

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:25 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 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), and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Redeveloper's expected contribution to the construction of a new Police Station.
2. The City Engineer dispute with the proposed laundromat at 45 Outwater Lane concerning sewer fees.
3. The resignation letters he received from four firefighters from Fire Company No. Two.
4. The meeting he had today in Hackensack with Bergen County Executive James Tedesco regarding the proposed Redevelopment of the Passaic Street/ First Ward area.

#### ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL AND COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:30 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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5. The body shop on the corner of Belmont Avenue and River Drive are parking cars off their property and they appeared in court today and were fined \$1,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. The need to assess unlawful dwelling fines.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

6. The proposed resolution appointing Deputy Mayor Mati as City Council Liaison to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department.
7. P.B.A. Local No. 46 President Dennis Serritella would like the Off Duty Police Ordinance to be amended and spelled out in more detail.
8. The County Executive invited Mayor Raymond to a Mayor's Matters event which is a question and answer style kickoff breakfast to meet your advocates. It is scheduled to be held at Met Life Stadium on January 14, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM.
9. The Meals with a Mission "Fill an Empty Plate for a Family in Need" program. A \$5.00 donation feeds a family for a week.
10. The fliers that were being put out around town that read "Water Contamination Alert" from the Tapwater Research Group. The City Manager will put out a reverse 9-1-1 call to refute this flier.
11. The proposed increasing of City Water Rates.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The suspected loss of water due to a water line break into the Saddle River in the Primex Plastics area at or near 85 River Drive.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:00 PM Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

12. The Streetscape grant with the TAP money and how the lights on Passaic Street are leased by PSE&G so it is their responsibility to maintain them. He did an inventory and compiled a list of broken lights and drafted a letter to ask PSE&G to repair the broken lights.

Deputy Mayor Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

2. He met with the City Manager and Babe Ruth League representatives along with representatives from P.S.E. & G. regarding excessive bills the Babe Ruth League received. The meter had not been read for years and when it was finally read, they owed a tremendous amount of money. They were billed at the highest rate but the Public Service representatives agreed to bill them at the appropriate rate and they will receive a credit for the overbilling. The Babe Ruth League seemed satisfied with the results of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-467

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 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 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; (Blue Collar Collective bargaining negotiations; White Collar 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; (possible lawsuit re: Primex Plastics water leak on in the area of 85 River Drive).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (letter of retirement and signed agreement from the Police Chief Kevin Amos; possible lawsuit re: Primex Plastics water leak in the area of 85 River Drive).
- \* 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: (issues with Department of Public Works Personnel; letter of retirement and signed agreement from Police Chief Kevin Amos).

Work Session December 8, 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 5

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Joseph Delaney

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK