

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2025
7:30P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

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 and transmitted on January 7, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL:

4. PRAYER & FLAG SALUTE:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 30, 2024 – Special Meeting
January 1, 2025 – Re-Organization Meeting

6. RESOLUTIONS:

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| R-35-25 | Re-Naming “Champion Park” to “Columbus Park – City of Champions” |
| R-36-25 | Adjustment of the Construction Contract Amount for the Columbus Park Improvements Project |
| R-37-25 | Establishing the Election of Members of the Garfield Board of Education as the Third Tuesday in April |

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

9. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-35-25**

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

**RE-NAMING “CHAMPION PARK” TO “COLUMBUS PARK – CITY OF
CHAMPIONS”**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is the owner of the park property located at 394 Outwater Lane in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this park property located at 394 Outwater Lane was named “Columbus Park” for many years, likely since its inception and dedication as a park in the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R-406-24, the park property at 394 Outwater Lane was re-named “Champion Park”;

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus was a historical and religious figure of Italian heritage;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is often referred to as the “City of Champions”

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield desires to rename the park property at 394 Outwater Lane “Columbus Park – City of Champions”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Council of Garfield that the park property located at 394 Outwater Lane in the City of Garfield is hereby re-named “Columbus Park – City of Champions”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all signage required to give effect to this resolution is hereby approved and authorized and the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

APPROVED: JANUARY 10, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

| | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Rigoglioso | | | | |
| Delaney | | | | |
| Kane | | | | |
| Raymond | | | | |
| Garnto | | | | |

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Special Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-36-25**

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

**ADJUSTMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE
COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Resolution R-539-23 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield has awarded the contract for the Columbus Park Improvements Project to Let It Grow, Inc., 52 Ackerson Street, River Edge, NJ 07661 on February 16, 2024, in the amount of \$5,137,783.00 for Base Bid plus Alternate Bids ‘B’, ‘C’; and ‘D’, plus Change Order No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No 5, No. 6, and No. 7 for an adjusted contract amount of \$5,643,767.11; and

WHEREAS, the total amount to complete this project is \$5,643,767.11; and

WHEREAS, the park was renamed to “Champion Park” via resolution R-406-24 and the current Mayor and Council is desirous of reverting the name back to “Columbus Park – City of Champions”; and

WHEREAS, the effectuate said change additional funds are needed for the replacement of installed signage; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will serve to increase the adjusted contract amount of \$5,643,767.11 by Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$21,925.24; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield does hereby approve Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$21,925.24 to adjust the contract amount of the Columbus Park Improvements Project to \$5,665,692.35.

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

January 9, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 10, 2025

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**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-37-25**

RESOLUTION BY:

SECONDED BY:

**ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GARFIELD BOARD OF
EDUCATION AS THE THIRD TUESDAY IN APRIL**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (N.J.S.A. §19:60-1.1(a)) authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (N.J.S.A. §19:60-1.1(b)) authorizes changing the election date of school board members back to the third Tuesday in April from the General Elections; and

WHEREAS, such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c. 202(N.J.S.A. §19:60-1.1; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (N.J.S.A. §19:60-1.1) requires that the change once made to the General Election must remain in effect for four (4) years before the election can be changed back to the third Tuesday in April; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (N.J.S.A. §19:60-1.1) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where Board of Education members are elected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 2, 2020, the City of Garfield Mayor and Council issued Resolution 20-147 Establishing the Election of Members of the Garfield Board of Education as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Board of Education budget has increased every year from 2021 to 2024 and the taxpayers have had no oversight over the budget; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the tax payers of the City of Garfield are best protected from Garfield Board of Education budget increases by moving the City of Garfield school board members' election to the third Tuesday in April where the proposed school budget is presented in an annual voter referendum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (N.J.S.A. §19:60-1.1(b)), the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby changes the annual election date for school board members from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to the third Tuesday in April, beginning in 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Bergen County Clerk; the City of Garfield Board of Education Secretary and the Garfield City Clerk.

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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