

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 30, 2007 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 boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmember 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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo

### PROJECT GRADUATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Ms. Ruthann Toskovich concerning a request for support from the Mayor and City Council for a T-shirt fundraiser for Project Graduation at Garfield High School.

### VFW PULL TAB REQUEST

The City Council and Cabinet met with Benda- Roerich VFW Post No. 2867 Commander Robert Pollack and VFW Members Richard Farkas and Larry Harvey concerning fees for a Pull Tab fundraiser which requires \$750 to the State of New Jersey and \$750 to the City of Garfield.

### GARFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Fire Chief Edward Ortyl and Assistant Fire Chief Michael Marsh concerning a proposed Hazmat Fire Truck for Fire Company No. Five.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed additional street sweeping day per week on Passaic Street.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. A proposed manual street sweeper to walk and clean City streets.

Councilmember Stanley J. Moskal reported on the following:

1. The proposed "ADOPT A STREET" suggestion by the City Environmental Commission.

City Manager Duch reported on the following:

2. The mandate by Sybil Moses, the Superior Court Assignment Judge of Bergen County, that every Municipal Court have a Municipal Security Plan.
3. The Belmont Oval Park Improvement.

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4. The proposed subdivision of the Harrison Water Tank site, the proposed dismantling of the water tank and the proposed installation of a flag pole cell tower at the site.
5. The legal research performed by City Attorney Rotolo in connection with the loudspeaker affixed to the minaret of the Albanian American Islamic Center located at 43 Monroe Street.
6. The proposed grant opportunity for improvements to the Little League building located in Belmont Oval by LoFaso Field located off Spring Street.
7. The criminal background checks of Little League coaches being offered throughout the nation by Little League International.
8. A proposed City picnic to be held July 4, 2007.
9. The double lines painted down the center of newly paved Shaw Street by the contractor without taking into consideration the on-street parking on one-side of the street.
10. The proposed traffic control signal at the intersection of River Drive and Lanza Avenue.
11. The proposed Street Paving Program.
12. The dinner to be held on Thursday March 29, 2007 at the Venetian Restaurant to honor Ex-Fire Chief Harry Yakimik of Fire Company No. Two for Fifty Years of Dedicated Service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:05 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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13. The meeting he had today with Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps Captain Jo-Anne Gademan concerning the proposed purchase of new pagers, the proposed improvements to the bathrooms of the Ambulance Corps Building located at 409 Midland Avenue, the proposed transfer of ownership of old Ambulance No. 325 to Fire Company No. Three and the proposed purchase of a new ambulance.
14. The proposed hosting of an enrollment session on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Health Center located off Elizabeth Street for the Bergen County CHIP Access to Care Committee for families without Health Insurance.
15. The proposed Health Department Resource Flier.
16. The notification which was recently received from the US Department of Justice concerning the retroactive COPS grant.
17. The request by the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Cheerleader Squad for bus transportation to their competition in Baltimore, Maryland.

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18. The 15 minute parking zone in front of World of Liquors located at 68 Van Winkle Avenue which was removed recently and the neighborhood dispute involving the parking zone.
19. The proposed Macedonian Festival to be held in September in Twentieth Century Field.
20. The proposed purchase of two to three police cars this year.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated January 30, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-615

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 Tuesday, January 30, 2007 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 for the public body; (White Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations; Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Negotiations).
- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates for investment of public funds; (Riverfront Parkland Condemnation of Property Along the Passaic River; Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield Request for Property Tax Payment Abatement for Property at 217-245 Passaic Street).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Water Meter at 70 Van Winkle Avenue; Criminal History Background Check of Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps Member Alan Lane).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Mildred Taylor vs. the City of Garfield Lawsuit; Pay to Play Regulations).
- \* 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; (Reduction in Number of Hours of Crossing Guards; Judge James T. Murphy as Hearing Officer in the Barbara Gazdagen Matter; Police Officers Working Off-Duty for other Vendors and Being Authorized to Carry Firearms; Health Benefits Provided to Retired City Manager John Nunno; Proposed Short Term Disability Plan; Disciplinary Hearing of Police Officer Joseph Marsh, Clerk Typist Barbara Gazdagen and Police Officer Todd Mosby; Police Officers Attending Conferences & State Law Saying No More than 10% of the Force May Attend).

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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 AND RETURN OF COUNCILMEMBER ALOIA

At 8:25 PM, Councilmember Louis G. Aloia left the Work Session during Closed Session prior to the discussion of the Mildred Taylor vs. City of Garfield Lawsuit. After the conclusion of the discussion at 8:40 PM, Councilmember Aloia returned to 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 9:05 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 4,  
Absent 1 – Councilmember Krone

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK