

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 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, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal

Also Present: City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Police Chief Robert Andrezzi, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Acting Construction Code Official Gerald Walis

PROPOSED CURFEW ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed a proposed Curfew Ordinance.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEFINITIONS ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Acting Construction Code Official/Fire Code Official Gerald Walis concerning a proposed ordinance that would change certain housing and zoning definitions and regulations in an effort to combat illegal apartments.

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City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. The police incident report from October 8, 2007 regarding Nice Food Kitchen at 235 Palisade Avenue allegedly serving alcohol to underage persons and the A.B.C. Disciplinary Hearing which probably will be needed to be scheduled.
2. The rededication of the Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue as the "Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center" scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 6:00 PM.
3. U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez and other Federal Officials will be in Garfield on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at the North Hudson Community Action Health Center located at 535 Midland Avenue to protest President George Bush's veto of S-CHIP Legislation concerning children's health coverage.
4. The proposed plans for the new Police Station to be constructed behind the current Police Station located at 411 Midland Avenue.
5. City Manager Duch will appear before the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Committee on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 8:00 PM, immediately after the Frank B. Calandriello Senior Center Dedication Ceremony. The Officials of the Trust will be visiting the riverfront park site on October 13, 2007.
6. Possible City interest in purchasing the property for sale at 403 Midland Avenue and Beech Street across from the Police Station for possible relocation of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

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7. The notice dated September 25, 2007, from the Passaic Valley Water Commission concerning both wholesale and retail water rate increases of 3.85% in 2008 and 4.0% in each of 2009 and 2010.
8. The proposal from Fire Chief Edward Ortyl to purchase six emergency generators, over five years, one for the Police Station and one for each of the five firehouses for use in case of an emergency.
9. The public notice dated October 4, 2007, from the Public Service Electric and Gas Company concerning the disconnection and removal of the gas and electric service at the old Garden State Paper mill site at 950 River Drive and 141 Lanza Avenue in preparation of its demolition in connection with the Redevelopment of that site.
10. The proposed publication of Illegal Apartment Convictions pursuant to Resolution No. 07-329.
11. The efforts made by Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh in aggressively pursuing the City claim for reimbursement for April 2007 storm related damages which have resulted in a total reimbursement from the State of \$16,317.22.
12. The letter from Bill Munson of 30 Garden Court South dated October 5, 2007, who praised the City for the wonderful job in the renovation and revitalization of Belmont Oval but complained that too many nights this summer there were young people playing soccer until 10:30 PM at night, well past the time that the teams finished practice or games, and sometimes until 1:30 AM. He suggested that the park gates be locked after night games and practice.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated October 9, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 07-360

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 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 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; (Proposed Purchase of 403 Midland Avenue for Public Purposes; proposed Redevelopment of the Old Sketchley Services/Eastern Overall Property at the South End of Walnut 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; (Proposed A.B.C. Disciplinary Hearing of Nice Food Kitchen Located at 235 Palisade Avenue).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Passaic Valley Water Commission Contract For Water Billing And Water Rates; Construction Code Official James Mazzer vs. City Matter Remanded Back to Office of Administrative Law).

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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: (DPW Employees Wyman Williams and John Prencik).

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 Moskal

(Sgd) James Krone
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Moskal

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK