

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:25 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Deputy Mayor Glenn A. Mati 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 Glenn A. Mati
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney and Tana M. Raymond
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), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield YMCA Executive Director Patricia Gallagher concerning proposed City Council endorsement of Bergen County Community Development grant applications for \$35,140.00 for improvements to the Swimming Pool operated by the YMCA at 490 Midland Avenue, and \$57,375.00 for handicapped renovations of the Ladies Locker Room located at the YMCA building at 33 Outwater Lane.

PROPOSED LAUNDROMAT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Attorney Gary Zalarick concerning the procedure to establish a proposed laundromat at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Grand Street.

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Best Practices Worksheet which will be filed with the State of New Jersey, tomorrow.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The project to make the City more technologically advanced, more user friendly and more paperless.
2. The Civil Service Certification List has been issued for the Police Sergeant and Lieutenant promotions.

ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:45 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3. He has received his Redevelopment Executive Director certificate.
4. The Safe Routes to Schools Grant for School Number Four and School Number Ten.
5. The Police Department Sub Lease at 160 Belmont Avenue.
6. The Vacation Day Carry Over policy for City employees.
7. Plumbing Inspector James Mazzer filled in at no cost to the City when City Plumbing Inspector Dominick Nasuta was ill.
8. The proposed reorganization of the Department of Public Works.

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9. His meeting with Officials of Clifton Savings Bank regarding Bank Cards.
10. The proposed Request for Qualifications for Broker for Health Benefits.
11. The proposed Fire Department Residency Ordinance.

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

12. The Health Department interaction with the Solid Waste Transfer Station.
13. The Passaic Valley Water Commission and the efforts to reduce water loss in the water system filtration system installed by the Water Department to Well 1A.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. Proposed off-street parking in the property off Spring Street generally used by the Little League near Belmont Avenue to service the proposed temporary relocation of the Police Station at 160 Belmont Avenue.
2. The Safe Routes to Schools Project.
3. The proposed repair of the steps from Cedar Street to Schley Street on Belmont Hill.
4. The playground of Twentieth Century Field.
5. The PSE&G Energy Strong Program and the paving of City Streets.

ARRIVAL OF MAYOR RAYMOND

At 6:20 PM, Mayor Tana M. Raymond joined the Work Session, assumed her seat at the head of the Conference Room table and chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

14. The City Forestry Plan.
15. The proposed ordinance concerning the truck route to and from the Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 19-35 Atlantic Street and the recommendation by the Police Department Traffic Division and other follow-up efforts to enforce Title VII Traffic regulations rather than adopt an ordinance.
16. The Coremark Redevelopment Project at the intersection of River Drive and Outwater Lane at which the Wing Stop Restaurant has gotten a permit to open.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-357

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, October 11, 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 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 lease of 160 Belmont Avenue for the temporary utilization as a Police Station; proposed deal with Vornado and/or its successor for the transfer of ownership of the Hobart Place playground at the intersection of Marsellus Place for \$10,000.00 and an additional \$10,000.00 in closing costs).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (proposed lease of 160 Belmont Avenue for the temporary utilization as a Police Station; video equipment purchased to video City Council meetings; Police promotions and implementation of Police Department reorganization plan of Officer in Charge Raymond Kovach; right of a Councilmember to gain access and copies of Police reports).
- * 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; (the ordinance regarding the residency requirement for members of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department staffing of the Resident Parking Sticker Program; Police promotions and implementation of Police Department Reorganization Plan of Officer in Charge Raymond Kovach).

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
Louis G. Aloia

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 Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK