

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Officer in Charge of the Police Department Police Captain Raymond Kovach, Police Captain Ronald Polonkay and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### MULTI – CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Mr. Russell Maulsby of Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield concerning their Multi Cultural Festival scheduled to be held August 13, 2016 on and around their property located at 245 Passaic Street.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

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

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Officer in Charge of the Police Department Captain Raymond Kovach and Police Captain Ronald Polonkay concerning proposed amendments to the Police Table of Organization. Proposed ordinances to register landlords with the City (modeled after Trenton's Ordinances) and a proposed nuisance ordinance were also discussed

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Roadway Improvement Program.
2. The PSE&G Energy Strong Improvement Program.
3. The Dunkin Donuts neighborhood dispute near the intersection of River Drive and Lanza Avenue.
4. The current stoppage of New Jersey Department of Transportation funded roadway improvements by Governor Christopher Christie which may affect the Outwater Lane Improvement Project.
5. The written Report of the City Engineer dated July 12, 2016
6. The City Water System and Well 1A both being in compliance with State DEP standards for water quality.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The breakdown of the Tax Rate whereby there is a negative point for the City portion of the Tax Bill, 6 points for the School portion of the Tax Bill, and 2 points for the County portion of the Tax Bill. City Manager Duch will send a letter objecting to the proposed change to the State School Funding formula as proposed by Governor Christopher Christie.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

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1. The various grant applications, which he is filing in regard to properties along the Passaic River. He said that he is putting together an application for four properties between the Passaic Street Bridge and the Monroe Street Bridge to develop areas along River Drive, for walk ways and to open up more open space.
2. Fire Official Gerald Walis will be out next week for shoulder surgery.
3. In regard to a follow up of complaints by a citizen on Pacific Avenue, there were no valid temporary stickers, no limousines, no trucks, and the Police Department are checking on the handicapped spaces.
4. The meeting he and Deputy Mayor Glenn A. Mati had with the Fire Chief on Monday regarding a proposed ordinance to allow firefighters to live in towns bordering on Garfield.
5. Proposed amendments to the Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance.
6. The area designated as a Redevelopment Study Rehabilitation Zone in the First Ward in the Passaic Street area. The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Block and Lots considered in the Redevelopment Study and discussed a proposed resolution regarding this matter.

Mayor Tana Raymond spoke on the following:

1. A proposed Candlelight Vigil for unity and prayer for all the people who were killed recently by terrorists in Europe and the Police who were killed in Dallas Texas.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-265

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 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 12, 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; (Redevelopment of 950 River Drive and the meeting scheduled for tomorrow with City Manager Duch and Developer James Demetrakis re: funding for the construction of a new police station; proposed temporary relocation of the police station to the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Botany Street; proposed redevelopment of the first ward near Passaic 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; (Redevelopment of 950 River Drive and the meeting scheduled for tomorrow with City Manager Duch and developer James Demetrakis re: funding for the construction of a new police station; proposed temporary relocation of the police station to the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Botany Street).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Redevelopment of 950 River Drive and the meeting

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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) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK