

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 13, 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, 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/Deputy City Manager 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, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

WAWA STORE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Mr. Scott Kent, WaWa Regional Operations Manager and Ms. Shelia Raczkowski, Garfield WaWa Store Manager, regarding the WaWa Store on the corner of Columbus Avenue and Jewell Street.

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street, said that since the opening of the WaWa, it has been nothing but a nightmare. He spoke on the quality of the air from the heavy apparatus that come in to be fueled up. He said that at least two or three times, the garbage truck has come at 2:30 in the morning. He said that tractor trailers pull in for deliveries and are idling and idling for hours. He said that there are people waxing cars and sitting in lawn chairs. He said that people are loitering. He said that there were people in four cars, waxing their cars at four in the morning with music playing. He said that garbage blows across Columbus Avenue. He said that there are cars that congregate at all times and car headlights shine into neighbor's yards setting off light sensors, making dogs bark. He said that the kids sit on top of electrical boxes at night and they fist fight. He said that from 11:00 PM to 4:00 AM, motorcycles and cars speed down Columbus Avenue and Jewell Street. He said that he requests that WaWa put up a six foot fence with landscaping to eliminate high beams and the amount of garbage that blows across Columbus Avenue and he highly recommends a 360 degree security camera be installed. He said that he wants to make sure that the WaWa are good neighbors and that property values do not go down.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 7:00 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Best Practices Worksheet.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:15 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FIELD

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed improvements to Twentieth Century Field.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. To allow for proper settlement, most of the PSE&G repaving of City streets will need to wait until the spring.

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2. The reconstructed Recreation Center Stairway at 466 Midland Avenue did not meet the Building Code and had to be knocked down and a landing had to be put in at a cost of \$8,000.00. The builder should have known better and is crediting the City all of the money. They will need to rework the sidewalk since the stairs are 4' further out.

Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. City Manager Thomas J. Duch has met with the administrators of the Bergen County Open Space Trust Program in an effort to continue pursuing grant funding to purchase the Hobart Place Playground. He has also spoken again with Robert DiVito of Urban Edge Properties who has advised that the City's request for the donation of the land is working its way through the corporation.
2. The City of Hackensack Fire Department has advised that the ladder truck that Garfield had loaned them, is in need of approximately \$10,000 in repairs. Hackensack is prepared to make these repairs as long as Garfield is prepared to grant them title to the vehicle. In exchange for the title, Garfield would be given immediate access to the truck in the event the Garfield ladder truck is disabled or out of service. Hackensack will not make the repairs unless the truck title is given to them. If the truck is returned, Garfield would need to make the repairs to make the truck marketable.
3. Last year, a number of Councilmembers expressed to City Manager Duch, their desire to have the health insurance consultant position advertised with prospective consultants responding to a Request for Qualifications. An "RFQ" is being prepared by Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-416

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 7:40 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Family Health Insurance coverage vs. Husband/Wife health insurance coverage for retirees pursuant to the law and contract).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (New Concepts for Living; proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; proposed settlement of Police Officer Pedro Gongora vs. the City; proposed settlement of Police Officer Christopher Strabone vs. the City; Police Officer Marigiggi Lopez vs. the City).

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) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

Work Session October 13, 2015, Continued

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK