

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:30 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, Joseph Delaney, Glenn A. Mati 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) and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed establishment of a City Centennial Committee for 2017.
2. His meeting with Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Councilmember Joseph Delaney and Assistant Superintendent of Parks John Lord regarding a recreation youth soccer league for 8 to 10 year olds.

#### ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:40 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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3. Proposed renovations to Fire House No. 2 located at 72 -76 Belmont Avenue.
4. His meeting with Jerry Sharpenburger of the State Office of Planning Advocacy. The State is looking for two sites in Bergen County for redevelopment. City Manager Duch suggested the Kalama Chemical Site, located at the intersection of Monroe Street and River Drive. He said that it is an Inter-Agency Work Group Project and that the owner suggested a "European-style" Strip Mall. As part of the Redevelopment, the owner has agreed and would convey the land between River Drive and the Passaic River to the City.

#### ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

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

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5. Proposed Library Renovations and the total money in the last two Municipal Budgets of \$240,000 for improvements to the Library. The City needs to remedy the drain issues on the lower level first. The Library Board is asking the City for recommendations concerning the scope of the work to improve the Library and is looking for direction.
6. The proposed update of the City Tax Map.
7. Proposed new Furniture for the City Manager's Office.
8. The issues raised by Ms. Conte concerning Cablevision trucks blocking driveways have been reasonably resolved.
9. Proposed resolutions regarding Fire Trucks for City Council consideration.
10. The Citizenship Leadership Form for residents requesting appointment to City Boards or Committees.

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Deputy Mayor Glenn A. Mati reported on the following:

1. The good job rendered by Reiner Plumbing in addressing the HVAC issues at Fire House No. One located at 103 Midland Avenue.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. Safe Routes to Schools Projects Phase I and Phase II.
2. The Proposed acquisition of a Truck for Fire Company No. Three.
3. The proposed LOSAP cost of living increase to raise the stipend to about \$1,300.00
4. Garfield Volunteer Fire Department Policy concerning facial hair for firefighters.
5. The proposed demolition of old Fire House No. Three located at 58 Willard Street.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Safe Routes to Schools Project.
2. The installation of water meters near 65 River Drive.
3. The proposed resolution for Artificial Turf for Twentieth Century Field.
4. The recommended remediation plan to get Well 1A back in service.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK