

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 27, 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, 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 and Tana M. Raymond  
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney and Glenn A. Mati  
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, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia Gallagher regarding a proposed City Council endorsement of a Bergen County Community Development grant application in the amount of \$226,530.00 for interior and masonry work at their building located at 33 Outwater Lane.

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a proposed City Council endorsement of a Bergen Community Development grant application for the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Teen Initiative Program.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed \$2,500.00 for the Thunder Boys Baseball Traveling Team.
2. A proposed agreement with a company to perform an audit of monthly utility bills with a portion of the savings going to the company.
3. The David Piscitelli appeal of the Zoning Board of Adjustment decision concerning the R-1A Zone on First Street.
4. The interest by Mr. John Prelich in being a member of the proposed Gang Task Force Committee.
5. The report from Police Chief Kevin Amos concerning police officers walking on Palisade Avenue and Passaic Street. The Police bus will continue to go out and provide a police presence in the neighborhood.
6. The hiring by the Borough of Wallington of a Full Time Court Administrator resulting in the conclusion of the Shared Service Agreement between Garfield and Wallington.
7. The purchase of safety equipment for the Department of Public Works.
8. Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations.
9. The preliminary discussions with the White Collar Collective Bargaining Unit.
10. Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato inquired on how receptive the City Council would be to a pre-fabricated/mobile school at the old School No. Two site at the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Botany Street, which is owned by the City.
11. The three ordinances being introduced vacating paper streets in Twentieth Century Field.

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12. Enforcement of the Abandoned Properties Ordinances

Councilmember Louis G. Aloia reported on the following:

1. The possible acquisition of property at Palisade Avenue and Monroe Street for use as a substation of the Police Department and City Parking Authority.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

13. The Green Acres Grant Application concerning Twentieth Century Field.
14. The Proposed cleanup of Fleischer's Brook.
15. Safe Routes to Schools bids were estimated to come in at \$280,000.00 but they came in at \$320,000. There may be a need to reject the bids and reduce the scope of the project.
16. The grants course he will be attending regarding Safe Routes to School.
17. Proposed bike racks to be located at Garfield High School and the Middle School because students are locking bikes to City sign posts.
18. The meeting he had with PSE&G construction supervisors and Police Captain Ronald Polonkay to move the barriers at River Drive and Outwater Lane back to open up an additional lane on River Drive southbound. The need for PSE&G to commence paving streets for the roads that have been completed in regard to the Energy Strong Program was also discussed.

JEWELL STREET FIRE OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015

The City Council and Cabinet met with families displaced by the 103-105 Jewell Street fire that happened on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-427

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 7:25 P.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 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; (vicious dog/pitbull that allegedly ripped a dog to shreds and bit a child near 89 Spring Street; patient who allegedly held Dr. Kenneth Conte hostage for 27 minutes until police arrived; demolition of Recreation Center stairs at 466 Midland Avenue).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (DPW employees Christopher Pagon and David Gonzalez discrimination complaint; proposed settlement of Christopher Strabone and William

CLOSED SESSION

Houck vs the City; Police Officer Everett Garnto vs the Police Department and Police Chief Kevin Amos; Police Officer Mariggi Lopez vs the City; providing space for Brimar employees off Outwater Lane during the winter).

- \* 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: (Robert Schultz providing services 5 days a week instead of a couple of days a week in the Building Department).

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 Delaney and Mati

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO  
AND ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:45 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session during Closed Session and Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session during Closed Session. It was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session, Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK