

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 6:10 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail and fax to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin board in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, James Krone, Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Police Chief Robert Andrezzi

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-442

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 6:12 PM on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 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; (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; (Leave of Absence of Municipal Court Judge William Colacino; Construction Code Official James Mazzer Request to Return to Work; Limousines with Florida State License Plates receiving Resident Parking Stickers).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Broker Resolution for Health Insurance and Prescription Insurance for Joseph Bigica, Inc.; Grant Acquisition Service Contracts with Capital Alternative, Inc., and Joseph Bruno).
- * 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; (Proposed Retirements of Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Police Captain Glenn Mati; Police Officer Edward Mura Commitment to the Air Force National Guard for the next Three Years; Police Officer Keith Kopacz Transfer to the Detective Bureau; Eddie Murano as a Proposed Parking Enforcement Officer; Request for Title Change and Salary Enhancement for Finance Office Employees; Annual Salary of Crossing Guards).

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) Stanley J. Moskal
James Krone

EXIT OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:35 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney left the Work Session during Closed Session just before the City Council and Cabinet discussed White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations. It was duly noted for the record.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND EXIT OF SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL FLORA

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:15 PM, Special Labor Counsel Louis Flora left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The march planned by the Garfield Federation of Teachers Labor Union from the intersection of Midland Avenue and Elizabeth Street, north on Midland Avenue, turning west onto Outwater Lane to the City Hall parking lot on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 3:30 PM.
2. The proposed resolution engaging the services of Arcari and Iovino Architects, PC, to address the roof of City Hall.
3. The proposed traffic control signal at the intersection of Lanza Avenue and River Drive.
4. He is in receipt of a thank you letter from the Cotillion Restaurant, located at 454 Midland Avenue, expressing appreciation for the City allowing them to lease the City parking lots behind the Recreation Center and Senior Citizen Center over the years.
5. The developers of the Redevelopment site at the old Garden State Paper recycling mill located at 950 River Drive were denied a water system hook up permit because an agreement is needed between them and the Passaic Valley Water Commission even though no such agreement ever existed between Garden State Paper and Passaic Valley for decades.
6. The analysis of the 2007 projected savings since the change in Health Benefit coverage for municipal employees.
7. The proposed ordinance to recodify the City Code.
8. Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh was successful in securing a \$5,000 grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 (October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008) for Emergency Management Assistance Funding.
9. The DPW Christmas Party scheduled to be held at the City Recreation Center at 466 Midland Avenue on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 12:00 Noon.
10. The CERT Holiday Party scheduled to be held at Firehouse No. Five at 33 Plauderville Avenue on Thursday, December 27, 2007 at 7:30 PM.
11. The proposed Land Use Ordinance to rezone Block 1, Lots 8 and 17 from Park to B-2 on River Drive near Midland Avenue.

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12. The new Police Cadets will graduate from the Police Academy on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 6:30 PM, and he will have them attend the next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council on December 18, 2007.
13. The old New York, Susequanna and Western Railroad train tracks may be getting ripped up from Route 46 in Elmwood Park to Ray Street in Garfield and this may be an opportunity for the City to apply for a “Railways to Trailways” grant.
14. The Christmas gathering of the Zoning Board of Adjustment scheduled to be held at Michele’s Restaurant at 48 Passaic Street on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM.
15. The Christmas Luncheon at City Hall scheduled to be held Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 12:00 Noon.

PAY TO PLAY REGULATIONS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the new procedures to comply with “Pay to Play” regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK