

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Nicole A. Ogrosso of Boswell Engineering 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 renewal of the contract with the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission for \$25,200 a year.
2. The Arabica Coffee Company was issued a summons on May 15, 2015 and the matter is scheduled to be heard in Garfield Municipal Court on June 29, 2015. The Bergen County Health Department was called in and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection came in and conducted an inspection of the facility. There is a certain filtration device that needs to be installed there and they were given a period of time to apply for the permit. It seems that they were in Department of Environmental Protection compliance when they opened more than ten years ago, but they are not in compliance now. They could be fined for up to \$10,000 for non-compliance so that is why there is expectation that they will get in compliance.
3. The request by Police Chief Kevin Amos for additional police officers. There will be no hiring prior to finalization of the collective bargaining with PBA Local No. 46.
4. The City Engineer and the County will be present for all future meetings held each Thursday in City Hall regarding the PSE&G Energy Strong Program. There is a need to coordinate this project especially in regard to County Roads to maximize as much paving of City streets as possible.
5. The Green Acres Grant awarded to the City for \$1,100,000 requires an equal match from the City, so he will apply to Bergen County Open Space to leverage as much money as possible. The City will apply for permanent canopy dugouts and an astro turf field for Twentieth Century Field.
6. New School No. 10 on Marsellus Place needs a catch basin across from Holy Name Church to Harrison Avenue at a cost of about \$60,000. He would like to make that catch basin a part of the Road Improvement Streetscape Project.

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City Engineer Representative Nicole A. Ogrosso reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated June 23, 2015.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

7. Richard Loveless from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is attempting to assist in addressing the deterioration of the property by the hole in the fence by Fleishcer's Brook at the Middle School off Lanza Avenue.
8. The return of Future Sanitation in providing Recycling Collection Services for the City.
9. The cost of the new Video Screen to Video Conference the processing of prisoners will be \$8,400.00. The Municipal Court has approved \$4,200.00 in fine money towards the project.
10. Proposed improvements to the roof of Fire House No. Three on Gaston Avenue.
11. As part of the Redevelopment Agreement with the City of Garfield, James Demetrakis, the Developer of HP Garfield at 950 River Drive, has commenced the plans for the new Police Station. The new plans for the station are 3,000 square feet bigger than the plans for the prior building. There is a spread sheet analysis of what Mr. Demetrakis agreed to in regard to the construction of the Police Station and what is being planned.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-243

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, June 23, 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; (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; (Police Investigation involving school girls who were ordered by a boy to beat up another girl; proposed relocation of Police Department to the "Price Rite" site at 59 Outwater Lane until the new Police Station is constructed; ABC Disciplinary hearing of Bania U Cygana, 175 Jewell Street).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; proposed settlement of Kipp Avenue lawsuit; proposed settlement of Frederick Krowl 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; (proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; disciplinary matter involving Police Officer Marriggi Lopez; Resolution of DPW employee Kenneth Robertson matter).

Work Session June 23, 2015, Continued

CLOSED SESSION

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) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:30 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 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK