

**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 9, 2024
6:00P.M.**

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing a special meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on December 20, 2023 and published on December 26, 2023.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Action Items
2. Reports of the Cabinet and City Council
3. Book Sanctuary City Discussion
4. SC Vistula Discussion
5. Report of the City Manager/City Clerk
6. Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

c: City Manager/City Clerk
Mayor and Council
City Attorney, John Tuntevski
City Engineer, Kevin Boswell
SC Vistula
Library Director, Mary Jo Jennings
Department Heads

**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
JANUARY 9, 2024
6:00P.M.**

1. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

R-35-24 Introduce Ord. #3022
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE
LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 48, POLICE DEPARTMENT,
ARTICLE VII, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY
EMPLOYMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

R-36-24 Introduce Ord. #3023
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL
LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226, PARKING, ARTICLE II,
PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
GARFIELD**

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

R-37-24 Approval of Bills List
R-38-24 Enabling Resolution for Supplemental Funding Request
R-39-24 Re-Appointing Fire Department Chaplain
R-40-24 Approval of Laundromat Business License
R-41-24 Approval of Laundromat Business License
R-42-24 Approving 2024 Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facility
Licenses
R-43-23 Authorizing Resolution to Accept Consent Agenda

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-35-24**

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3022

FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 48, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE VII, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Maslag				
Herrera				
Banch				
Delaney				
Rigoglioso				

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 9th day of January 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3022**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 48, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE VII, CONTRACTED OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, statutory authority provides that the Mayor and Council for the City of Garfield by Ordinance may set rates of compensation to the City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the use of off-duty services by the Police Department serves an integral role in providing comfort and safety to the citizens of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to increase the rates of compensation for off-duty law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 48, Police Department, Article VII, Contracted Off-Duty Employment, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The current text of City Ordinance, Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 48, Police Department, Article VII, Contracted Off-Duty Employment, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 48-28. Rates of compensation; administrative fee; payment for services.

A. Rates of compensation for contracting the services of off-duty law enforcement officers shall be established from time to time by the City Council. Rates of compensation for contracting the services of off-duty law enforcement are established as follows:

- (1) Rate of compensation per hour for off-duty time: \$100, except as set forth in Subsection A(2) and A(3) below.
- (2) Rate of compensation per hour for certain other off-duty law enforcement services, to include, Fire Department functions, City functions and church/non-profit functions: \$50.
- (3) Rate of compensation per hour for certain other off-duty law enforcement services, to include, school functions: \$75.
- (4) An additional fee of \$25 per hour is hereby established to cover administration costs, overhead, and out-of-pocket expenses of the City of Garfield.
- (5) An additional fee of \$25 per vehicle per hour is hereby established to compensate the City of Garfield for use of vehicles.
- (6) A minimum of four hours under four hours of work along with a minimum of eight hours for any work under eight hours will be granted to the off-duty officer.

B. Payment to off-duty law enforcement officers for outside employment shall be made through the City's payroll process.

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 23 are hereby ratified and remains in full force and effect;

Section 3. Any other chapter of the City Code that conflicts with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict;

Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced:

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-36-24**

**RESOLUTION BY:
SECONDED BY:**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3023
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226, PARKING, ARTICLE II, PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3023**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226, PARKING, ARTICLE II, PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6, the governing body of this municipality may establish restricted parking zones in front of residences occupied by handicapped persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has incurred costs for providing permits and processing applications for such permits; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Garfield for the City to charge a fee for residents who apply for such permits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 226, Parking, Article II, Parking for Handicapped Persons, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The current text of City Ordinance, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 226, Parking, Article II, Parking for Handicapped Persons, is hereby amended to include the following:

§ 226-5: Application for handicapped parking space; initial application fee.

C. A one-time initial application fee is hereby established in the amount of \$100.

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 48 are hereby ratified and remain in full force and effect;

Section 3. Any other chapter of the City Code that conflicts with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict;

Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced:

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-37-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve Totaling \$29,752.40 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,847,665.00 and the Water Reserves totaling \$322.36 and the Water Fund totaling \$2,437.51 and the Grants totaling \$0.00 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$0.00 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated January 9, 2024 be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, totaling \$907,694.46 prior to the meeting be ratified.

I, Anders Hasseler, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Anders Hasseler, Chief Financial Officer

January 8, 2024
Dated

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-38-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has previously obtained a Green Acres loan of \$0 and/or a Green Acres grant of \$2,460,000.00 from the State [and an Urban Parks grant of \$0 from the State] to fund the following project(s):

0221-21-075 – Columbus Park Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by requesting an additional Green Acres loan of \$0 and/or an additional Green Acres grant of \$3,980,127 [and an additional Urban Parks grant of \$0; and \$0 from the State] to fund the project; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the supplemental funding requests is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield as follows:

1. Erin Delaney or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:
 - (a) request such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - (b) provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and
2. The applicant agrees to provide the local government/nonprofit share if a match is required.
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

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City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-39-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

RE-APPOINTING FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

WHEREAS, statutory authority provides that the Mayor and Council for the City of Garfield by Ordinance may create the appointment of a Chaplain to the City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 2930 which amended Chapter 23, Article 1 of the City Code, the position of Fire Chaplain was created; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid City Code, the position of Fire Chaplain is a volunteer position and shall be subject to the control of the Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid City Code, the Chief of Police has recommended one (1) individual who meets the qualifications in order to serve in the position of Fire Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended that Pastor John Czubkowski, Praise Church, 145 Main Street, Garfield, NJ 07026 be appointed to serve in the position of Fire Chaplain;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Pastor John Czubkowski be and is hereby appointed to serve in the position of Fire Chaplain in accordance with Ordinance 2930 and applicable state statutes, term ending December 31, 2024.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-40-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY:
SECONDED BY:

APPROVAL OF LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, Jupiter North, LLC t/a Time to Wash, 69 River Drive, filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors certify that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license Jupiter North, LLC t/a Time to Wash 69 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2024.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-41-24
CONSENT AGENDA**

RESOLUTION BY:
SECONDED BY:

APPROVAL OF LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS LICENSE

WHEREAS, New EZ Laundromat, LLC., 251 Midland Avenue, filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors certify that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to New EZ Laundromat, LLC, 251 Midland Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2024.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-42-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

**APPROVING 2024 VEHICLE REPAIR AND AUTO BODY REPAIR FACILITY
LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted their application for a vehicle repair and auto body repair license for the year 2024;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
VO Auto Body	86 Bogart Avenue	January 1, 2024
D&T Auto Body, Inc.	1 Belmont Avenue	January 1, 2024
21 st Century Auto	94 Naples Place	January 1, 2024
Victorio Auto Body, Inc.	568 River Drive	January 1, 2024
Dymora Auto LLC	381 River Drive	January 1, 2024
Quality Auto Body	205 Passaic Street	January 1, 2024
Belfi's Auto & Truck Repair	208 Palisade Avenue	January 1, 2024
Metro Body & Fender, Inc.	619 Midland Avenue	January 1, 2024
Mazzola Auto Body	195 Passaic Street	January 1, 2024
Kaytor's Garage	379 River Drive	January 1, 2024
Lincoln Auto Body, Inc.	87 Lincoln Place	January 1, 2024
Crown Auto Body	122 Pierre Avenue	January 1, 2024

WHEREAS, it is certified that they have conformed with provisions of Ch. 330, Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facilities, adopted 9-12-2023 by Ord. No. 3005;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue licenses to the above-named applicants, effective on the date for issuance/approval listed above.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-43-24
CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY:
SECONDED BY:**

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-37-24 through R-43-24 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: January 9, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

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City Manager/City Clerk

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