

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:05 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, fax and email 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 Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-040-002, from Drazek, Inc. t/a BJ's Polonia (Joseph Drazek, 126 Ray Street, Garfield, NJ 07026 – who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation and Barbara Drazek, Route 1 PO Box 98C, Clarton, NC 28433 – who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation) to Sai Dhristy, LLC, (Rajendrakumar R. Patel, 27 Miller Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 – who will own 67% of the shares of the corporation and Gaurangkumar J. Patel, 27 Miller Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 – who will own 33% of the shares of the corporation), for licensed premise located at 126 Ray Street, Garfield, NJ 07026, t/a BJ's Polonia

Attorney Gary Zalarick, Esq., with law offices located at 262 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, was present, along with the applicants.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following representatives of Conner Strong and Buckelew, 231 Main Street, PO Box 2017, Toms River, New Jersey 08754 concerning Employee Health Benefits Coverage:

Diane Peterson, Vice President, Consultant, Employee Benefits Consulting and Regina Garber, Senior Associate Consultant, Employee Benefits Consulting.

ARRIVAL OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 6:15 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Official Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session. At 6:40 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed establishment of a restaurant with a liquor license in the Redevelopment Zone on River Drive, Outwater Lane, Jewell Street, and Columbus Avenue and whether there are any objections from Councilmembers.
2. Proposed projects for applications for Community Redevelopment Grants.
3. The proposed appointment of Councilmember Delaney to Bergen County Community Development.
4. The request for a guard rail at 209 Semel Avenue due to numerous vehicle accidents at that intersection with vehicles colliding with the retaining wall necessitating the property owner to incur an expense to repair the wall.
5. The new evening hours for the Resident Parking Sticker office on Tuesday nights when the Council meets.

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6. Water Capital Bond Ordinances.
7. The need to vacate three “paper streets” in Twentieth Century Field.
8. The sewer line at 40 Beech Street, has no issue in the main line, but there appears to be an issue in the lateral. There appears to be a need for fencing along the City-owned Salt Shed Property. A discussion ensued on alleged property maintenance issues at 40 Beech Street.
9. The utility pole on Outwater Lane between Jewell Street and River Drive, which has pavers placed around it. From that pole are four underground conduits under the ground and they are unsightly and should be removed.
10. The meeting with representatives of PSE&G held this past Thursday and the schedule to repave streets during the next few months.
11. The Redevelopment classes he will be attending relating to Redevelopment

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-367

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 7:20 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 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 representatives).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Police Officer Mariggi Lopez vs the City; proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos).

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 Calandriello and Delaney

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBERS DELANEY AND CALANDRIELLO

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

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 8:10 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney left the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

Work Session September 8, 2015, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 9:10 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session, Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK