

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 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 Ivin and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The re-organization meeting he attended in Wallington. They will be having a retirement dinner for former Mayor Walter Wagorcki on Sunday, April 1, 2016 at the Il Villago Restaurant in Carlstadt.
2. The Calendar of Events happening in town for 2016.
3. The meeting he had today regarding projects with Rebecca Mejia of Boswell Engineering which included the Safe Routes to Schools Program and The Streetscape along River Drive.
4. The notification from the US Soccer Foundation indicating that the City has to use Helis Construction headquartered in Texas, as part of their \$63,335.00 grant requirement. The City bid the project out and is ready to begin the project but the City may not be able to award them the contract according to NJ State Law. This may delay the project completion date from April to June.

ARRIVAL OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 6:25 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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5. In accordance with his appointment with the City Redevelopment Agency, he has completed four of the six courses he is required to successfully complete pursuant to law.
6. Handout being given out by Tax Water Research cannot find anything on them, they must have moved on from the City.
7. The stores which will be part of Coremark Redevelopment at Outwater Lane and Jewell Street.
8. The proposal to put GPS on DPW vehicles. GPS is already on Police Vehicles.
9. The fliers that were being put out around town that read "Water Contamination Alert" from the Tapwater Research Group. He cannot find the people who put the fliers out, so they must have moved on from the City.
10. White Collar and Blue Collar Collective Bargaining negotiations.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 12, 2016.

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2. The Safe Routes to Schools Grant.
3. The meeting scheduled with PSE&G tomorrow concerning the punch list and the paving list of work completed by PSE&G.
4. Proposed resolutions for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair on Banta Avenue and Midland Avenue.
5. The sanitary sewer fee settlement being worked out with LQ Laundry to be located at 45 Outwater Lane.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-2

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, January 12, 2016 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; (White Collar and Blue Collar Collective Bargaining negotiations).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed relocation of the Police Department to Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church off Palisade Avenue and off Summit Avenue during construction of the new Police Station at or near 411 Midland Avenue).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (water line break and proposed remedy at or near 65 River Drive).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (water line break and proposed remedy at or near 65 River Drive; proposed sanitary sewer hookup fee in connection with the proposed LQ Laundry to be located at 45 Outwater Lane; proposed relocation of the Police Department to Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church off Palisade Avenue and off Summit Avenue during construction of the new Police Station at or near 411 Midland Avenue; proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos effective January 31, 2016; Developer James Demetrakis alleged agreement to fund construction of a new Police Station by \$2.1 million or more).
- * 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 retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos effective January 31, 2016; options for a successor to the Police Chief).

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.

CLOSED SESSION

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:35 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session during Closed Session, and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK