

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:05 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 and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Police Sergeant Craig Roselli (for Police Chief Kevin Amos)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-043-014, from Milan Banquet, Inc., t/a Michele's for licensed premises located at 32 Passaic Street to Michele's Catering, Inc., (Nagin Rana, 97 Union Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055 who will each own 100% of the Corporation) t/a Michele's.

PROPOSED PARADE AND SPECIAL EVENTY ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a proposed Ordinance regulating parades and special events.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:30 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

GARFIELD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program Director William Katchen concerning a status report of the Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. The 2008 Municipal Budget Process.
2. The contract with the Passaic Valley Water Commission concerning water billing services.

EXIT OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 6:55 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano 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 proposed ordinance implementing the Junior Firefighter Program.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated April 8, 2008.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

2. A recent letter from the Public Service Electric and Gas Company requesting a list of upcoming roadway improvement projects.
3. The Improvement of Palisade Avenue.
4. The underground fuel storage tank leak at 60 Center Court.
5. The request by Mr. Paul Urgovitch of 52 Elizabeth Street to have the traffic calming rumble strips removed from the street in front of his house because the noise is constant and irritating and he cannot enjoy the peace and quiet of his home.
6. The proposed adjustment of the ball field lights of the Little League Field in Belmont Oval off Spring Street so they are less likely to shine towards the homes of the area residents.
7. The Wrestling War Games fundraiser to support Project Graduation of Garfield High School.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-114

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 7:25 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 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 (Redevelopment Agreement for the Garden State Paper Site at 950 River Drive; Reversionary Clause to the City of the American Legion Property Located at 163 Cedar Street and Alleged Removal of the Reversionary Clause by the City Council in September 1951).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations of or possible violations of the law; (Garfield Environmental Commission Member Mehmet Secilmis Compiling an Unauthorized, Unofficial and Probably Inaccurate List and Map of Environmentally Contaminated Sites in Garfield; Housing Inspection Reports and the Need for Improvements to Better Track Illegal Apartments).

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- * 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; (Fire Department Clothing Allowance; Jose Calderone as a Part-Time Housing Code Official).

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
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Krone duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK