

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:15 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 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 Tana M. Raymond

Councilmembers Absent: 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 Bruno), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The funds that are still available for the City for the Community Development Grant Awards for the Fleishers Brook Cleanup and for the Pierre Avenue Improvement.
2. The Lien Filing Process in connection with Property Maintenance Violations.
3. The recent meeting that he and City Engineer Boswell had with representatives of Maridia Capodaglia Property for the Redevelopment of the Sketchley Services/Eastern Overall Property at the south end of Walnut Street.
4. Today's meeting that he and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi had with representatives of PSE&G regarding improvements to the transformer site on River Drive near the intersection of Lizette Street.
5. The 4% water rate increase by the Passaic Valley Water Commission.
6. The re-examination of the Master Plan which is being reviewed by the Planning Board.
7. Employee Health Benefits which will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.
8. The Police Officer Promotions Ceremony to be held at the beginning of tonight's Council meeting at 8:00 PM.
9. The additional \$156,224.00 in Pension contributions that the State is requiring the City to pay.
10. The hiring of three new police officers.
11. The recent grant procurement meeting he and other City Officials had with former Rutherford Mayor and former Bergen County Freeholder Bernadette McPherson of Millennium Strategies.
12. The NW Financial Group Refinancing Plan of City debt going back 5-6 years at an interest rate of 4%-5%. Interest rates are lower now to refinance and save the City about \$200,000.00 over 20 years.
13. The 2014 Report of Activities of the City Building Department and Illegal Housing.
14. The Redevelopment Project at the intersection of River Drive and Outwater Lane and the proposed ground breaking ceremony for the final building at the site to be held in about a month or so from now.

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15. Coremark, the Developer at River Drive and Outwater Lane, would like the brick sign for “Mill Shoppers of Garfield” to be 20’ to 25’ high, since they will have more tenants than expected.
16. The DMR Architects Press Release concerning the progress regarding the new Police Station.

City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 13, 2015.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The resolution regarding the Borough of Paramus and DPW Vehicle Repair.

Councilmember Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. The heating unit of Fire House No. One located at 97 Midland Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-5

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 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (the power point presentation proposal presented to representatives of PBA Local No. 46 and their Attorney Richard Lockke during Collective Bargaining Negotiations which is available at the offices of Dieter Lerch, the City Auditor).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (the financial difficulties that City Recycling contractor Future Sanitation is experiencing and the proposed assignment of the contract to Bella Carting and Contracting; proposed retirement negotiations with Police Chief Kevin Amos; Kipp Avenue Pumping Station litigation).
- \* 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; (alleged abuse of sick time by members of the Department of Public Works and the one day suspension that was handed out to several employees).

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 Delaney

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Louis G. Aloia

Work Session January 13, 2015, Continued

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:40 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK