary charges against Ever Wide, Inc., d/b/a Nice Food Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 0221-33-049-005 has been issued to Ever Wide, Inc. d/b/a as Nice Food Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Said Licensee operates the premises located at 235 Palisades Avenue in the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, an incident has been reported by the Garfield Police Department that on October 23, 2012, the Licensee has sold alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of legal consumption.

WHEREAS, an incident has been reported by the Garfield Police Department that on November 22, 2013, the Licensee has served spirituous liquors after the hour of 10:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, an incident has been reported by the Garfield Police Department that on December 30, 2013, the Licensee has served spirituous liquors after the hour of 10:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, an incident has been reported by the Garfield Police Department that on January 22, 2014, the Licensee was issued a summons for offering alcohol to a minor (2c:33-17a); and

WHEREAS, an incident has been reported by the Garfield Police Department that on June 13, 2014, the Licensee has served spirituous liquors after the hour of 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, an incident has been reported by the Garfield Police Department that on June 24, 2014, the Licensee was issued a summons for offering alcohol to a minor (2c:33-17a.); and

WHEREAS, there have been previous charges involving this license.

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 City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to prepare disciplinary charges against the holder of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 0221-33-049-006;

2. The charges to be prepared by the City Attorney shall pertain to the incidents described above which occurred on October 23, 2012, November 22, 2013, December 30, 2013, January 22, 2014, June 13, 2014 and June 24, 2014 wherein the Garfield Police Department reports the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under the legal age for consumption, offering to sell alcoholic beverages to a minor, and the sale of spirituous liquors (package goods) after the hour of 10:00 p.m.

3. The Licensee shall appear before the Garfield ABC Board, at the Garfield City Council Chambers, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ, on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 12:00 noon, for the purpose of considering disciplinary charges against the Licensee as a result of the above referenced infractions.

4. The City Attorney shall direct that a copy of said charges be served upon the Licensee at the licensed premises and the hearing date.

5. The City Clerk shall, and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the City Attorney, the Garfield Police Department, the Licensee and the State Division of Alcohol Beverage Control.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

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Resolution No. 14-500

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$118,000 has been proposed by Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc. to replace a cracked and broken concrete parking lot at the HELP Center, GBCA's multi-service campus at 529-541 Midland Avenue in the municipality of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Bergen County and the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-501

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$65,000 has been proposed by The County of Bergen Department of Human Services, for facility rehabilitation to the Alfred J. Thomas Home for Veterans in the municipality of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Bergen County and the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-502

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$27,464.00 has been proposed by Children's Aid and Family Services for the Eldercare Expansion Project at the Americas Unidas Multicultural Senior Center and the Garfield Senior Center in the municipalities of Hackensack and Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Block Grant funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
 Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-503

WHEREAS, YI & DONG HUA CHEN, the owners of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 21, Lot 21, commonly known as 163 Passaic Street, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the year 2013, bearing Docket No 018589-2013; and
 WHEREAS, Robert McNeerney, 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) 2013 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2013 Original Assessment	169,500	291,400	460,900

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
2013 Settlement	169,500	230,500	400,000

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 3, Absent 2 -
 Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-504

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid taxes 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 over payment 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
38.03	10	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$526.66
48.01	31	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$825.29
74	36	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$1287.00
85	44	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$1280.28
116	24	Lereta, LLC	O/P	\$1550.00
136	37	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$359.94
176	29	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$96.90
192	36	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$1584.00
198	53	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$1225.00

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On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 14-505

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to carry out the following directives for the year 2015:

1. Charge 8% interest per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.
2. Charge 18% interest on tax title liens as per R.S. 54:4-67.
3. Allow a grace period of ten days before charging interest, as provided by R.S. 54:4-67, except that if the office of the Tax Collector is closed on the tenth day following the due date for a tax payment, then the grace period shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.
4. Allow no discount for pre-payment of taxes.
5. Charge an additional end of year penalty of 6% as provided by R.S. 54:4-67 on all delinquencies of unpaid taxes, interest, and other municipal charges, when the total exceeds \$10,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 14-506

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 1734 to 1741 covering, Dog Trust Fund, Trust Other, totaling \$87,023.69, the Current Fund totaling \$2,415,649.02 and the Current Water Fund totaling \$116,839.19, and the General Capital Fund totaling \$92,196.69 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$1,800.00 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 fourteen (14) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

Following Pages _____
for Bills And Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 48
OF THE GARFIELD CITY CODE, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED,
PERSONNEL” TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL POLICE CAPTAIN

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 48 OF THE GARFIELD CITY CODE, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED, PERSONNEL” TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL POLICE CAPTAIN” 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 December 16, 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 Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Delaney and Mati.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Thomas Duch spoke on the letter from him dated December 2, 2014, in which he made the following appointment to the Garfield Municipal Court:

- * Giuseppe C. Randazzo, Esq. of 99 Passaic Street, Suite 101, reappointed as Judge of the Garfield Municipal Court for a three year term commencing January 19, 2015 and expiring January 18, 2018.

Manager Duch also spoke on the letter from Mayor Tana M. Raymond dated December 2, 2014, in which the Mayor made the following appointment concerning Garfield Emergency Management:

- * Sergeant Michael Marsh of the Garfield Police Department to serve in the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Garfield for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Erin Delaney, 15 Garden Court North, said that Bergen County Prevention Coordinator Judy Foreman was here with her and she spoke on Project Medicine Drop Box and the issue of proper public disposal of prescription drugs. She asked the Mayor and Council for support on this issue.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, asked about the proposed “Enforcement Officer” ordinance to take the burden off of the Police. He said that he believes the City needs to retrain people when they put recycling out because cardboard and paper blow all over the street.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello said that it is the time of year for cleaning up leaves. He said that the City provides bags and people bag the leaves. He said that when you compare with other towns, it works in Garfield, and leaves do not blow all over the place. He said that the system seems to help our town during this time of year. He spoke on the Ceremonial Resolution presented to the Junior

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Boilermakers. He said that the parents are very enthusiastic and supportive and the City should be proud of that. He said that he hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving and he reminded everyone that Thursday, December 4, 2014, the Library will be hosting their holiday tree lighting. He reminded everyone that Friday, December 5, 2014, the City has scheduled a tree lighting ceremony in front of City Hall.

Councilmember Aloia said that the Drug Drop Off Box is an ingenious solution to a simple problem and he added that it seems like an outstanding solution. He said that with regard to the trash, it is hard to comprehend, and there needs to be a commitment to the system and the people have to take possession. He said that he is not in favor of Ordinance Enforcers. He said we have so many people who treat police officers with such disrespect. He said that when they get treated in a way that is so disrespectful, it is hard to believe that civilians could take their place. He said that when you have people who have very little regard to the police and their community, the police may be called out when the public is difficult, anyway. He said that he hoped everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Mayor Raymond complimented Erin Delaney on the Drug Drop Off Box Program and said that it was a wonderful thing. She said she hopes that it can get off the ground in the City of Garfield. She said that the City had a paper shredding day, which was a huge success, and the City will probably have another one in May. She said that about 52 people participated and hopefully additional people will come out next time. She also reminded everyone that Thursday, December 4, 2014 the Library will be hosting their holiday tree lighting. She said that Friday, December 5, 2014, the City is scheduled to hold a tree lighting ceremony and Christmas Parade from the VFW on Outwater Lane to the City Hall and Santa will come on a fire truck. She said that on Thanksgiving morning about 400 meals were distributed by the Garfield High School Interact Club, Garfield Rotary and Garfield YMCA to people who are less fortunate and those who do not have big families and big meals.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –
Councilmembers Delaney and Mati

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK