

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 12:15 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 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: Tana M. 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 J. Bruno), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

#### PROPOSED NEW POLICE STATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Architect Lloyd Rosenberg and discussed the proposed location of a proposed new Police Station at or near 411 Midland Avenue.

#### ARRIVAL OF POLICE CHIEF AMOS

At 12:45 PM, Police Chief Kevin Amos joined the Special Meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

#### PROPOSED GRAND OPENING /RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE NEW PARK ALONG THE PASSAIC RIVER

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a proposed Grand Opening Ceremony of the new park along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam Water Falls south to the Outwater Lane Bridge.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Deputy Mayor Tana Raymond reported on the following:

1. The proposed placement of the City Police Bus as a visual deterrent in Twentieth Century Field.
2. The inquiry from a resident at 56 Lizette Street concerning the grant for the City of Garfield and the Borough of Elmwood Park in the amount of \$161,000.00 for improvements to Fleisher's Brook which only goes from the Elmwood Park border to Lanza Avenue in Garfield.
3. A proposed Ceremonial Resolution for Elizabeth Gray for serving as Garfield City Historian for 25 years.
4. The Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) who will walk around the track 4 times on the First Sunday in May.
5. The proposed resolution regarding payment to Special Labor Counsel Arthur Thibault.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. A proposed resolution for the heroic rescue of a woman trapped in her burning vehicle by Retired Police Officer Keith Kopacz and his sons, Joseph and Nicholas.

Mayor Delaney reported on the following:

1. A proposed Opening Day Parade to be held on April 26, 2014 from the Boys and Girls Club and the Recreation Center on Midland Avenue to Elizabeth Street and up to Twentieth Century Field.

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CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 14-115

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 1:20 P.M. on Thursday, March 20, 2014, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Special Labor Counsel Arthur R. Thibault, Esq. bill for services in connection with Garfield and PBA Local 46).

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) Glenn A. Mati  
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 1:25 PM, they acted on the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 14-116

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A FLOOD HAZARD AREA PERMIT APPLICATION TO NJDEP FOR A NEW POLICE STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE LOCATION OF THE CURRENT POLICE STATION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Engineer shall prepare and submit for all required permits from NJDEP, Bergen County and the Bergen County Soil Conservation District.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 14-117

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ARCHITECT TO CONDUCT CODE REVIEW AND OTHER ANALYSIS OF PLANS TO BUILD NEW POLICE STATION

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield desire to move forward with plans to construct a new police station at its present site; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd A. Rosenberg of DMR Architecture has submitted a proposal to conduct a preliminary analysis of the which would include a Code Review and a review of the private developer's obligations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that the proposal of DMR Architecture, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby accepted, and DMR is directed to proceed in accordance with its proposal and to report to the City as may be requested by the City Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 14-118

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) has funds available through FEMA for its FY 2013-2014 Assistance to Firefighters - Fire Prevention Grant, which provides funding for fire prevention, training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Volunteer Fire Department is in need of fire prevention and awareness supplies, training equipment and devices and supplies in order to better serve the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield are in support of the USDHS Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention Grant and wish to file grant applications not to exceed \$52,100 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Volunteer Fire Department meets the eligibility requirements for this USDHS FY 2013-2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which requires a 5% local cash match of \$2,605; and

WHEREAS, an application for such grant funds may not be filed nor funds spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield endorse and support this application because of the firefighting, prevention and safety benefits for our residents, and it is in the best interests of the City of Garfield

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD THAT:

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby endorse, support and authorize the filing of a FY 2013 - 2014 USDHS Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention Grant application.
2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize the matching funds of \$2,605.
3. Upon receipt of the Grant Agreement from the USDHS, the signature of the Mayor and any other municipal official, or their successors in said titles, which are required on the agreements and any other documents necessary in connection therewith, is hereby approved.
4. Upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreement from the USDHS, the expenditure of funds is hereby authorized pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Garfield and the United States Department of Justice.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 14-119

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO APPLY TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, State of New Jersey desires to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for grant funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Project (Phase 1) project meets all the criteria necessary to receive funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Project (Phase 1) project will encourage alternative modes of transportation, enhance the travel experience, improve open space and smart growth, and improve the quality of life for the residents of City of Garfield and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield agrees to assume a commitment for maintenance of the project after construction is completed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield fully supports the proposed Transportation Alternatives project, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the City of Garfield, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor to submit an electronic grant application identified as TA-2014-Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization and Pedestrian Safety Project (Phase 1)-00004 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program on behalf of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 14-120

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that application is made to the Commissioner of Transportation for aid under the Transportation Alternatives Funding program for the Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Streetscape & Pedestrian Safety project; and an application to the Safe Routes to Schools program for school safety impacts at various City schools.

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that such application(s) should be prepared by Capital Alternatives Corporation, the grants specialists engaged by the City for assistance in such matters.

RESOLVED, that Capital Alternatives Corporation is authorized to prepare, assemble, and submit the necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Garfield for the stated project(s).

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 14-121

WHEREAS, Passaic Street Realty Association is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 9, Lot 18, commonly known as 174 River Drive, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the year(s) 2012 and 2013, bearing Docket No. 006874-2012 and 001351-2013; 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, P.C., have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

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

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	\$81,100	\$122,700	\$203,800
2013 Original Assessment	\$81,100	\$122,700	\$203,800

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	\$81,100	\$122,700	\$203,800
2013 Settlement	\$81,100	\$122,700	\$203,800

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 Special Litigation Counsel 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 Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 14-122

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 61929 located on Banta Avenue near 40 Scudder 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. Tom Zotollo  
P.S.E. & G. Company  
325 County Avenue  
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 14-123

Resolution Re: Special Emergency Amendment t the 2014 Temporary Budget Appropriations.  
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2014 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Mayor and Council, City of Garfield, that the following special emergency appropriations be amended to the temporary budget, which are effective January 1, 2014, be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Borough Chief Financial Officer for his records.

City of Garfield

Surplus Anticipated

Total Surplus Anticipated

Licenses:

Alcoholic Beverages

Other

Fees and Permits

Fines and Costs

Municipal Court

Other

Interest and Cost on Taxes

Water Utility Surplus Anticipated

Miscellaneous Revenues Section A Local Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenues Section B State Aid without Offsetting App

Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief

legislative Initiative Municipal Block Grant

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Energy Receipts Tax  
Extraordinary Aid  
Homeland Security Police Assistance Fund  
Municipal Property Tax Assistance

Total Section B State Aid without Offsetting  
Appropriations

Miscellaneous Revenues Section C Uniform  
Construction Code

Uniform Construction Code Fees

Total Section C: Dedicated Uniform Construction Code  
with App

Misc Revenues Sec D Interlocal Service

board of Health Lodi

Total Misc Revenues D

Misc revenues Section F

Recycling Tonnage Grant  
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
click it or tickit it  
Enhanced 911 Grant  
Hepatitis B  
Clean Community Grant  
Recycling Grant BCUA  
Historical Society  
Adolescent Health Grant  
Amerigroup HealthDepartment  
Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation  
Clean Communities Grant  
Public Health Priority funding  
Body Armor Grant  
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund  
You Drink, You Drive, You Lose  
Emergency Management Grant  
DDEF  
Safe Routes to Schools  
Secure our Schools  
Over the limit  
NJ Health Community  
Priority Health  
Amerigroup Health Promotions  
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Total Section F

Section G:

Uniform Fire Safety Act  
Reserv Terminal Pay  
Utility Operating Surplus of Prior Year  
Garfield Housing Authority Payment in Lieu of  
Sale of Property  
General Capital Fund Balance  
Trunk Sewer Revenue  
Sewer Charges Community Wide  
Host Community fees Transfer Station BCUA  
Reserve for Payment of Bonds  
General Capital Interfund  
Anticipated Water Utility Rate Reserve

Total Section F

Summary of Revenues

Surplus Anticipated

toal Sec A Local Revenues  
Total Section B State Aid without Offsetting  
Appropriations  
Section C Dedicated Uniform Construction Code  
Section D Special Items of Revenue  
Section E Special Items Revenue with Written Conscent  
Section F Special Items Private and Public  
Section G Other Special Items

Toal Miscellaneous Revenues

Receipts from Delinquent taxes

Subtotal of General Revenues

Amount to be Raised by Taxation  
Minimum Local Library Tax

Local Tax including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

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Total Revenues:

General Appropriations within Caps	2014 Temporary 2
General Government:	
Administration and Executive	
Salary and Wages	\$80,000.00
Other Expenses	\$11,000.00
Mayor and Council	
Salary and Wages	\$10,000.00
Clerks Office	
Salary and Wages	\$60,000.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Elections	
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Financial Administration	
Salary and Wages	\$60,000.00
Annual Audit	\$12,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Other Expenses ADP Payroll Service	\$10,000.00
Tax Assessment	
Salary and Wages	\$25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$12,000.00
Revenue Administration	
Salary and Wages	\$45,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Sewer Billing Expenses	
Legal Services and Cost	
Salary and Wages	\$35,000.00
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Engineering Services and Cost	
Salary and Wages	\$8,000.00
Other Expenses	\$7,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	
Salary and Wages	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Municipal Land Use Law NJSA 40:55D-1 Planning Board	
Salary and Wages	
Other Expenses	\$7,000.00

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Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Salary and Wages		\$4,000.00
Other Expenses		\$3,000.00
Public Safety		
Fire		
Other Expenses		\$90,000.00
Aid to Ambulance Corps		
Salary and Wages		
Other Expenses		\$12,000.00
Police		
Salary and Wages		\$2,500,000.00
Other Expenses		\$60,000.00
Pension Pursuant to R.S. 42:12		\$1,200.00
Police Cars		
Traffic Division		\$6,000.00
Purchase of Police Cars		\$25,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety Inspection Act		
Salary and Wages		\$50,000.00
Other Expenses		\$8,000.00
Streets and Roads		
Road Repairs and Maintenance		
Salary and Wages		\$400,000.00
Other Expenses		\$80,000.00
Snow Removal		\$100,000.00
Recycling Program Other expenses		\$3,000.00
Emergency Management Services		
Salary and Wages		\$900.00
Other Expenses		\$7,000.00
Health and Welfare		
Salary and Wages		\$55,000.00
Other Expenses		\$11,000.00
Health Officer		
Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
Recreation and Education		
Salary and Wages		\$170,000.00
Other Expenses		\$60,000.00
Memorial Day committee		
Other Expenses		
Celebration of Public Events		
Other Expenses		\$15,000.00
Housing Inspection		
Salary and Wages		\$17,000.00

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Other Expenses		\$4,000.00
Recycling Program		
	Salary and Wages	
	Other Expenses	
Garbage & Trash Removal		
	Other Expenses	\$600,000.00
Animal Control		
	Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Municipal Court		
	Salary and Wages	\$90,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Public Defender PL 1997 c. 256		
	Salary and Wages	\$1,100.00
Prosecutor		
	Salary and Wages	\$15,000.00
Insurances:		
	General Liability	\$340,000.00
	Group Insurance Plan for Employees	\$1,100,000.00
	Health Benefit Waiver	\$15,000.00
	Contribution to Redevelopment Agency	\$45,000.00
Uniform Construction Code Officials		
	Salary and Wages	\$51,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$5,500.00
Unclassified		
Communications		\$50,000.00
	Electric	\$110,000.00
	Street Lighting	\$65,000.00
	Telephone	\$20,000.00
	Gasoline	\$55,000.00
Total Operations within Caps		\$6,791,700.00
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	Contingent	
	=	
Total Operations including Contingent		\$6,791,700.00

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Other	
Deferred Charges and Statuary Expenses	
Deficit Street Bond Trust	
Deficit in Ded penalty trust	
Over expenditure Ordinance	
Cancel Green Acres	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System of NJ	\$1,238,897.49
Public Employees Retirement System	\$393,621.45
Prior year bill Pseg	
Over expenditure Appropriation Reserves	
Social Security Expenses	\$130,000.00
Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund	
Pension Adjustment Fund	\$4,000.00
Unemployment	\$30,000.00
Total Deferred Charges	\$1,796,518.94
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Total General Appropriations within Cap	\$8,588,218.94
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Operations Excluded from Cap	
Passaic Valley Sewer Commission	\$500,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	
Salary and Wages	
Other Expenses	\$225,000.00
Insurance:	
General Liability	
Group Insurance Plan for Employees	
Jif Settlement	
LOSAP	\$20,000.00
PFRS	
PERS	
Group Insurance	
Redevelopment Agency Contribution	
Total Other Operations excluded from Caps	\$745,000.00

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Total Interlocal Service Agreement	=	\$0.00
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
Board Of health Priority Health Funding		
Other Expenses		
Assistance to Firefighters Grant		
Recycling tonnage Grant		
Secure our Schools		
Local Share Match		
200 Club		
Clean Communities Grant		
Juvenile Justice Block Grant		
Municipal Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant		
State Share		
Local Share		
Enhance 911 Grant		
Hep B		
Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation		
Amerigroup Health		
Cool Cities/Tree Grant		
Adolescent Health Grant		
Recycling Tonnage Grant		
Amerigroup Insurance		
Municipal Recycling Assistance Program BCUA		
Emergency Management Grant		
Click it Tickit It		
You Drink You drive you lose		
Body Armor Grant		
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund		
Emergency Management		
DDEF		
Over the Limit		
Safe Routes to Schools		
Muni Alliance		
Health Community		
Child Adolescent		
Historical Society		
Public Health Funding		
Over the Limit		
Total Private Programs	=	\$0.00
Total Operations from Caps	=	\$745,000.00

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Down Payments of Improvements Capital Improvement Fund	\$30,000.00
Total Improvements	\$30,000.00
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Municipal Debt Service	
Payment of Bond Principal	\$500,000.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	\$50,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$150,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$80,000.00
Green Trust Loan Program	
Repayment of Refunding Bond Ordinance Green trust	\$20,000.00
Total Municipal Debt Excluded from Caps	\$800,000.00
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Deferred Charges	
Special Emergency	
Cancel General Capital Fund Grants Receivable	
Total Appropriations from Cap	\$1,575,000.00
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Total General Appropriations	#####
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Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$0.00
total General Appropriations Current Fund	#####
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Water Utility Revenues	
Rents	
Additonal Water Rents	
Rate Reserve	
Total Revenues	
Operating	
Salary and Wages	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500,000.00
Employees Group Insurance	\$0.00
Prior Years Bills	
Capital Improvement fund	
Debt Service	
Payment of Bond Principal	\$50,000.00

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Interest on Bonds	\$25,000.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	\$7,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$35,000.00
Loan Repayment 1981 Water Supply fund	
Loan Repayment 2004 Elt Loan	\$200,000.00
Deferred Charges	
Emergency Authorization Over expenditure of Ordinance	
Statutory Expenditures	
Contribution to Public Employees Retirement System	
Social Security System	\$3,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	
Deficit Prior Year	
Surplus Budget Approp	\$80,000.00
Surplus	
total Appropriations	\$940,000.00
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On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Tana M. Raymond

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK