

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 22, 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: 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 John Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Fire Chief James Kovacs, Police Captain Raymond Kovach, Police Captain Ronald Polonkay and Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Bergen Business Expo to be held at the Venetian Restaurant on Monday, May 9, 2016.
2. The Playground Equipment no longer needed by Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church to be installed at the Jewell Street Playground.
3. The 78 tickets that have been issued for illegal apartments and the \$16,506.00 in fines which have been collected through the Municipal Court.
4. The purchase of water from the Passaic Valley Water Commission for the month of February is at the lowest in 6 years at 13,688,000 gallons.
5. The establishment of Garfield as a Stigma Free Zone in regard to Mental Health.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 6:25 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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6. The filing of the paperwork for the Retirement Drug Subsidy has resulted in the collection of \$45,920.82.
7. The contract awarded to J.S. Fuels, Inc. for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel.
8. The proposed ordinances to be considered for introduction concerning Illegal Housing.
9. The enforcement of Pacific Avenue parking and the comprehensive report compiled by the Resident Parking Sticker Department on this matter.
10. The Law Enforcement efforts in the area of Palisade Avenue and Commerce Street.

PROPOSED TRUCK FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed acquisition of a truck for the Emergency Services Unit. The Garfield Police Emergency Services Unit Team has a certification as one of only seven SWAT Teams in Bergen County. The proposed truck is a little older and has 116,000 miles on it, but it was free. The Police Department wants to extend the life of the older truck and acquire a new truck for under \$160,000.

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11. City Public Health Nurse Darleen Revielle helped the City secure the acquisition of a Gresby Family Foundation Age in Place Grant.
12. The proposed utilizing of COAH money so that the City can authorize another rehabilitation round to fix up City homes at \$400,000 or less.
13. There was a Passaic Valley Sewer Charge overpayment of \$45,647.21. The City has been returned the money.
14. The Elmwood Park Centennial Parade will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 and they have requested participation by the City of Garfield.
15. Signature Place, located at 950 River Drive, has requested that the City take over garbage and recycling services on their main roads.
16. The Community Development Meeting he attended last night. He said that there was a spirited discussion regarding Hold Harmless Money of \$178,000.00. April 4, 2016 is the allocation meeting.
17. A recent newspaper article in The Record regarding the quality of City water.

ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO

At 7:15 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:35 PM, Fire Official Gerald Walis, Police Captains Raymond Kovach and Ronald Polonkay, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-94

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 7:35 P.M. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (performance of Fire Chief James Kovacs; OSHA complaint concerning respiratory protection plan and facial hair regulation concerning fire department members; firefighters response to calls; fire fighter coming to City Hall without authorization; fire department medical questionnaire).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed second amendment and restatement of the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Garfield and HP Garfield Investment LLC; retirement settlement with former DPW Supervisor George Masiuk).

CLOSED SESSION

- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action or personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (performance of Fire Chief James Kovacs; retirement settlement with former DPW Supervisor George Masiuk).

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 Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Glenn A. Mati

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK