

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chamber 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.

Present: Frank J. Calandriello, Louis G. Aloia, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

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 and Interim Chief Financial Officer Riggitano

#### INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Christian Raymond, the grandson of Deputy Mayor Tana Raymond, who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Pavlica then introduced Father Peter Palmisano, the Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, who offered a Special Invocation.

#### MAYOR DELANEY'S COMMENTS

Mayor Delaney said, "Serving as your Mayor, I want to let everybody know how much I loved it. I'd like to thank everyone who made me the Mayor and thank my family, my wife and my kids. It's the greatest position that I've ever held and I'd like to think that I did a good job. Even though I am not the most serious person in the room all the time, I was serious about being the Mayor. I opened up my office, had meetings with the people, did walking tours, went to Washington, DC, a few weeks ago with City Manager Tom Duch to get funding for our Superfund site, I established relationships with local officials, State officials and in Washington, DC. The quality of life issues in this town have gotten a lot better, the cleanliness of our City has gotten a lot better and there is still a lot more work to be done and I will continue to fight for that. The Redevelopment of our City is very important to me. When I became Mayor, McDonald's called me up, and after McDonald's opened, Marshalls came to town and today I cut the ribbon for a brand new shopping store, Price-Rite, so the City of Garfield is moving forward. And it's not because of me or the City Council, it's because of the people sitting out in the audience. You're the reason why Garfield is such a great City. The changing of the guard right now goes back to the form of government we have right now. This is the Municipal Manager Act of 1923 form of government. Only about five towns have this form of government in the State of New Jersey. Lodi and Hackensack are two of them and they always changed the mayors and Garfield never did. Out of the past eleven elections, since we changed the form of government in 1972, only four times have we elected the top two vote getters as Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Twice when Tom Duch was the Mayor, once when I was Deputy Mayor and my past leadership as Mayor. So only four times out of those eleven times we did it the right way. Today, we're doing the right thing again. It's hard, but it's the right thing to do. I'm going to try to change our form of government. I feel the people of the City have the right to vote for the Mayor, to vote for the Deputy Mayor. This form of government, we don't do that. I am not resigning from the Council, I am stepping aside as Mayor. I will continue to always be active for City of Garfield as Councilman, Deputy Mayor, Mayor, whatever the case may be, but I will fight to change the form of government to make sure the people have the vote, not the politicians. To get to where we are this day, two years ago, I ran for Election in 2012. Tana Raymond ran, Glenn Mati, Louie Aloia and Frankie Calandriello ran. My father was very ill, he had just gotten over three strokes, he was in the hospital, and he was not around on Election Day and Tana said to me, Joe, it would be such an honor and a pleasure for your Father to see you sworn in as Mayor. I'm going to do everything possible for that to happen. And Tana did. Tana kept her word when my Father was sick and she promised me that and I will never forget Tana for doing that. I will never forget my father sitting here when we got sworn in. My father did make it and he was sitting here seeing how proud he was and Tana, thank you for making that happen. Everybody who made this happen, thank you so much for letting me serve as your Mayor. I appreciate it. I hope I did a good job. Hopefully I will be your Mayor again. It's up to you. It's an honor and it's not about me, it's not about Tana, it's about the people in the City of Garfield. Whoever the people elect, let's respect their wishes. Tana came in second by a few votes, she is the right person to be Mayor at this time."

RESIGNATION OF MAYOR DELANEY

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica read the following letter of resignation dated July 1, 2014 from Mayor Joseph Delaney:

Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk  
City of Garfield  
111 Outwater Lane  
Garfield, New Jersey 07026

Dear Mr. Pavlica:

Please be advised that I resign the position of Mayor effective on this date, upon the selection of my successor. This letter further confirms that I will remain a Council Member following my resignation as Mayor.

Very truly yours,  
Joseph Delaney  
Mayor

ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Clerk Pavlica announced "The vote for Mayor will now take place. This vote is being held pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:81-7 which states that the Mayor shall be chosen by ballot by majority vote of all members of the City Council. To become Mayor, one Councilmember needs to attain at least three affirmative votes. Ballots marked ABSTAIN do not count as an affirmative vote. Councilmembers may vote for themselves."

City Clerk Pavlica handed each Councilmember preprinted ballots, on which the Councilmembers marked their choices for Mayor and on which they signed their names. City Clerk Pavlica collected the ballots and announced:

"Councilmember Calandriello casts his ballot for Glenn A. Mati  
Councilmember Aloia casts his ballot for Glenn A. Mati  
Councilmember Raymond casts her ballot for Tana M. Raymond  
Councilmember Mati casts his ballot for Tana M. Raymond  
Councilmember Delaney casts his ballot for Tana M. Raymond."

City Clerk Pavlica announced that the tally was three votes for Tana M. Raymond and two votes for Glenn A. Mati and he declared that Tana M. Raymond was elected Mayor of the City of Garfield.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE MAYOR

City Manager Thomas Duch read the following short biography on Tana M. Raymond: "Her family joins us here today, Her son Dr. Christian S. Raymond, Grandson Christian S. Raymond, Jr. and so many other friends and relatives. We welcome you here today on this historic occasion. Tana holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, Master of Arts in Urban Education, Master of Arts in Administration, Supervisor Certification for Public Schools and an Administrators Certificate. She is the Supervisor of Nurses in the Garfield School District. She has served in many volunteer capacities in our City and at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin, her parish, founder of the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation, previously served as Garfield Democratic chairwoman, also co-chaired the Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women with the Honorable Bonnie Mizdol, Judge of the Superior Court. She was just nominated by Governor Chris Christie to serve on the New Jersey State Commission on the Status of Women. Today she makes history as she becomes the first woman Mayor in the history of the City."

With her son, Dr. Christian S. Raymond, and Grandson, Christian Raymond, at her side holding the Bible, Tana M. Raymond was administered the Official Oath of Office as Mayor of the City of

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Garfield by Superior Court Judge Bonnie Mizdol. After Mayor Tana M. Raymond returned to her seat, Former Mayor Joseph Delaney presented her with the gavel and Mayor Raymond chaired the meeting from this point forward.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR RAYMOND

Mayor Raymond said, "Thank you so much. Father Peter, Honorable Judge Bonnie Mizdol, City Manager Duch, I just have a few comments. I would like to sincerely thank all of you for being here today especially my son Dr. Christian S. Raymond, who is man any mother would be proud to call her son and my grandson Christian Salvatore Raymond Jr., who is the best little campaigner there ever was. My family who came from so far, my cousin Frankie, who drove from Florida, my cousin Babe, who flew in from Georgia, my cousin Joyce who came from New York, my beautiful Aunts Rita and Fran, who drove from Pennsylvania. Thank you so much for being here, you bring part of my parents here with me today. Their children, my cousins, there are too many to mention. Thank you for being here today. My School Family, who are here today, there are too many to mention. Our Superintendent of Schools, our Business Administrator, teachers, principals thank you for being here today. Also I would be remiss if I did not mention Cosmo Gutierrez who owns Christian's Steak House who opened his door to me in 2008 when I could not find anybody who would rent me a place for a Headquarters. Cosmo said I have an empty upstairs. Cosmo, you will always be my friend. To all City Employees here today, especially our Tax Collector, my Earth sister Chikki Cokinos, who so graciously shared her mother, Lulu, with me when I lost mine, thank you so much Chikki. To all the rest of my many friends and supporters, I thank you for coming today.

I was first elected to the Council in 2008, but there were four great women who served before me on the Council. Our first woman Councilperson, Pauline Sabo, was the pioneer and was elected in 1968 when women were home baking. I remember I was a young mother and she was out campaigning and I thought, oh my God, how does she find the time to do that? She was a great Councilwoman. After her came Irene Jarosz who served four terms and was the first woman Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield. Then came Lucy Matijakovich, my mentor and Councilmember Mati's mom. She was the one who taught me this is no place for whimps! When they push, you push back! She was like family to me. Our last Councilwoman before me was Connie Giacomarro, who called and couldn't be here today because she is sick. She was known as the "Aunt Bea" of the Council. She served one term, a sweet compassionate woman, always worried about keeping peace on the Council and she was the person responsible for getting the grants for the spray park on Jewell Street and we named the park "Connie's Spray Park". They were all unique in their own way and they served the City well.

But today we make history. Garfield became a City in 1917. In 97 years, there has never been a woman Mayor. The torch has been passed and Garfield has entered into a new era. And it's all due to former Mayor Joe Delaney. He made a commitment two years ago to rotate this Mayorship and he kept his word. We decided there shouldn't be a career Mayor. No one should sit in this seat for years and years because then the vision stays very narrow. Change is good. Change helps a community grow. And change brings new vision. It's the first time in Garfield's history that a Mayor who made that commitment kept his word. Joe, that defines you as a person. You will go down in history as the only Mayor who kept his word rotating the Mayorship. In the past the same commitment was made by two other Mayors that I know of. But when the day came they changed their mind and kept the seat. Mayor Delaney, you may be a small man in stature, but today you are the biggest man in the City. You live by your word, which is sometimes not the case in Garfield politics as we all know. Your family, the Delaney Family, a beautiful family should be very proud of you and please pass that on to your Dad. I was hoping your Dad would be here today, to personally tell him that he and your Mom raised seven beautiful children. You're all good people and Garfield is lucky to have you. And Joe, I thank you on behalf of all the women in this City, especially the future women Mayors. The path has been paved. All five of us sitting on the Council come from families who have been committed to community service. Whether they sat on the Council or served the community through their family business, community service is not new to any of us. My father organized the first Civil Defense Unit in 1951, when we all went into the basement and the bomb shelter waiting for the air raids. After that he organized the first Garfield

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Police Reserve for which he served as President for fifteen years. He was also 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Democratic Leader. I grew up in a house knowing when you live in a community, you have to give back. And if you live in a community where there are things you don't like, when you see things happening, don't sit there and complain, get involved and do something. That's when I decided to run for public office.

As for a vision, now of course, being a woman, I'm sure my vision will be a little bit different. Taxes are always a concern but they are not the main concern, there are other concerns. Sometimes things get a little heated at our caucus meetings, but as long as we can agree to disagree, we are okay. We all have different visions and ideas and I would like to see this Council work harmoniously for the good of the community. Sometimes we have to make tough decisions but I'm up to the challenge. Mayor Delaney put Redevelopment on the fast track and we can see it going up all over town and I hope that continues. Absentee landlords is something we must address. Garfield presently has 68% absentee landlords and that's too many. If they live in California or Florida, they are not going to be concerned who is renting their apartment as long as they are getting their rent. We need to explore ways to do something about that. Illegal Apartments is another issue that's a big issue that we need to address. I would like to continue to honor students who achieve academically. In the past if students did well in sports, they would come and we would honor the sports teams and that's wonderful. Sports are good for kids. But what about the children who don't play sports and achieve academically? We need to encourage them to go on to be the very best they can be in life. I would also like to see another spray park. I have spoken to Connie Giacomarro about this and we're going to work together on that and maybe on the other end of the City. I'm hoping to make that a reality through grant money. My passion, which is animals, we have a wonderful animal rescue group who have done wonders. We spayed and neutered over eight hundred cats to keep the feral cat population down. We've gotten medical care for dogs, birds, we even rescued a skunk last week who was in distress. But, you know what, they're all God's creatures and we will continue to do that. I would also like to see an animal park become a reality within the next two years. We need to make our streets safer. You can't walk down the street like we did thirty years ago and I guess that's the case in all towns and we need to work on that. Garfield has become a diverse community and we must learn to live together and respect each other and help each other. It brings a community together. Garfield is a great town with great people. I promise to do my best and I am very proud to be your first Woman Mayor. I will serve my term with honesty, loyalty and integrity because that is how I live my life. That defines me as a person. Since elected, I always pray at night for guidance to do the best for our community and I will continue to do that.

I thank my two colleagues for their vote of confidence. To the two colleagues who did not vote for me, I promise you at the end of my two year tenure, you will be convinced that a woman can do this job!

Thank You and God Bless You All."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield wishes to elect a councilmember to act as Deputy Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayor shall serve according to State Law and City Ordinance in the absence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to establish a procedure for selection of a member of the Council to serve in the event that neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor are present.

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. Joseph Delaney be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield;

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2. In the event that both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are absent from any meeting, the remaining three members of the Council shall, at the beginning of said meeting, select a Councilperson from among them to preside over that meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all the members of the governing body, the City Manager and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 2,  
Nays 2 – Councilmembers Calandriello and Aloia  
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Mati

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond  
Joseph Delaney

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

Resolution No. 14-288

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield wishes to elect a councilmember to act as Deputy Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayor shall serve according to State Law and City Ordinance in the absence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to establish a procedure for selection of a member of the Council to serve in the event that neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor are present.

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. Glenn A. Mati be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield;
2. In the event that both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are absent from any meeting, the remaining three members of the Council shall, at the beginning of said meeting, select a Councilperson from among them to preside over that meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all the members of the governing body, the City Manager and the City Attorney.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Louis G. Aloia

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR

With Rose Marie “Chikki” Cokinos at his side holding the Bible, Glenn A. Mati was administered the Official Oath of Office as Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield by City Manager Thomas J. Duch.

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Resolution No. 14-289

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the order of call of said Council shall be as follows:

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1. Frank J. Calandriello
2. Louis G. Aloia
3. Joseph Delaney
4. Glenn A. Mati
5. Tana M. Raymond

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 14-290

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, that Spencer Savings Bank as a designated depository of the City of Garfield be and it is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the City of Garfield, where bearing or purporting to bear the signature of the following City Officials:

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| 1. | Tana M. Raymond,   | Mayor          |
| 2. | Andrew J. Pavlica, | City Clerk     |
| 3. | Rosemarie Cokinos, | City Treasurer |
| 4. | Roy Riggitano,     | Interim CFO    |
| 5. | Thomas J. Duch,    | City Manager   |
| 6. | Glenn A. Mati      | Deputy Mayor   |

or where bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile or manual signature of City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, in addition to the facsimile or manual signature of Mayor Tana M. Raymond and the manual signature of City Treasurer Rosemarie Cokinos,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Spencer Savings Bank shall be entitled to honor and to charge this City for all such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money regardless of by whom or by what means the actual signatures or purported facsimile signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such signatures or facsimile signatures resemble the specimens from time to time filed with Spencer Savings Bank by the City Clerk of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 14-291

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, that Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ, as a designated depository of the City of Garfield be and it is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the City of Garfield, where bearing or purporting to bear the signature of the following City Officials:

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| 1. | Tana M. Raymond,   | Mayor          |
| 2. | Andrew J. Pavlica, | City Clerk     |
| 3. | Rosemarie Cokinos, | City Treasurer |
| 4. | Roy Riggitano,     | Interim CFO    |
| 5. | Thomas J. Duch,    | City Manager   |
| 6. | Glenn A. Mati      | Deputy Mayor   |

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or where bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile or manual signature of City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, in addition to the facsimile or manual signature of Mayor Tana M. Raymond and the manual signature of City Treasurer Rosemarie Cokinos,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ shall be entitled to honor and to charge this City for all such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money regardless of by whom or by what means the actual signatures or purported facsimile signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such signatures or facsimile signatures resemble the specimens from time to time filed with Community Bank of Bergen County, NJ by the City Clerk of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 14-292

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, that Wavel Bank, as a designated depository of the City of Garfield be and it is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the City of Garfield, where bearing or purporting to bear the signature of the following City Officials:

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| 1. | Tana M. Raymond,   | Mayor          |
| 2. | Andrew J. Pavlica, | City Clerk     |
| 3. | Rosemarie Cokinos, | City Treasurer |
| 4. | Roy Riggitano,     | Interim CFO    |
| 5. | Thomas J. Duch,    | City Manager   |
| 6. | Glenn A. Mati      | Deputy Mayor   |

or where bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile or manual signature of City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, in addition to the facsimile or manual signature of Mayor Tana M. Raymond and the manual signature of City Treasurer Rosemarie Cokinos,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wavel Bank shall be entitled to honor and to charge this City for all such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money regardless of by whom or by what means the actual signatures or purported facsimile signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such signatures or facsimile signatures resemble the specimens from time to time filed with Wavel Bank by the City Clerk of the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Louis G. Aloia

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello congratulated Glenn Mati as Deputy Mayor and Tana Raymond as Mayor. He said he has no doubt that a woman can do the job and he hopes Mayor Raymond proves to him that she is worthy. He said that he was Mayor for twelve years and it is probably the greatest job in the City but it has a lot of responsibility. He said "I have witnessed on the Council during the past two years, Tana, as Deputy Mayor, has not acted in the best interests of the City. Examples: We had to reimburse a builder \$3,300.00 without going through a tax appeal, didn't go through the Construction Board of Appeals. We as a Council, for the first time ever, voted to give a builder \$3,300.00. The City fired two capable attorneys and I understand the politics of it and he accepts the politics of it, but to say that we are going to save the City money when we have paid out more money than ever, is not the truth to the public. There was an incidence where I brought up an ABC matter. There was a ticket for candidacy for the Board of Education. They applied for a State

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permit to serve liquor and they were denied by the State to serve liquor. They served it any way. I brought it to the Council and she states that she did not order an investigation. This is where the citizens need leadership. Instead, at the same meeting, she turns to the Chief to investigate the C.O.'s on my property which has no relevance, no relevance whatsoever, but the C.O.'s turned out to be in perfect order. Even this morning, it infuriates me, a resident came up and asked me why I do not support filming meetings and I told him I do support it and will support it in the future and the citizen told me that Ms. Raymond said that I am against it. I am only one vote. Lies cannot be told about Official's records and I just want the truth. The Board of Education Budgets have been voted down and in the past Ms. Raymond has voted and participated. This is a clear conflict. And the conflict is within the person themselves. It does not matter what's told to you or what someone says, if the conflict is clear, you have the obligation and responsibility to step aside. Even at the last meeting, she stayed in the room and she put a comment on record. I do have reasons but I vow to respect the office of the Mayor. I will give Tana the respect she should get as Mayor and I will work for anything to the best interest of the City of Garfield. I have vowed that in the past and I vow that in the future. I was Mayor with the high vote and Ms. Raymond refused to vote for me back in 2008. Congratulations, I wish you the best as Mayor and thanks for listening”.

Councilmember Aloia said, “To Joe Delaney, congratulations on the two years well served to the City of Garfield as Mayor plus the many years prior to that. To you and your family, there's no question that this is probably the most difficult and the best job in the City. To our newly elected Mayor, Tana Raymond, if anybody knows Tana, there's never anybody going to say a woman like Tana Raymond can't do the job. I've been on her end of the stick, for how many years prior to your election? When I was the Mayor, trust me, she definitely fights her fight. I congratulate you for what you've done and what you've accomplished and soon what you will want us to do in the next few years. So that will be interesting times. To our newly elected Deputy Mayor, Glenn Mati, I congratulate you. I'm sure your Mom is probably smiling in heaven because I also sat on the Council with your Mom and she was truly a lady with true opinions so I definitely know what that is like. But without question, it's never the five of us, it's the all of you, and if we don't look at it from that point of view, then the five of us don't count. To the City of Garfield, I congratulate you for continuing to have the involvement that you do, please come to as many meetings as you can. Please stop in to all the meetings. It's worth it. Mayor Congratulations, Deputy Mayor, Congratulations, Joe Delaney congratulations on your two years.”

Councilmember Delaney said “To everyone who came here today, thank you. I see Nick Perrapato out there and the Board of Education Family, Dr. Conte, Father Peter. I was at the graduation last week and we have so many wonderful kids in the City of Garfield, so many wonderful teachers that I am sure Tana is not going to be the last woman Mayor in the City of Garfield – we're going to have many more. I have to thank everyone especially my family. Politics is part of my life, but it is not my life. I always try to live by the three “F's” – Family, Faith and Friends. My family is the most important thing in my life. My Faith, I have a trust in a higher power that will steer me in the right direction and He always has. And the Friends are the people in this room. I remember growing up on MacArthur Avenue, and I was the only Irishman in the Italian section there and it wasn't always easy. But I wouldn't trade a minute of it for the world. Being an Irishman growing up in an Italian neighborhood is great. As a matter of fact, me and my sisters married Italian people. I married the best woman in the world. My daughter who couldn't be here today, because she is working, gave me this tie to wear today. To my son, Joey, and my three step children, they are the best and I am a really lucky guy. Congratulations to everyone.”

Deputy Mayor Mati said, “Congratulations Joe, you were a great Mayor and it was an honor to vote for you as Mayor and I hope our friendship will remain intact for the rest of our lives because whether we are or are not on the Council, friendships are all that are important. Tana, I am a student of history. It was my favorite subject in school and I taught it to my son and today I feel like I am actually a part of history. It is an honor to be here to see you sworn in as Mayor. Not the first in the line of women who made it to the Council, but you were first to the Mayor's spot. Speaking for my Mom, I know she would be proud of you today. I thank my fellow Councilmembers for their support. Just to be nominated for Mayor, is an honor, believe me, I appreciate that, and I just thought that it was Tana Raymond's time. I've always lived my life with honor and integrity and I

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told her I would support her one hundred percent and I kept my word. It is going to be an honor to serve with you and the rest of the Council. I knew a lot about politics working in the Police Department for thirty- four years. I have to be really honest with you, I couldn't be happier with the five of us because as Louis has said to me many times and as Tana has pointed out tonight, the great thing is we can disagree. We all have a point of view, but when we base our arguments on facts, it is a good argument. When we base our arguments on past emotions, things like that, it doesn't really serve the City of Garfield well. So whenever things get a little cantankerous, I always try to be the voice of reason to settle things down and get back to what we're doing. Although we may not always agree on everything, I know all five of us are doing what we feel is best for the citizens of this City. We were elected by different people; different groups and all those people have faith in each one of us. The most important job is for us to sit here and do what is right for the citizens, not what is right for us. I am celebrating my fortieth anniversary this week as a member of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department and it is something I am so proud of. I see members of the Police Department here, my other family that I served thirty-four years with and I thank those guys too for their support through the years. To all our members of the Board of Education and our School System, it is a pleasure to work with you people each day. After working with the Police Department, I got a different view now working in the School System. It is a very difficult job, our teachers have. Only with the support of your families can each student succeed. Our teachers can only do so much. They're in the classroom during the day but the parents have to pick up the slack when the kids get home. If you are going to be a successful kid, you need the support of everyone around you. I thank you guys for what you do every day. I thank the community for coming out on this historic day to see Ms. Raymond be sworn in as Mayor and I'm glad I'm part of it and I know we'll all work together because this is the type of people we are. We'll get past all our emotional things and things like that. Next meeting we'll be back to business. I wish you the best of luck as Mayor. I know that you will do a good job and have the citizens in mind. Thank you all for your support. I really appreciate it."

Mayor Raymond said "Mr. Calandriello, the \$3,300.00 that you talk about reimbursing, was someone who had a problem getting permits and I think it was Mr. Duch who agreed that he was treated unfairly and that he should get the permits. Mr. Rotolo was the attorney during your twelve years as Mayor but to the victor go the spoils. When we were elected and sought out attorneys, we chose to change him. There was nothing wrong with that. He is not the best attorney in the world. You talk about the license that was given out, that was denied by the State, that was another person you don't like. Mr. Calandriello, I did not vote for you for Mayor because you cut a deal at the Royal Warsaw Restaurant and I was not invited or included, so why should I take part in a deal that was already cut? And lastly I want you to remember the Governor just nominated me to a State Board, but he removed you from a State Board for improper conduct. Was it not in the paper that you had twenty-four hours to resign or he was going to take action? I don't know what you did. You did a lot of things, I don't know."

At this time, City Manager Duch distributed the many floral pieces presented in congratulations to Tana Raymond on becoming Mayor.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch read the following statement: "Madam Mayor and Members of the Council: I came here temporarily ten years ago to serve as City Manager. It has been an absolutely wonderful time. I has been a great adventure and I believe I have worked well with all of you. I would like to take a moment to thank Mayor Joe Delaney. It has been a pleasure having you here at City Hall so frequently and working with you to better the City. You will long be remembered for what you did here today. By resigning and giving the new Mayor a chance to serve, you have demonstrated that you are an honorable man, a man of your word – that too, is historic in government. To our new Deputy Mayor, you have proven to be an excellent member of this governing body. You are studious and dedicated. You also will serve our people well. To all of the members of the governing body, it has been an honor to work with you and to work for you and to work for the people of this City. While we do not always agree, you have all done great work to move the City forward and I say that justifiably. Two weekends ago, we dedicated the River Walk. I don't know about you, but I've had non-stop comments about how wonderful it is and how there's progress in the City of Garfield. I've had great comments about the Walmart, the Applebee's, the

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development of the Vornado Property, the fact that Passaic Street is in your target. I think that together we can continue to serve the people well and I say to all of you, I am honored to serve with each and every one of you”.

BENEDICTION

Father Peter Palmisano, the Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, offered a Special Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:10 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK