

A Work Session of the City Council was held Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 6:30 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 and Frank J. Calandriello  
Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal and Joseph Delaney  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-052-014, from Ramos Investments, LLC., t/a the Envy Lounge for licensed premises located at 279 Passaic Street to JDMJ Entertainment LLC., (John J. Squicciarini, 11 Lynn Place, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 and Joseph C. Miller, 28 Paderewski Rd, Oak Ridge NJ 07438 and David L. Squicciarini, 31 Brookside Avenue, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 and Michael L. Stabile, 66 Highcrest Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480 who will each own 25% of the Corporation) t/a the Envy Lounge.

Attorney Francis J. Battersby, 4 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 was present representing the applicant.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER MOSKAL

At 6:35 PM, Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### PROPOSED CIRCUS FUNDRAISER

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield PBA Local No. 46 representatives Everett Garnto, Robert Ridarick and Pedro Gongora concerning a proposed fundraiser in early June involving the Cole Brothers Circus, Inc., appearing at the Garfield High School soccer field, a.k.a. DeVito Field, located off Semel Avenue.

#### FIREHOUSE NO. TWO

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following representatives of Fire Company No. Two concerning the need for improvements to their Firehouse located at 72 Belmont Avenue: Assistant Fire Chief James Kovacs, Jr.; President James Kovacs, Sr.; and Captain William Haouck.

#### ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:45 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined 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 dedication for the Wall of Mayors is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:00 PM in front of City Hall, with a reception following the ceremony at Firehouse No. Four located at 97 Outwater Lane.
2. Boswell Engineering was awarded First Place in the State of New Jersey for Municipal Parks/Recreation Projects by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers for the design of LaFaso Memorial Field/Belmont Oval.
3. The City of Garfield will be publicly recognized at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC on Monday, March 10, 2008 for the Safe Routes to Schools Program. The only other City to be so recognized for its efforts with this Program will be Atlanta, Georgia.
4. The Grand Opening of the Garfield branch of the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union at 85 River Drive on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 11:00 AM.
5. The Freddie Porter Memorial Scholarship Beefsteak Fundraiser to be held at the Royal Manor at 454 Midland Avenue on Saturday, March 8, 2008.
6. The breakfast meeting of the Bergen County Utilities Authority to be held Wednesday, March 12, 2008.
7. The proposed purchase of a storage shed for \$3,500 for the Garfield Little League to be placed at Belmont Oval/LaFaso Field.
8. Proposed renovations to the Garfield Free Public Library located at 500 Midland Avenue.
9. Proposed drainage improvements prepared by Boswell Engineering to eliminate the stormwater flooding hardship being experienced by the business located at the intersection of Spring Street and Belmont Avenue.
10. The recent extension of the Tax Abatement Program and so far, in 2008, 23 residential buildings have had \$535,000 worth of improvements with a deferred tax assessment, and 3 businesses have had \$52,900 worth of improvements with a deferred tax assessment.
11. The need to address the roof of Firehouse No. Five located at 33 Plauderville Avenue.
12. New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Housing Inspector Jerry Rienzi has sent a number of recommendations regarding the proposed enforcement of ordinances and laws prohibiting unlawful dwellings.
13. The request for an easement through Columbus Park by the Community Action Partnership for their HELP Building located at 541 Midland Avenue.
14. The \$6,800 estimate for the proposed installation of a deep fryer and grill system in the Field House at Twentieth Century Field.

EXIT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR FURFARO

At 7:15 PM, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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15. A proposed ordinance regulating Pawn Shops.
16. Proposed amendments to the Towing Ordinance.
17. The allocation meeting for the award of Bergen County Community Development Block Grants is scheduled to be held Thursday, March 6, 2008.
18. In connection with the Palisade Avenue Improvement, PSE&G is addressing 24 different underground leaks before the City repaves the roadway.
19. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Code to address parking requirements for Houses of Worship.
20. The telephone conference scheduled to be held at 10:00 AM tomorrow with Moody's Rating Service concerning the City's Financial rating.
21. The need to step up enforcement of laws prohibiting graffiti.
22. A recent thank you letter he received from the South Bergen Federal Credit Union for the DPW cleaning Fleischer's Brook near their building located at 61-63 Morris Avenue, Garfield.
23. The Shared Services Critical Incident Task Force mutual aid agreement between Garfield, Paramus, Fair Lawn, Ridgewood and River Edge.
24. 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.
25. The Salary Ordinance for non-union White Collar employees.
26. The second annual Exempt Firemen's Beefsteak fundraiser to be held at Firehouse No. Three located at 159 Gaston Avenue on Saturday, April 5, 2008.
27. The retirement of Municipal Court Judge William Colacino effective March 1, 2008, and the appointment of Charles Daglian to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of William Colacino.
28. The anonymous housing complaints that have been received by the City which are being addressed by Gerald Walis of the Building Department.
29. Plans for the new Police Station to be constructed behind the current Police Station located at 411 Midland Avenue.
30. Congressman Steve Rothman will be at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Citizen Building at 480 Midland Avenue as part of his listening tour on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 11:00 AM.
31. The \$100,000 grant in connection with Belmont Oval/LaFaso Field

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-62

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 7:45 PM on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 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 (Condemnation of Block 140/Lot 41 AKA 779 River Drive for Proposed Park Along the Passaic River From the Outwater Lane Bridge to the Dundee Dam).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Contract for Water Billing Services With the Passaic Valley Water Commission; City Not to Get Involved With Garfield Girls Softball League Coaches Issue).
- \* 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; (Citizen's Accusation that the City DPW Cleared a Private Business of Snow at the Corner of Columbus Avenue and River Drive When in Fact it is a Closed Business at that Corner and the Snow Plowing Trucks Were Only Turning Around to Continue Plowing the City Streets).

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) James Krone  
Stanley J. Moskal

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK