

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30 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, Louis G. Aloia, Glenn A. Mati and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Tana M. Raymond

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, Recreation Director and Police Captain Raymond Kovach

PASSAIC RIVER

The City Council and Cabinet met with Rick Rodriguez of the New Jersey League of Adventures concerning proposed events and access to the Passaic River.

GARFIELD VFW POST NO. 2867

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following individuals, of Garfield VFW Post No. 2867 concerning a denial of a Bergen County Community Development grant application in the amount of \$80,000 for repairs to their building located at 340 Outwater Lane: Veteran Services Officer David Castro, VFW Members John Dukes, Angel Quiles and Robert Pollack.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed Property Maintenance Issues.

PARADE DAY PARADE FOR SOFTBALL, BASEBALL AND T-BALL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Opening Day Parade for all Spring Sports Leagues to be held, Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The Parade will commence in front of the Garfield Boys and Girls Club at 490 Midland Avenue, travel to Elizabeth Street to Twentieth Century Field. The Welcoming Ceremony will be held at the Girls Softball Field and during the Boys and Girls Club Baseball Opening.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Feral Cats Ordinance.
2. The Complete Streets Policy.
3. The Recent Meeting he had with NJ Transit Officials concerning suggested changes in the bus route on Palisade Avenue.
4. The recent Joint Insurance Fund Conference that he attended.
5. The turning of the street lights by 90 degrees along River Drive from the Outwater Lane Bridge north to the Elmwood Park border so that passing trucks are less likely to strike and damaged the street lights.

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. Insurance Money reserved for damage to Fire House No. One during Superstorm Sandy.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

At 7:50 PM, Deputy Mayor Tana Ramond arrived at the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

6. The letter he sent to owners of used car lots who have abandoned vehicles on their property and the deadline to remove the vehicles before they receive a summons.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 14-190

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 7:55 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 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 empowerment of the alternate side of the street ticket issuer and City Police Officers to enforce the City Property Maintenance Code; Garfield VFW Community Development Grant denial).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (English Paving vs. the City of Garfield).
- * 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; (the hearing to be held in May concerning the termination of Zoning Officer Frederick Krowl; request for leave of absence by Police Officer Gregory Drelich; arbitrator selection for out of assignment Police grievance; provisional appointments by the City Manager of Police Sergeants).

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.

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CLOSED SESSION

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK