

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:50 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Deputy Mayor Glenn A. Mati 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 and Glenn A. Mati
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney and 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) and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

PUBLIC OFFICIALS TRAINING SESSION

The City Council and Cabinet were presented a Public Officials Training Session by Insurance Risk Manager Frank Covelli of Professional Insurance Associates, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072. The City receives a \$250.00 credit against the annual J.I.F. Assessment per Councilmember or Chief Operating Officer (City Manager) who complete the class.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-62

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 5:55 P.M. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 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; (Insurance Risk Strategies – Public Officials Training Session by Insurance Risk Manager Frank Covelli of Professional Insurance Associates).

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 3, Absent 2 -
Councilmembers Delaney and Raymond

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Frank J. Calandriello

ARRIVAL OF MAYOR RAYMOND

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session during Closed Session, assumed her seat at the head of the Conference Room Table and chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

SAINT PADDY'S DAY FESTIVAL

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 6:30 PM, the City Council and Cabinet met with Marc Hesani and Larry Preschel of Blackjack Mulligan's, 279 Passaic Street, concerning a proposed Saint Paddy's Day Festival on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from Noon to 6:00 PM to be held outside their restaurant on Clark Street.

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ARRIVAL OF CITY AUDITOR LERCH AND
INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 6:35 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

LA FESTIVA ITALIANA

The City Council and Cabinet met with Vincent Leto concerning La Festiva Italiana scheduled to be held Thursday, August 13, 2015 through Sunday, August 16, 2015, on streets surrounding the property of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, located near the intersection of Frederick Street and Mac Arthur Avenue.

2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2015 Municipal Budget.

ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 7:05 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Resident Parking Sticker Program.
2. The leasing of the old Fire Truck of Garfield Fire Company No. Four by the Hackensack Fire Department.

EXIT OF CITY AUDITOR LERCH

At 7:25 PM, City Auditor Dieter Lerch left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3. The meeting he had today with representatives of United Water regarding concerns with noise and odor from the Hydro Electro Power Plant by the Dundee Dam, should the plant become operational.
4. The Greater Bergen Community Action Dinner honoring U.S. Senator Cory Booker and U.S. Senator Bob Menendez scheduled to be held on March 27, 2015 at The Terrace in Paramus.
5. Garfield High School Principal Dora D'Amico regarding support with the Initiatives Committee.
6. The Garfield Rotary Club Beefsteak to be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 honoring Recreation Director Tony Furfaro.
7. The Dinner honoring Lodi Borough Manager Tony Luna on March 7, 2015 at the Venetian.

TOWING ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Robert Benanti of Bob's Automotive regarding proposed amendments to the City Towing Ordinance, codified as Chapter 310 in the City Code.

Work Session February 24, 2015, Continued

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated February 24, 2015.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:45 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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- * 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 Collective Bargaining negotiations).
- * 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 charging a fee for a Resident Parking Sticker).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; Retired DPW Supervisor George Masiak Comp Time compensation request; proposed settlement of English Paving vs the City lawsuit).
- * 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; (Workers Compensation hearing in connection with the grievance filed by Police Officer Everett Garnto; pay grievance filed by City Manager Office Employee Lisa Sokulski).

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 Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK