

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:35 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, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond

Councilmembers Absent: 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), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano, Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo.

CITY WATER WELL 1A

The City Council and Cabinet discussed improvements to City Water Well 1A located near the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 6:50 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

EXIT OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES MANAGER BIERWAS

At 7:00 PM, Water and Sewer Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Letter of Intent he received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust for funding of the Riverfront Park.
2. The Application to the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for state of the art playground equipment in Twentieth Century Field.
3. The City has an excellent Bond Rating of AA and the reason for the minus after the double A is because of the economic demographics of the people of Garfield. The Bond Sale is to be held this Thursday, August 11, 2016 concerning roughly \$7 million.
4. New landscaping at the PSE&G power station on River Drive near the intersection of Dewitt Street.
5. The bid package for Recycling Services which was advertised and is ready for pickup by potential bidders.
6. The Shared Services Agreement regarding the County-owned Street Sweeper for the City to use as a backup.
7. The agreement with Signature Place at 950 River Drive concerning reimbursement for the cost of street lights and snow removal on Autumn Drive. The main road will only be the City's responsibility, effective October 1, 2016.
8. The agreement with Developer James Demetrakis of HP Garfield, located at 950 River Drive, concerning partial funding of a new Police Station.

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9. The proposed construction of a new Police Station, perhaps, at the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Botany Street or at or near 411 Midland Avenue.
10. The Liquor Wholesale License, given by the State of New Jersey to Kevin Cifta to operate out of 40-42 Belmont Avenue. City Code Chapter 73-5C says that these licenses must be located in an Industrial Zone and 40-42 Belmont Avenue is located in a B-1 zone.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The need for various vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works.

EXIT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO

At 8:05 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-280

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 8:05 P.M. on Tuesday, August 9, 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; (proposed settlement of the Blue Collar unit contract; proposed Blue Collar salary ordinance; White Collar collective bargaining negotiations).
- * 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 ordinance allowing Garfield Volunteer Fire Fighters to reside two miles outside City of Garfield city limits; Mayor Raymond's meeting with leaders of "The Pally Boys" gang).
- * 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; (a matter involving proposed discipline in the Police Department and Department of Public Works; proposed retirement of Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro).

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
Frank J. Calandriello

Work Session August 9, 2016, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK