

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:45 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, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia and 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 and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO RAISE THE AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Karen Blumenthal, the Executive Director of GASP (Global Advisors Smokefree Policy), 7 Cedar Street, Suite A, Summit, New Jersey 07901, and the following individuals concerning a proposed ordinance to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products to Persons Under the Age of Twenty – One (21) : Garfield Prevention Coalition Coordinator Eileen Fitzmaurice and Emilija Gligoroska (Co-Chair) and EPIC Members Kenneth Ramos and Justine Acevedo.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The City Council and Cabinet briefly discussed the proposed appointment of New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue 15C Hillside Place, Lodi, New Jersey 07644, as an Animal Control Officer for the City of Garfield.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Bergen County League of Municipalities Meeting scheduled to be held tomorrow, March 11, 2015, that he plans to attend at the Arena Diner in Hackensack.
2. The Community Development meeting scheduled to be held March 12, 2015 for grant applications at the Bergen County Administration Building in Hackensack.
3. Direct and Install is a program that has installed new interior lighting and air conditioning units in the different Fire Houses.
4. The plans being made for the 2015 Memorial Day Parade in the City. The Special Events Committee is meeting tonight to discuss this matter.
5. The lengthy communication received from the County concerning the culverts over Fleisher's Brook and if the City or the County is responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the culverts.
6. The acquisition of salt for use during snow storms.
7. Right to Know/Hazardous Communications and the need to update all the City paperwork in the City Buildings and the Fire Houses.
8. The Citizens Liaison Committee headed by Pastor Arthur Bryant and the proposed "meet and greet" event to be held Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Garfield Boys and Girls Club located at 490 Midland Avenue.

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Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. Request for more of a police presence on Jewell Street in the early evening into the late evening.

City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated March 10, 2015.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

9. The request for proposals solicited from the City boards for services to the City.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-94

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 7:25 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 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; (Blue Collar and White Collar 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; (alleged ticket blitz by two experienced police officers who are partners on patrol; gun of retired Garfield Police Officer Gregory Drelich allegedly being stolen on February 26, 2015 from the Garfield Police Station evidence room).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed settlement of English Paving vs the City lawsuit; Kipp Avenue lawsuit; proposed retirement negotiations with Police Chief Kevin Amos).
- * 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; (Police Sergeant who filed a grievance claiming he acted 47 days as a Police Lieutenant; resignation of Garfield Police Officer Patrick Sajewicz).

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 Aloia and Delaney

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Tana M. Raymond

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:55 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session in Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

Work Session March 10, 2015, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney 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