

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:20 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: Tana M. Raymond, Joseph Delaney, Louis G. Aloia, and Frank J. Calandriello

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo, City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell), Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo, Police Chief Kevin Amos, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and Fire Official Gerald Walis

### LA FESTIVA ITALIANA

The City Council and Cabinet discussed La Festiva Italiana scheduled to be held Thursday, September 10, 2009 through Sunday, September 13, 2009, surrounding the property of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church located near the intersection of Frederick Street and Mac Arthur Avenue.

### PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION

The City Council and Cabinet met with Tax Assessor Kurt Hiele concerning a proposed Property Tax Revaluation.

### FORMULA FOR FUNDING OF MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES

The City Council and Cabinet met with Library Director I. MacArthur Nickles concerning a proposal change in the formula for funding of Municipal Libraries.

### ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:45 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Sanitary Sewer Improvement Grant Application Package has been delivered to the State and the Water Improvement Grant Application Package will be delivered shortly.
2. The results of his meeting today with Mr. Robert Rodriguez of the State DEP and the process to be followed in regard to the need to hold a Scoping Hearing due to the County of Bergen's condemnation of a portion of Green Acres obtained property in connection with the Passaic River Park and the widening of River Drive in Garfield. He took Mr. Rodriguez all around today to the City parks and he felt that it was a good productive meeting.

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3. Insurance Risk Manager Frank Covelli has offered to conduct an Elected Officials Training Seminar prior to the first Work Session in April and the City receives a \$250.00 insurance deduction for each Councilmember who attends.
4. The Safety Awareness Day to be held for City employees starting at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 12, 2009 in City Hall.
5. There will be a Haz Mat Truck dedication on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Fire House No. Five located at 33 Plauderville Avenue and an Open House at the Fire House from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM that day.
6. The new delineated Firematic responsibilities assigned to each of the five Fire Companies.
7. Public Health Nurse Darlene Revielle will be speaking at the Congressional Cities Conference sponsored by the National League of Cities in Washington, DC, on Monday, March 16, 2009, concerning the City of Garfield's experience with the implementation of Safe Routes to Schools initiatives in connection with childhood obesity prevention efforts.
8. It appears that the City cannot utilize the Leak Detection System in the Elmwood Park Well Field. Also, on or about 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, a pipe dating back to 1925 broke in the Elmwood Park Well Field which was discovered when APS Contracting was changing over from the Raw Water Meter to the By-Pass Meter at the Pumping Station there. The City had to purchase an extra 3.5 million gallons of water from the Passaic Valley Water Commission due to the need to fix the broken pipe. By 1:00 PM, Thursday, March 5, 2009, the City Wells were pumping again.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated March 10, 2009.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-104

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 8:15 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed professional services contract between the City and Police Chief Kevin Amos.
- \* 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; (The retirement of Recycling Coordinator Joanne Panuto effective May 1, 2009; suspension of DPW Employees Edward Rusnak, James Brown and William Colon; termination of Police Officer Mariggi Lopez).

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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 Moskal

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia  
Tana M. Raymond

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 Raymond duly seconded the motion.

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

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK