

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 8:20 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Tana M. Raymond presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting 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 John Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John J. Bruno), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell AND Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

MINUTES

Councilmember Mati moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Work	Session	-	September	8,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	September	8,	2015
Special	Meeting	-	September	18,	2015
Work	Session	-	September	22,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	September	22,	2015
Work	Session	-	October	13,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	October	13,	2015
Work	Session	-	October	27,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	October	27,	2015
Work	Session	-	November	10,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	November	10,	2015
Work	Session	-	November	24,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	November	24,	2015
Work	Session	-	December	8,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	December	8,	2015
Regular	Meeting	-	December	22,	2015
Firematic	Meeting	-	January	7,	2016
Work	Session	-	January	12,	2016
Regular	Meeting	-	January	12,	2016
Special	Meeting	-	January	19,	2016
Work	Session	-	January	26,	2016
Regular	Meeting	-	January	26,	2016
Work	Session	-	February	9,	2016
Regular	Meeting	-	February	9,	2016
Work	Session	-	February	23,	2016
Regular	Meeting	-	February	23,	2016
Work	Session	-	March	8,	2016
Regular	Meeting	-	March	8,	2016

Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Aloia moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

City Manager Thomas J. Duch explained the 2016 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget and asked if there were anyone present to speak for or against the introduced Budget or had any questions or comments regarding the same.

Mr. Fess Logan, 316 Malcolm Avenue, asked if there is any money in the Budget for a basketball court.

There being no further discussion on the 2016 Municipal Budget, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Aleisa Logan, 316 Malcolm Avenue, spoke on Dahnert’s Lake County Park and the proposed location of a basketball court in Twentieth Century Field.

Ms. Shelia Kelly, 201 Malcolm Avenue, said there seems to be less care in finances in recreation and some thought should be given to improve athletics. She said that that saves a lot of kids. She said that the City has to fill in that gap and put up more basketball courts.

Mr. Fess Logan, 316 Malcolm Avenue, said the City should pay extra money to get better coaches.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-136

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF MALCOLM AVENUE BETWEEN ELIZABETH STREET AND ARNOT STREET AS “JOHN PIERCE LOGAN WAY”

WHEREAS, during Black History Month in February of this year, the family of Mr. John Pierce Logan was presented the “Drum Major for Justice Award” in recognition of his fight for civil rights within the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, it is important to pay tribute to the contributions of African-American men and women who have paved the way for all of us to continue the righteous path of making America what it should be – a Nation that is more just and more equal for all its people,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the portion of Malcolm Avenue between Elizabeth Street and Arnot Street is hereby named John Pierce Logan Way.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Ms. Benita Logan said that her father would be very proud and the family is grateful for the recognition that was given him tonight.

Resolution No. 16-137

WHEREAS, the residents of Garfield hosted a Black History Month Celebration in February 2016 at the Garfield Free Public Library, and

WHEREAS, as part of this on-going celebration, the following students are hereby publicly recognized with the following 2016 Black History Awards:

- Noah G. Lewis: Young, Gifted and Black Award
- Malacki Aaron Johnson –Dye: Humanitarian Award
- Isaiah Johnson: Athletic Award
- Layla Arianna Williams: Academic Honors
- Arris Kali George: Academic Honors
- Tyrell Manuel – Weekes: Academic Honors
- Andre Jalen Manuel – Weekes: Academic Honors
- Zhane’ Ball: Academic Honors,

RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City hereby pays tribute to those young African-American students who are setting an example for others, with expectations to follow, and to continue the righteous path of making America what it should be a Nation that is more just and more equal for all its people.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-138

WHEREAS, Shiva Shakti Center of North America, located at 92 Pierre Avenue in Garfield, is celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of their Shiva Shakti Temple with activities from April 29 to May 1, 2016, and

WHEREAS, this Celebration is a religious ceremony in which prayers are performed on Hindu deities in the form of individual statues, and

WHEREAS, this event will be filled with various festivities such as prayers, song, dance, food and much more,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that April 29 to May 1, 2016 is hereby PROCLAIMED

SHIVA SHAKTI CENTER OF NORTH AMERICA WEEKEND

in the City of Garfield and all citizens are encouraged to recognize and participate as they celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of their temple in the City of Garfield.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-139

WHEREAS, the Garfield Board of Education and the James A. Garfield Early Childhood Learning Center, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 24-30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Preschool Program is working to improve early learning opportunities, which are crucial to the growth and development of young children, and to building better futures for everyone in the City of Garfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Preschool Program has formulated a collaborative partnership between parents, educators and caregivers to offer a quality early childhood education program to our youngest students as evidences by the success of our community and the ability for the City of Garfield, to be a great place to raise children; and

WHEREAS, early childhood professionals and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in the City of Garfield, deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing and supporting the people, program and policies that are committed to high-quality early childhood education as the right choice for children as they lay the foundation for a child's future successes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the "Week of the Young Child" in the City of Garfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Garfield City Council pays tribute to the Garfield Board of Education and the Garfield Preschool Program for its dedication and commitment to all its Preschool Students and extends best wishes for continued success.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-140

WHEREAS, Jimmy LaRose, the owner of Barcelona's Restaurant at 38 Harrison Avenue in Garfield, celebrated his 80th Birthday on Friday, April 1, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Jimmy has owned Barcelona's for forty-six years and the Restaurant has been in the Family for eighty-five years, and

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, Jimmy has been married to his wife, Elaine, for 54 years, and they have three children, Jimmy, Chris and Patricia, and three grandchildren, Kaitlan, Allison, Hannah, Tyler and Daniel, and

WHEREAS, Jimmy works a lot, but enjoys his Family and everyone loves the New Jersey Devils hockey team and, in addition, are big fans of Disney World,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that JIMMY LA ROSE is hereby wished a Happy 80th Birthday and offered continued good health and happiness for many more birthdays to come.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-141

SUPPORT TO DENY PAROLE FOR CHRISTOPHER RIGHETTI

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1976, Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford, Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally assaulted and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner # 59431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has gone many times before the Parole Board of Northern State Prison. His release was denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Kim's family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They are forced to travel long distances from their current residence in Florida each time there is a parole hearing for their daughter's killer. They continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti's account; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of the Montelaro Family, the City of Garfield hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. If a future eligibility date is set, we urge the Board to select a date at least 35 years from now. The abduction, rape and murder of an innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing that their daughter's murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garfield hereby abides by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and be made to serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, Keep NJ Safe, and to Chairman James T. Plousis of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-142

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OUTDOOR CAFÉ

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2529, an outdoor café may be operated provided, however, that an application be made to the Mayor and Council in accordance with the aforementioned Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Krigla's Brewery, LLC, t/a Bistro 399 has made an application to the Mayor and Council for outdoor café approval; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council and the Office of the City Clerk and it has been determined that all requirements of the aforesaid Ordinance have been complied with; and

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the above described Applicant has also made application to the Mayor and Council for a person to person and place to place liquor license transfer since the description of the “licensed premises” will change as a result of the request for an outdoor café license; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it would be in the best interest of the City of Garfield to approve said outdoor café application subject to the terms, conditions and obligations set forth in Ordinance No. 2529.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The outdoor café license (site plan waiver) on behalf of Krigla Brewery, LLC t/a Bistro 399 be and is hereby approved.
2. The approval herein shall be for premises located at 399 Midland Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey.
3. The approval of this license shall be contingent upon approval of the Applicant’s person to person and place to place liquor license transfer for the same area.
4. The approval granted herein shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions and obligations set forth in Ordinance No. 2529 and, furthermore, shall be subject to the reasonable directions and obligations imposed by the Office of the City Manager, Building Department and/or Police Department of the City of Garfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Garfield Restaurant Corp, the City Attorney, the Garfield Police Department and the Garfield Building Department.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, (Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 16-143

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Games of Skill for the year 2016 described in application, duly filed:

MVP’s	1 Pool Table	\$	75.00
402 River Drive	1 Juke Box		50.00
Garfield, NJ 07026	1Mega Touch		50.00
		\$	<u>175.00</u>

On call of roll, Ayes 4, (Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-144

WHEREAS, Can Wash Laundromat, 18 Plauderville Avenue filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2016, and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Can Wash Laundromat, for the year 2016.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, (Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-145

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted Mohammad Gomez of 191 Palisade Avenue Apt 2, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member effective March 23, 2016,

RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 1 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

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

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 16-146

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Alina Gunia of 32 Orchard Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member effective March 7, 2016,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-147

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Rebecca Scalia, 7 Spring Garden Lane, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Christopher Shupenko.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-148

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Dolores Marsh, 142 Plauderville Avenue, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Christopher Shupenko.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 149

WHEREAS, Alexandra Alba, on behalf of her mother, Carmen G Iulo, 210 Cambridge Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1556670, has filed an application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the east curb line of Cambridge Avenue commencing 62 feet south of the intersection of Cambridge Avenue and Van Winkle Avenue and run an additional 23 feet south from that point.

RESOLUTIONS

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-150

WHEREAS, Patricia A Amaro, 23 Prospect Street 2nd floor, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1534441, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the west curb line of Prospect Street commencing 61 feet north of the intersection of Prospect Street and Liberty Street and run an additional 20 feet north from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-151

A Resolution Authorizing A Purchase Order To Calgon Carbon Corporation To Provide For The Installation And Monthly Rental For A Model 10 Single Vessel Granular Activated Filter System at Well 1A.

WHEREAS, Well 1A is an essential asset of the City of Garfield which provides safe drinking water to approximately 30,000 people, and;

WHEREAS, recent testing noted an exceedance of certain contaminants above NJDEP regulatory standards, and;

WHEREAS, this well was voluntarily removed from service on February 23, 2016 by the Mayor and Council of the City, and;

WHEREAS, it is essential to place this well back into service in full compliance with NJDEP regulations on an expedited basis, and;

WHEREAS, Calgon Carbon Corporation provided a proposal for a temporary treatment system on March 14, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has determined an emergent condition exists and the immediate reactivation must be initiated without public bidding, and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City has determined there are sufficient funds in the appropriate accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Calgon Carbon Corporation is hereby awarded a contract for a granular activated Model 10 System for an initial placement fee of \$41,400.00, a monthly rental fee of \$2,800.00 per month and a demobilization fee of \$9,200.00 until such time as a permanent system can implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to provide the necessary coordination for NJDEP approvals for a fee not to exceed \$8,000.00.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-152

A Resolution Authorizing Engineering Design and Environmental Permitting Services in Connection With the Restoration of Fleischer’s Brook.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield received a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$215,000.00 and additional joint grants from NJDEP to be shared with the Borough of Elmwood Park in the total amount of \$161,000.00 for the restoration and desnagging of Fleischer’s Brook, and;

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the City Engineer submitted a proposal summarizing eight (8) tasks, totaling \$71,500.00, to develop bid documents to secure the requisite permits to undertake said work. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to proceed with Task No. 1 through 8 as enumerated in the proposal prepared by the City Engineer dated October 19, 2015 (copy attached).

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-153

A Resolution Authorizing Payment of \$3,100.00 To The City Engineer In Connection With An Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair At 703 Midland Avenue.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer was directed to coordinate the emergency sanitary sewer repair at 703 Midland Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, the contracting work was successfully completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, payment is hereby authorized to the City Engineer in the amount of \$3,100.00 in connection with the coordination and inspection for this work.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-154

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that application is made to the Commissioner of Transportation for aid under the 2016 Safe Routes to School program for school safety impacts at designated City schools.

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that such application(s) should be prepared by Capital Alternatives Corporation, the grants specialists engaged by the City for assistance in such matters.

RESOLVED that Capital Alternatives Corporation is authorized to prepare, assemble, and submit the necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Garfield for the stated project(s).

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-155

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 16-75, adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey at a Regular Meeting held on February 23, 2016 concerning the Mount Virgin Festa Italiana that the dates of the event are changed from August 11-14, 2016 to Thursday, August 18, 2016 through Sunday, August 21, 2016.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-156

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING ROAD CLOSURES

WHEREAS, the Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield located at 217-245 Passaic Street has requested permission to host a 2016 Multicultural Festival on Saturday, August 13, 2016 between the hours of 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, this Festival has taken place on prior years and the City Council has agreed to continue this tradition by allowing the closure of certain streets; and

WHEREAS, the Calvary Baptist Church of New Jersey at Garfield has indicated that no alcoholic beverages will be sold at this event and have agreed to comply with all reasonable requirements of all applicable municipal agencies with regard to the conduct of this event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

The City Council hereby provides approval for the 2016 Multicultural Festival to be conducted by the Calvary Baptist Church of New Jersey on August 13, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The City Council hereby approves the closure of Westminster Place at Garfield Avenue and Westminster Place to Passaic Street – Naples Place at Farnham Avenue.

RESOLUTIONS

There shall be no alcoholic beverages sold at the event and the Calvary Baptist Church shall be required to comply with all requirements of the Garfield Police Department and Department of Public Works

The applicant shall also be required to secure a parade or special event permit in accordance with the requirements of local ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey, the City Attorney, Garfield Police Department and the Department of Public Works.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-157

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for receipt of bids for the Acquisition of Police Emergency Response Unit on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room in City Hall.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-158

WHEREAS, 106 Somerset, L.L.C. is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 24.02, Lot 27, commonly known as 106 Somerset Street, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the year(s): 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, bearing Docket Nos.: 19098-2011, 018333-2012, 004603-2013, 001260-2014, and 003976-2015; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, P.C., have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said properties were assessed for the year(s) as follows:

Block 24.02, Lot 27 (Street Address- 106 Somerset Street):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2011 Original Assessment	\$263,900	\$1,304,300	\$1,568,200
2012 Original Assessment	\$263,900	\$1,304,300	\$1,568,200
2013 Original Assessment	\$263,900	\$1,304,300	\$1,568,200
2014 Original Assessment	\$263,900	\$1,304,300	\$1,568,200
2015 Original Assessment	\$263,900	\$1,304,300	\$1,568,200

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Block 24.02, Lot 27 (Street Address- 106 Somerset Street):

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Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2011 Settlement	WITHDRAW	WITHDRAW	WITHDRAW
2012 Settlement	\$263,900	\$1,136,100	\$1,400,000
2013 Settlement	\$263,900	\$1,036,100	\$1,300,000
2014 Settlement	\$263,900	\$936,100	\$1,200,000
2015 Settlement	\$263,900	\$836,100	\$1,100,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
 Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-159

WHEREAS, Antonia Godoy is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 38.03, Lot 11, commonly known as 89 Mac Arthur Ave., in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the year 2015, bearing Docket No. 011329-15; and
 WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, P.C., have recommended that the appeal be settled; and
 WHEREAS, said properties were assessed for the year(s) as follows:

Block 38.03, Lot 11 (Street Address- 89 Mac Arthur Ave):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2015 Original Assessment	\$116,500	\$195,900	\$312,400

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:
 Block 38.03, Lot 11 (Street Address- 89 Mac Arthur Ave):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2015 Settlement	\$116,500	\$1168,500	\$285,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
 Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-160

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to a Tax Court Judgment for the year 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
135.01	1	“McCarter & English, LLP”	TCJ	
				\$14,362.40

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-161

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to a Tax Court Judgment for the year 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
135.01	1	“McCarter & English, LLP”	TCJ	
				\$14,718.39

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-162

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to a Tax Court Judgment for the year 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
135.01	1	“McCarter & English, LLP”	TCJ	\$
				15,004.36

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 16-163

See

the

following pages _____
for Temporary Capital Budget

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-164

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Glenn A. Mati was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 24, 2016, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Louis G. Aloia as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of Peter A. D'Angelo III and Emily B. De Gruchy, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Councilman Louis G. Aloia be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of Peter A. D'Angelo III and Emily B. De Gruchy, and
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of this marriage ceremony and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremony and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremony as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Louis G. Aloia.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 16-165

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 1926 to 1936 covering Community Policing Trust Fund, Trust Fund Other and Dog Trust Fund totaling \$463,686.56 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$18,494.40 and the Current Fund totaling \$1,085,499.53 and the Current Water Fund totaling \$41,377.14 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$500.00 and Water Capital Fund \$7,500.00 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes twenty two (22) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

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the

Following Pages Numbered _____

For

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2733

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2016; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW RESCUE PUMPER FIRE TRUCK, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY ANS FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$700,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Aloia moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2734

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2016; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 131-12 “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINE FOR ILLEGAL APARTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Mati moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2735

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2016; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 134-5 “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINE FOR ILLEGAL APARTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Mati moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2736

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2016; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 181-7.C “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINE FOR ILLEGAL APARTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being none, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Mati moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Mati introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$175,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Mati moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN, BY

ORDINANCES

AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$175,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held April 26, 2016 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 4, Absent 1 – Councilmember Delaney.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Reginald Buggs, 315 Mac Arthur Avenue, asked about being reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Philip Rutigliano, 12 Clover Lane, spoke on not being granted a solicitors permit. He requested that Garfield be open to permits for a full year for a resident.

Ms. Ruth Springer, 139 Jewell Street, spoke on appointing someone of color to the Garfield Historical Society. She recommended Stephanie Urgovich.

Ms. Carol Coloochi, 377 Midland Avenue, said that she is representing people of the Housing Authority facing Midland Avenue and she complained about the Mexican Restaurant located at 361 Midland Avenue. She complained about the noise of the fan of the Mexican Restaurant.

Ms. Carol Koshcik, 23 Spencer Place, said that she moved here to Garfield three years ago from Wood Ridge. She asked if the City could find money in the Budget for garbage cans.

Mr. Richard Rosetti, 332 Palisade Avenue, spoke on playing a Garfield High School football game for the Veterans and fellow men and women in uniform. He spoke on garbage flying around town. He spoke on smokers whose front lawns are littered with cigarette butts.

Ms. Alicia Thompson, 47 Summit Avenue, spoke on the performance of the City Garbage Contractor. She spoke for the track team students at Garfield High and she said that all the other schools have nicer tracks as compared to the track at Garfield High School.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello spoke on the City encouraging City home owners to use City COAH money to improve their homes. He spoke on the Garfield School Board Budget and the condition of the City High School Stadium.

Councilmember Aloia commented on cleanliness and garbage throughout the City.

Deputy Mayor Mati said that it was a nice evening honoring Mr. Logan. He spoke about Freddie Porter being killed in the US Navy. He said to be proud of young people honored here tonight. He said the City Council passed a budget with no tax increase and without cutting services. He complimented City Manager Duch and Interim Chief Financial Officer Riggitano on getting the most out of the money and not raising taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Raymond said it was really wonderful to honor Mr. John Logan. She thanked the Fire Companies for honoring outgoing Chief Mike Colon Saturday night. She spoke about Career Day Student Viktoria Lutoska who is here today.

At 10:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK