

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6:15 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Joseph Delaney presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the Work Session was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail and fax to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

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

Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Kevin Amos

ZONE IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals regarding a presentation concerning a 19 block area in the Passaic Street area of the first Ward being designated a zone in need of rehabilitation: Greater Bergen County Community Action Executive Director Robert Haulsh, Architect Lloyd Rosenberg, Donna Holmquist of Burgis Associates and Edward Hynes.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALADRIELLO

At 6:30 PM Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO TWENTIETH CENTURY FIELD

The City Council and Cabinet discussed plans for improvements to Twentieth Century Field.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The check received in the amount of \$225,000.00 pursuant to the Cable TV Franchise Agreement.
2. The check received in the amount of \$3,332.00 from the Recycling Company Greener Corners.
3. The proposed Italian Republic Day to be held Sunday, June 1, 2014 in Twentieth Century Field.
4. The proposed ordinance regulating Smoke Shops.
5. The State Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency provides free advice to the public and he will arrange to provide them space so they can meet with Garfield citizens and advise them of services.
6. The 2012-2013 JIF Annual Report for the entire State.
7. The Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Elmwood Park for Public Health Shared Services.

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8. City Public Health Nurse Darleen Reveille will be attending a Drug Abuse Coalition Grant conference from February 3, 2014 thru February 6, 2014 in Washington, DC.
9. The drinking water at School No. 7 has been tested over the last eight weeks and the results have been non-detect for hexavalent chromium.
10. The petition received at the January 14th Council Meeting from Mr. Robert Glazer of 145 Lincoln Place regarding the parking spaces taken away with the installation of handicapped crosswalks. The petition has been distributed to the Police, Traffic Lieutenant, the City Engineer and others. He gave Mr. Glazer an informed response and advised him that when the City paves, the City must pave according to current State Department of Transportation specifications.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 28, 2014.

Deputy Mayor Tana Raymond reported on the following:

1. The complaints that have been received concerning buses traveling on Palisade Avenue in the middle of the night.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

11. The proposed 2014 Municipal Budget scheduled to be on the Council Meeting Agenda of February 11, 2014.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. The good snow plowing job performed by the City DPW during the last snow storm on January 21, 2014.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 14-30

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a "Closed Session" is hereby called at 7:40 P.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (proposed hiring of new police officers; assignments of two new Police Lieutenants Joseph Marsh and Richard Uram; three provisional Police Sergeants; proposed Juvenile Detective appointment; possible PBA grievances).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (English Paving vs. City of Garfield).

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- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (resignation of newly appointed Police Officer Frank Caneja to accept a job with the Bergen County Police Department; proposed hiring of new police officers; assignments of two new Police Lieutenants Joseph Marsh and Richard Uram; three provisional police sergeants; proposed juvenile detective appointment; proposed PBA grievances; termination of Garfield Redevelopment Agency Attorney, Administrator and Secretary Christoff Diktas and appointment of Thomas J. Duch as his successor).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK