

A Work Session of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6:10 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 Work Session 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, Louis G. Aloia, 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, Labor Counsel Joseph Randazzo, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Police Chief Kevin Amos and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### PROPOSED ENERGY AUDIT

The City Council and Cabinet met with Energy Consultants Robert Leonardo and Ken DeAngelo of UR Energy, 91 Clinton Road, Suite 2-D, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 concerning a proposed Energy Audit to save the City money in energy costs.

#### ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 6:20 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FENCE ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Construction Official Gerald Walis and Building Sub Code Official Frederick Krowl concerning proposed amendments to the City Code regulating fences.

#### 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2009 Municipal Budget.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The written report from Water Consultant Willard Bierwas dated August 18, 2009.
2. The property maintenance issue involving the sidewalks on the footbridge over Fleischer's Brook at the end of DeWitt Street.
3. The Community Forum hosted by Bergen Community College concerning "the Economic Stimulus Plan and Its Benefits to You" to be held Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Garfield Middle School located at 175 Lanza Avenue.
4. The condemnation of the "El Margo" property located at 909 River Drive as part of the Riverfront Park Project.
5. The past due balance on the books of the Garfield Housing Authority since 1982, concerning the assessment for the improvement of Belmont Avenue in the amount of \$92,193.39.
6. The proposed settlement of the Collective Bargaining Negotiations with PBA Local No. 46.

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7. He met with representatives of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company concerning a proposed agreement for them to perform an energy audit of every City building and the Direct Install Program.
8. The need to finally remove the encroachments of the City Well Field property in Elmwood Park in order for the City to receive the last \$25,000.00 from the County from the sale of the land.
9. The reason that the City of Garfield is not a "Tree City USA" municipality is because one of the requirements is for the City to allocate \$60,000.00 a year as in the City Budget and the City cannot afford to do that.
10. The proposed resolution endorsing a Bergen County Community Development grants application for the Calvary Baptist Church Community Center.
11. Garfield YMCA Community Day scheduled to be held Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Twentieth Century Field.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The storm drains on County roads that were recently clogged during a storm that occurred on Saturday, August 29, 2009, especially under the train trestle on Passaic Street.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated September 8, 2009.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 09-286

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 7:40 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 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 or possible violations of the law; (the need to keep "SRO" Police Resource Officers in the Garfield School System and Garfield High School).
- \* 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 retirement of Water Superintendent Michael Sferruzzo; proposed full time hiring of Willard Bierwas as a Water and Sewer Facilities Manager).

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 or roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Stanley J. Moskal  
Louis G. Aloia

Work Session September 8, 2009, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK