

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 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: Louis G. Aloia, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello 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), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

ELECTIONS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed ordinance to move the Municipal Election from May to November and the proposed resolution to move the Board of Education Election from April to November.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The PSE&G Energy Strong Improvement Project will add 1,700 new services in the City over and above the new lines. PSE&G will have to repave the streets of much of the City.
2. The video camera equipment for video conferencing for the processing of prisoners in the Council Chamber/Court Room in City Hall at a cost of \$9,000.00. With this new system, the Prisoners would not have to be brought from the jail to City Hall for processing.
3. The thank you note sent by Meals with a Mission for help with their Casino Night fundraising event.
4. The "Police Chief for the Day" Program will be held in City Hall on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 9:00 AM.
5. The mass for Monsignor William Reilly to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of his ordination as a Priest will be held at noon on Sunday, May 31, 2015 with dinner to follow at 3:30 PM at Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church on Marsellus Place.
6. Proposed amendments to the City Code regulating Mobile Food Handlers Licenses.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO AND LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:55 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello and Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7. The \$75,000 grant for a generator to be used both by City Hall at 111 Outwater Lane and Fire House No. Four at 97 Outwater Lane in case of an emergency.
8. The proposed opening of City Hall at Night for Parking Stickers from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the possibility of keeping the Recycling Center at 409 Midland Avenue open on a Saturday.
9. The thank yous that were received by the Mayor and Council for their support regarding the Memorial Day Parade. The enthusiasm of the young people was encouraging and the turnout was just amazing.

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BODY CAMERA FOR GARFIELD POLICE OFFICERS

Police Officer Brian Porco exhibited how the Garfield Police Department is implementing the deployment of the body cameras for Garfield Police Officers.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated May 26, 2015.
2. The status of the Meridia Capodagli Transit Crossing Residential Redevelopment Project located at the east end of Schley Street and the south end of Walnut Street. The Performance Bond has been set up.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-225

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 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 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; (collective bargaining negotiations with PBA Local No. 46; White Collar and Blue 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; (handgun permit application of retired Garfield Police Officer Gregory Drelich).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; Frederick Krowl vs. the City of Garfield; Ellen Heine vs. the City of Garfield; proposed resolution and ordinance to move April School Board elections to November and May City Council elections to November).

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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

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ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK