

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 12:05 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Tana M. Raymond 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, fax and email 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, Joseph Delaney, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond

Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch and City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica

PUBLIC HEARING ON GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE HOBART PLACE PARK IMPROVEMENT FOR A DOG PARK AND ACQUISITION OF LAND

City Manager Thomas J. Duch explained the City's grant application to the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Hobart Place Park Improvement for a Dog Park and acquisition of Block 7.02, Lot 1.02. Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello also offered some history concerning the project. Mayor Tana M. Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any questions, comments or objections. There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15-365

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund"), provides grants to municipal governments for assistance in the acquisition of lands for open space conservation parkland purposes and outdoor recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant of \$300,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Acquisition of Land for Hobart Place Dog Park; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, the County Program Open Space Policy and Procedures Manual, and the open space application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body held a public hearing on September 1, 2015 at 12 Noon to receive comments prior to the submission of said application(s); and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project(s); and,

WHEREAS, if the applicant is successful in acquiring said project through the use of a County Trust Fund grant, then the applicant will permanently preserve said project for open space conservation and/or outdoor recreation purposes through a recorded deed of easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by this year's deadline established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the applicant has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and,
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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On call of roll, Ayes 3,  
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 15-366

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Daniel Ruggini of 84 Summit Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular member, effective August 3, 2015,  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Joseph Delaney

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street and Mr. Dennis Serritella, 9 Garden Court North spoke on PBA Local No. 46 Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK