

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:20 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: 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 and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Dr. Ajay Gandhi regarding City Council endorsement of a Community Development grant application in the amount of \$55,000.00 for an elevator and handicapped accessibility improvements to the Hindu Community Center located at 1 Gaston Avenue.

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 6:35 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Disciplinary Charges against Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-055-005 held by Danuta Steczyk and Stanislaw Wojdat for licensed premises located at 175 Jewell Street, t/a Bania U Cygana.

Also present was Attorney Henry Walentowicz with law offices located at 1035 US 46, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, as well as the defendants Danuta Steczyk and Stanislaw Wojdat who entered a plea of Non Vult to the charges that on May 10, 2015, the Licensee sold alcoholic beverages after the legal hour in violation of NJAC 13:2-38.1-2 and Chapter 73-17AB of the City Code of the City of Garfield.

In exchange for the Plea of Non Vult to the aforementioned charges, the Licensee received a warning against future violations.

RETURN OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 6:50 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch returned to the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-383

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 6:50 P.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 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; (meetings with PBA Local No. 46 representatives Dennis Serritella, Everett Garnto and Sean Delahanty re: finalization of Police contract).

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- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (consideration of placement of Police Bus on Passaic Street near barber shop on Palisade Avenue).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Police Officer Pedro Gongora vs City proposed settlement; Police Officers Christopher Strabone/William Houck proposed settlement; Police Officer Mariggi Lopez vs City alleged discrimination lawsuit; proposed Kipp Avenue lawsuit settlement; New Concepts for Living settlement resolution; settlement of Frederick Krowl vs the City; proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; negotiations for cell tower space at 97 Outwater Lane).
- * 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 promotion or salary enhancement of DPW employees Rick Cangialosi and John Lord; Building Department response to the Public).

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

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 Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK