

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Wednesday, September 7, 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: 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 John Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno) and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

#### PROPOSED TEMPORARY POLICE STATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following members of the Police Department concerning the proposed location of a Temporary Police Station at the old Latin Percussion site located at 160 Belmont Avenue and the intersection of Spring Street: Police Officer-in-Charge Police Captain Raymond Kovach, Police Captain Ronald Polonkay, Police Sergeant Michael Marsh and Police Officer Dennis Serritella. City Manager Duch reported that the initial rent to the City would be \$8,800 a month and \$9,000 a month the second year, not including utilities. A slide show was presented. City Manager Duch reported that the site has 23,000 square feet and it may cost the City approximately \$100,000 to get the Building into working condition for the Police Department.

#### ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:55 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 7, 2016, which included reports on the proposed demolition of old Fire House No. Three located at 58 Willard Street, the contaminated soil removed at the Meridia/Schley Crossing redevelopment site at the east end of Schley Street, the Outwater Lane Curb and Sidewalk Program and the records obtained by the City from the State DEP via an OPRA request concerning the contamination cleanup at the old Getty gas station at the southeast corner of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane which may affect City Well 1A.

#### EXIT OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:05 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION

At 7:05 PM, Mayor Raymond declared a hearing to obtain public comment on a grant application to be submitted to the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Land Acquisition and Preservation by the City of Garfield.

City Manager Duch explained the application regarding a proposed River Walk along River Drive and the Passaic River between the Monroe Street Bridge and the Passaic Street Bridge. City Manager Duch displayed aerial photos of the area. Councilmembers commented and asked questions.

There being no one wishing to comment, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Pulaski Dinner Celebration to be held this Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the Royal Manor.
2. "Meet the UNICO President Dinner" to be held Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the Venetian Restaurant.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:20 pm, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

3. The meeting held yesterday regarding the Safe Routes to Schools grant. Contracts have been awarded for Schools No. 4 and No. 10. Signs will be posted next week and the work will begin the following week.
4. The Demolition of old Fire House No. Three located at 58 Willard Street and the meeting City Officials had met with Federal EPA Officials concerning the demolition.
5. The proposed Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance.
6. The proposed Fire Department Membership Ordinance.
7. The proposed resolution to settle the Garfield vs. Inserra lawsuit.
8. The Dave Dishuk Boilermaker Fund
9. The Spencer Savings Bank grand re-opening to be held Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM to cut the ribbon on their new building improvements at their 34 Outwater Lane Branch.
10. The old Eastern Overall/Sketchley services site located at the east end of Schley Street from which 1,600 truckloads of soil have been removed.
11. The proposed Dog Park at the Hobart Place Playground and the proposed acquisition of the park from Vornado and Urban Edge (their successor) for \$10,000. They will sell the land to the City and for \$10,000 the City will pay closing costs.

City Attorney Representative John Ferraro reported on the following:

1. The proposed resolution for the award of the Recycling Contract.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-318

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 7:50 P.M. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

CLOSED SESSION

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (White Collar Collective bargaining negotiations-mediation session on Friday, September 9, 2016).
- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed naming of the Riverfront Park after City Manager Thomas J. Duch).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (wedding ceremony of a Garfield Volunteer Firefighter to be performed by a different Councilmember rather than the one who was originally scheduled to perform the ceremony).
- \* 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; (utilization of vacation days prior to December 31, 2016 or lose them).

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

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 8:05 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch, left the Work Session, during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK