

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:35 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: Frank J. Calandriello, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: 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 Bruno), City Engineer Representative Nicole Ogrosso (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The condition of the Schley Street steps off of Cedar Street and the house that has no other access except via the steps.
2. Complaints received from Ms. Paula Tamburo of 41 Palisade Avenue concerning the New Jersey Transit Bus Route on Palisade Avenue.
3. He will be on vacation next week.
4. The Board of Education Tax Levy analysis determined that it is 3.7% tax increase.

City Engineer Representative Nicole Ogrosso reported on the following:

1. The bids received on Friday, March 21, 2014 for the Twentieth Century Field Improvement.

EXIT OF CITY ENGINEER REPRESENTATIVE OGOROSSO

At 6:50 PM, City Engineer Representative Nicole Ogrosso left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

5. The Montclair Film Ordinance to use as a model ordinance for consideration by the Garfield City Council.
6. The letter sent out to City dog owners who have not licensed their pets, advising them to do so.
7. The Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry.
8. The City Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 19, 2014.
9. The proposed Memorial Bench Program in Twentieth Century Field.

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10. The proposed demolition of the City-owned old Amvets Building located at 326 Outwater Lane.
11. The possible leasing of the water tank on Belmont Hill at 38 Schley Street for the installation of a wireless communication facility of at least two dish antennae.
12. The Greater Community Action Program 30th Anniversary Dinner he attended on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.
13. The implementation and the subsequent enforcement of the City Vehicle Sales Ordinance.
14. The letter from a citizen complaining about difficulty in obtaining permits from the Building Department. He questioned if the Permit Extension Act applied in his situation.

Deputy Mayor Tana Raymond reported on the following:

1. The denial of the handicapped parking space application of Christine Korsak at 185 Chestnut Street.
2. The Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) walk scheduled to be held in May.
3. Her question concerning if a license is required for independent contractors to plow snow in the City of Garfield.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The Welensky Mortgage application resolution.
2. The recent street closing on Clark Street.

Mayor Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. He is planning a small parade on April 26, 2014 with the Little League Baseball Teams, the Girls Softball League, the Boys and Girls Club and other groups from the Sam and Ann Sangis Recreation Building from Midland Avenue to Elizabeth Street to the Twentieth Century Field.
2. The proposed hiring of Code Enforcement Officers.
3. The repair of pot holes throughout the City.
4. The debris that will remain when the snow mounds melt.
5. The regulating of Sidewalk Sales.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The enforcement of the City Code concerning the grading of land.

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CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 14-124

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 7:50 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Matters which if disclosed would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy; (Fred Krowl vs. the City).
- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (PBA Local No. 46 issues concerning support of Police Chief Kevin Amos).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (The Garfield Board of Education vs. Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church regarding the construction of a new School No. Ten at the corners of Marsellus Place and Passaic Street and Passaic Street and Lincoln Place and the School System allegedly reneging on allowing church parishioners to park on the property during mass as was the case before the church sold the land to the Board of Education; Fred Krowl vs the City).
- * 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; (Fred Krowl vs the City).

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 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Glenn A. Mati

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK