

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:15 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-037-004, from Chris Liquor, Inc., t/a Pescador Restaurant, for licensed premises located at 1 Passaic Street to Smoke House, LLC., (Henry Rybak, 445 Stoney Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, who will own 100% of the Corporation) t/a Smoke House.

Attorney John A. Conte, Jr., with Law Offices located at One Paragon Drive, Suite 240, Montvale, NJ 07645, was present representing the applicant.

POLISH AUTOMOBILE PARADE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Andziej Palzyuski from the Polish/American Centrum and Jan Slechta from the Polish Newspaper Nowy Dzień concerning the fourth annual Polish Automobile Parade to be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 1:00 PM.

SIXTH ANNUAL JOHN COCULA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OPEN

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Sixth Annual John Cocula Memorial Scholarship Golf Open to benefit Garfield and Vernon High School Students.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. He is seeking quotes for the City Hall security camera system.
2. The application filed by the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry for a Bergen County Community Development Block grant to purchase a van was rejected.
3. The City is in receipt of requests from several restaurants with Liquor licenses to consider adoption of an ordinance permitting outdoor dining.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:35 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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4. Representatives of the Vornado/South Garfield Redevelopment Project at Passaic Street have contacted him concerning a proposed groundbreaking ceremony during the first week of May 2008.
5. The Mid Year Assembly of the New Jersey First Aid Council to be held at Garfield High School on May 18, 2008 at 10:00 AM.
6. The Garfield Boys and Girls Club Beefsteak fundraiser to be held on May 9, 2008.
7. The next Meeting of the City Council will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2008, the day after the City Council Election.
8. He has authorized a few Dress Down Fridays in City Hall in May to Benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.
9. The Water System Master Plan.
10. The proposed review of the Parking Sticker Ordinance by Traffic Lieutenant Ronald Polonkay and proposed amendments to update and address various inconsistencies.
11. Bergen County Animal Shelter answered 23 calls in January, 30 calls in February, and 28 calls in March.
12. A request was received concerning the proposed bussing of a child to and from Lincoln Place to the Middle School. He forwarded the request to the Superintendent of Schools.
13. Proposed resolutions concerning the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund.
14. The test boring results for the HP Garfield Investments Redevelopment at Garden State Paper site at 950 River must come in first prior to the commencement of construction at that site.
15. The complaint from Mr. Juan Garcia of 389 Van Bussum Avenue, concerning animals ruining his yard. Health Sanitarian Frank Bland went to the site and the lady neighbor was fined only \$ 36.00 last year, but Mr. Bland went back again recently and gave the lady until April 18th to cease feeding the wildlife.
16. The reassignment of Clerk-Typist Barbara Gazdagen to the Municipal Court.
17. The reappointment of Joseph Giammanco as the City Prosecutor.
18. The letter he wrote to Mr. James Wilson, the Chief Executive Officer of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railway, concerning complaints from the Alessandria Condominium Association about the alleged shaking of the condominium units when the trains travel down the Monroe Street Train Tracks and about the frequency of the trains traveling down the tracks.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The New Jersey Clean Communities Council Awards Banquet to be held on May 22, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Nassau Inn located at 10 Palmer Square, Princeton, NJ.
2. Reimbursement to the City for Recyclable materials has increased.

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Councilmember Louis G. Aloia reported on the following:

1. The UGALS request to be recognized as a Garfield sports group entitled to minimal City financial support.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

19. Meetings and communications he and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano have had with representatives of the Passaic Valley Water Commission concerning improvements to the City water billing system.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

3. The thank you card that was received from Police Chief Robert Andrezzi for his retirement recognitions.
4. The invitation that was received to see "Kids in Concert" on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The synthetic field in Belmont Oval Park off Spring Street was tested for levels of lead and the results came back within the acceptable and allowable levels.
2. Proposed Resolutions concerning various construction projects

At this time, City Manager Thomas J. Duch publicly recognized Kim Fedor and her son, Danny Fedor, who were in attendance observing the Council Meeting, for Danny in order to earn a merit badge towards his Eagle Scout designation.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-133

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 22, 2008, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * 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; (the alleged refusal of the Belwood Court condominium complex at 223 Midland Avenue to comply with recycling laws; the settlement with the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund for the collapse of the DPW Salt Shed; the sewer clog near the intersection of Banta Avenue and Midland Avenue).

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- * 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 hiring of E.J. Morano as a Police dispatcher).

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 Delaney

(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, the Work Session was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK