

A Work Session of the City Council was held Wednesday, May 14, 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, Stanley J. Moskal and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: James Krone 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, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

PROPOSED CAFÉ ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a proposed Café Ordinance.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The New Jersey first Aid Council Convention to be held on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the Garfield High School.
2. The 125 Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church to be held June 1, 2008.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER KRONE

At 6:45 PM Councilmember Krone joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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3. The Sixth Annual John Cocula Scholarship Golf Outing to be held at the Black Bear Golf Club in Franklin, New Jersey, on Friday, June 27, 2008.
4. The need to nominate a Volunteer of the Year for the City of Garfield to be publicly recognized by the County of Bergen.
5. The request by the Police Chief to amend the ordinance regulating canvassing and the need to develop a proposed ordinance concerning the filming of movies or TV shows in Garfield.
6. The need to adopt an ordinance regulating "Wildlife Feeding" in the City of Garfield.
7. The Passaic River Cleanup which is scheduled to be held Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9:00 AM to Noon.
8. The proposed shielding of certain lights for the Little League Field in Belmont Oval which were possibly disturbing the neighbors.
9. The proposal from Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh to establish a "Special Needs Program" to respond to a 911 List of citizens with special needs in the event of a City Emergency.
10. Proposed resolutions endorsing Community Development grant applications.
11. The new State Law pertaining to the impounding of shopping carts which may necessitate amending the current City ordinance regulating shopping carts.

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12. The thank you letter dated, April 28, 2008 from Doreen Spano, the Manager of the Bel-Wood Court Condominiums located at 233 Midland Avenue, concerning City DPW workers being extremely helpful and locating the main shut off valves for the condominiums which had been covered with macadam.
13. The fencing of the City Water Works Facility in the Elmwood Park Well Field is complete.
14. The installation of three monitoring wells at old Firehouse No. Three located on Willard Street pursuant to requirements of the State DEP and in accordance with a grant funding the work of Pennoni Associates of Edison, New Jersey.
15. The plans of Pastor Arthur Bryant of Friendship Baptist Church located at 154 Gaston Avenue to expand the Church and have a more active congregation.
16. The proposed improvement of the Garden Court East Playground with grant funding and the purchase of new playground equipment.
17. Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro will be out a few more weeks after acquiring an infection after his shoulder surgery.
18. The Safe Routes to Schools grant.
19. The Bergen County Community Development blocks grant application filed by the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry for \$29,000.00 for a new van.
20. The schedule of activities to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2008.
21. The meeting for the Relay for Life to be held tomorrow May 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue.
22. The proposed installation by the County of Bergen of debris sweepers at the River Drive Bridge over the Saddle River near Marsellus Place to direct floating debris to the river banks to prevent upstream flooding.
23. The request from Frank Saccomanno of 193 Palisade Avenue for the establishment of a Skateboard Park somewhere within the City of Garfield.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 7:20 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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24. The Length of Service Award Program for Garfield Volunteer Firefighters.

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 7:20 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

Work Session May 14, 2008, Continued

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 08-154

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 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 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 (Request from mens baseball league for public funds; reversionary clause in deed of property used by American Legion Post No. 255 located at 163 Cedar Street).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed award of contract for Palisade Avenue Water Main Improvement Project).
- * 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 appointment of James Krone to Garfield Redevelopment Agency).

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

ARRIVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY REPRESENTATIVE ZWILLENBERG

At 7:40 PM, City Attorney Representative Daniel E. Zwillenberg of the Law Office of Dennis J. Oury joined the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK