

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:30 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 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, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond  
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia 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), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-031-008, from LCJD LLC t/a Jimmy Jim's Grill (Luis Buron, 278 Semel Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 – who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation and Julio Castillo 1-09 35h Street, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07401 who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation), to La Fortaleza Incorporated (Arturo Ortega, 911 Bergenline Avenue Apt 4, Union City, NJ 07087 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation) for licensed premise formally located at 399 Midland Avenue to 361 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, t/a La Fortaleza.

The applicant and his Attorney William Shea, Esq, with law offices located at 1037 Route 46 East, Clifton, New Jersey 07010, were present.

#### CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Jack Mansourati, 19 Cherry Street, said that his godson was visiting him temporarily from overseas and that someone knocked on the door from the Fire Department and asked if he has an illegal apartment. He complained that he received a summons to appear in court.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed resolution concerning the Police Department acquisition of a military vehicle through a grant. The vehicle will be obtained for free except for the transportation and this vehicle will be able to traverse 3 or 4 feet of water when there is flooding in the City.
2. The mobile Police Command Unit was a great and useful tool when there was a bomb scare at Garfield High School at 500 Palisade Avenue.
3. The Garfield Black History Committee celebration to be held Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Garfield Free Public Library located at 500 Midland Avenue.
4. The replacement of the pumps and motors in Water Wells #2 and #4 as part of regular maintenance and the heaters that have been installed in all the well houses.
5. The 2015 Court revenue is \$1,197,328.00 and was down 7% from the previous year. Summonses for 2014 were 29,536, and in 2015 they went down to 26,000 which is greater than 7%, but revenue is down only 7%.
6. Police Records Clerk Patricia Richardson has filed for retirement effective February 29, 2016.
7. Appraisals are being performed for 103 and 105 Jewell Street, where the October 25, 2016 fire occurred, for consideration for the City to obtain for public use.

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8. The Crossing Guard positions that have been advertised.
9. The Water Line on 65 River Drive and the coordination with the City Water Department to eliminate the leak that was losing 200,000 gallons a day.
10. The proposed curbing along Outwater Lane from Chestnut Street east to the train tracks. The City will apply for a Community Development grant funding. The County standards calls for wants 8” curbing but the City may only want 6” curbing.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. On January 13, 2016, City representatives met with PSE&G representatives regarding their comprehensive plan and most of the work for Garfield has been done for line replacement. They are in Punch List mode for restoration, and paving work needs to be done.

City Manager Duch reported on the following:

11. Inserra /Price-Rite backed out of the temporary location agreement regarding the temporary move of the Police Station to 85 Outwater Lane. Architectural fees were \$7,300.00 and the Inserra Family has reimbursed the City completely for that expenditure.
12. During snow storms, the firehouse aprons should be cleaned out if the companies are on stand-by or are “first responders”.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

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

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13. Police Chief Amos has issued a bulletin in regard to people calling homes and identifying themselves as IRS Agents. He advised to please be careful providing personal information.
14. The planned stores to lease space at the Coremark Development at Outwater Lane and River Drive.
15. The Joint Insurance Fund seminar he recently attended concerning an adopt a hydrant program.
16. The free tree seedlings to be dispersed, first come first serve, and the involvement of Joan D’Amico, Assistant Director of Special Services for Special Education for the Garfield Board of Education.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-25

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 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed temporary relocation of the Police Station to the Holy Trinity Lutheran School

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building located at 85 Summit Avenue; appraisals and proposed acquisition for off-street parking of 103 and 105 Jewell Street).

- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (delinquent payment of fees by Dabal's Towing; shared services agreement with the City of Hackensack for Garfield to loan them a fire truck).
  
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (request for liquor store or consumption license at the Coremark Redevelopment at Outwater Lane and Jewell Street; determination of sewer fee for a proposed laundromat at 45 Outwater Lane; proposed meeting with Redeveloper of Record, James Demetrakis, for property at 950 River Drive, concerning contributions negotiated to partially fund the construction of a new police station at or near the current police station site at 411 Midland Avenue).
  
- \* 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 appointment of an Officer in Charge after the retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos).

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 4,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati  
Frank J. Calandriello

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:40 PM, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session, Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK