

A Work Session of the City Council was held Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 6:20 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, Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: James Krone

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, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Fire Official Gerald Walis

LA FESTA ITALIANO

The City Council and Cabinet met with Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church Pastor Peter Pomodoro and Feast Chairman Vincent Leto concerning plans for the La Festa Italiano scheduled to be held September 4-7, 2008, on and around the church property at Frederick Street and MacArthur Avenue.

MACEDONIAN FESTIVAL

The City Council and Cabinet met with Igor Sekuloski concerning plans for the Macedonian Festival scheduled to be held September 12-14, 2008 in Twentieth Century Field.

EXIT OF FIRE OFFICIAL WALIS

At 6:45 PM, Fire Official Gerald Walis 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 recent letter he wrote to the Garfield Postmaster objecting to the proposed closing of the Post Office Substation located at 85 Outwater Lane and asking him to do whatever is necessary to keep the Substation open.
2. The renewal process for the franchise agreement with Cablevision of Oakland for City Cable TV service.
3. The proposed publication in newspapers of Illegal Apartment convictions.
4. The proposed Pawn Shop Regulation Ordinance.
5. The City is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$4,443.93 from the State obtained by Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh for reimbursement of expenses incurred in an April 2007 storm.
6. The proposed resolution of denial of a Towing License to Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc.

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7. Funding from Bergen County Open Space Trust for the development of the Riverfront Park.
8. The problems with the phone lines in City Hall are expected to be resolved by Verizon at 11:00 PM tonight.
9. The next Community Development meeting scheduled to be held by the County on February 19, 2008.

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:05 PM, Bernard Mirandi of Boswell Engineering and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-3

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 7:05 PM on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 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).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds (Proposed Sale of American Legion Memorial Post No. 255 Located at 163 River Drive for the Proposed Park Along the Passaic River from the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Collapse of Salt Shed on December 31, 2007 in the DPW Yard at 413 Midland Avenue/Beech Street and Allegation by Lodi Borough Manager Anthony Luna of Inferior Salt).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (The Attorney for Coach Joseph Evelina is Threatening to Sue the Garfield Girls Softball League; Godina Liquor License Lawsuit; Proposed Settlement of Taylor vs. City Lawsuit; Chester Wallace vs. City Lawsuit).
- * 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 Retirement of Police Chief Robert Andrezzi on April 1, 2008).

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 Krone

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal
Louis G. Aloia

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:25, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Work Session during Closed Session and at 7:45 PM, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo left the Work Session during Closed Session. At 8:00 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

DEBT ANALYSIS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:00 PM, the City Council and Cabinet met with City Auditor Dieter Lerch concerning an analysis of City Debt and a proposed non-conformity maturity schedule of City Bonds in connection with the upcoming Bond Sale.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Moskal duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK