

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 6:15 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 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

FLOOD ACQUISITION PLAN

The City Council and Cabinet met with Barbara Heskins Davis, Vice-President Programs, The Land Conservatory of New Jersey; Jeremiah Beystrom, Senior Research Project Manager, Rutgers Cooperative Extension; and Adam Strobel, Division Director, County of Bergen Division of Open Space; concerning a powerpoint presentation for a Flood Acquisition Plan for the City of Garfield.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

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

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. 0221-33-055-005, from Danuta Stecyk and Stanislaw Wojdat (both of 134 Semel Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026), a partnership from former licensed premises located at 175 Jewell Street to Krigla Brewery LLC (Dejan Mileski, 69 Renaissance Lane, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 – who will own 50% shares of the corporation and Zarko Avramoski, 282 Mac Arthur Avenue, Apt 2, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 – who will own 50% of the shares of the corporation), t/a Bistro 399, to 399 Midland Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026. There were issues raised concerning distances between licensed premises.

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Ruth Springer of Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield located at 217-245 Passaic Street regarding their Multi Cultural Festival scheduled to be held Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, on and around their church property.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Proposed tree planting throughout the City.
2. The Municipal Budget Hearing scheduled to be held tonight during the Regular Meeting.
3. Community Development Grant Awards include \$383,000 for curb and sidewalk improvements for the City on Outwater Lane; \$118,000 for improvements to the Garfield YMCA pool; and \$11,000 for The Garfield Boys and Girls Club Teen Initiative.
4. The engagement of the services of a firm to handle Right to Know filings for the City.
5. The need for a hearing to support the funding to proceed with the EPA cleanup of the EC Electroplating site contaminated with chromium at or near the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place, which occurred around 1983.

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6. The preconstruction Meeting for the Roadway Improvement Program.
7. The Pacific Avenue Improvement Project.
8. The hiring of part-time summer help including Benjamin Brumley and Jay Rana.

City Attorney Robert Ferraro reported on the following:

1. An incident involving the Police and Hartmann Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Glenn Mati reported on the following:

1. Any policy implemented in the Fire Department by the Fire Chief should be signed off by the other Chiefs, reviewed by the Attorneys, and perhaps, passed by City Council resolution.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Written Report of City Engineer dated April 12, 2016

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The Municipal Budget Hearing scheduled to be held tonight during the Regular Meeting.

ARRIVAL OF CITY AUDITOR REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSTON

At 7:45 PM, Michael J. Johnston of the Auditing Firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-135

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, April 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; (Blue Collar Collective bargaining negotiations: incorrect drafting of Blue Collar Salary Ordinance and because of this mistake the Blue Collar Union does not want to execute the memorandum of agreement because the mistake is more in their favor).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege: (recycling contract with Future Sanitation and request that they submit a performance bond and their agreement to place 100% of the contract in escrow until the end of the contract).
- * 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 release of the Police Civil Service test results and the release of the Police Lieutenant Civil Service test results; proposed appointment of a Deputy Police Chief and a Police Lieutenant).

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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) Glenn A. Mati
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK