

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Tana M. Raymond 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 boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello and Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John Bruno), City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

ELECTIONS

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed ordinance to move the Municipal Election from May to November and the proposed resolution to move the Board of Education Election from April to November.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The PSE&G Energy Strong Improvement Project will add 1,700 new services in the City over and above the new lines. PSE&G will have to repave the streets of much of the City.
2. The video camera equipment for video conferencing for the processing of prisoners in the Council Chamber/Court Room in City Hall at a cost of \$9,000.00. With this new system, the Prisoners would not have to be brought from the jail to City Hall for processing.
3. The thank you note sent by Meals with a Mission for help with their Casino Night fundraising event.
4. The "Police Chief for the Day" Program will be held in City Hall on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 9:00 AM.
5. The mass for Monsignor William Reilly to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of his ordination as a Priest will be held at noon on Sunday, May 31, 2015 with dinner to follow at 3:30 PM at Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church on Marsellus Place.
6. Proposed amendments to the City Code regulating Mobile Food Handlers Licenses.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO AND LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:55 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello and Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7. The \$75,000 grant for a generator to be used both by City Hall at 111 Outwater Lane and Fire House No. Four at 97 Outwater Lane in case of an emergency.
8. The proposed opening of City Hall at Night for Parking Stickers from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and the possibility of keeping the Recycling Center at 409 Midland Avenue open on a Saturday.
9. The thank yous that were received by the Mayor and Council for their support regarding the Memorial Day Parade. The enthusiasm of the young people was encouraging and the turnout was just amazing.

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BODY CAMERA FOR GARFIELD POLICE OFFICERS

Police Officer Brian Porco exhibited how the Garfield Police Department is implementing the deployment of the body cameras for Garfield Police Officers.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:45 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated May 26, 2015.
2. The status of the Meridia Capodagli Transit Crossing Residential Redevelopment Project located at the east end of Schley Street and the south end of Walnut Street. The Performance Bond has been set up.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 15-225

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 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (collective bargaining negotiations with PBA Local No. 46; White Collar and Blue Collar collective bargaining negotiations).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (handgun permit application of retired Garfield Police Officer Gregory Drelich).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (proposed retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos; Frederick Krowl vs. the City of Garfield; Ellen Heine vs. the City of Garfield; proposed resolution and ordinance to move April School Board elections to November and May City Council elections to November).

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 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

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ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 8:20 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Tana M. Raymond 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 boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Frank J. Calandriello, Louis G. Aloia, Joseph Delaney, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative Robert Ferraro of the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro (for City Attorney John J. Bruno) and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Mati moved to approve the Reports of the Cabinet as presented orally and in writing during the Work Session held earlier this evening. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15-226

WHEREAS, Pastor Arthur Bryant of Friendship Baptist Church is a man of the cloth who has attempted to bring the people of Garfield together in harmony and to build better relations between the youth of the community and the police, and

WHEREAS, he is an active and vital member of the Garfield Citizens Liaison Committee which organized the first ever “Breakfast With A Police Officer” held at the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield on Saturday, April 25, 2015, and the Committee is planning other outreach events, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bryant has made sincere efforts to heal the wounds of this City and these efforts are sincerely appreciated by the people and the leaders of Garfield,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a commendation is hereby extended to Pastor Arthur Bryant for his meritorious and inspiring service and leadership and extended our sincere best wishes for his continued fulfillment of his mission of healing and good will.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

At this time, a framed copy of Resolution No. 15-226 was presented to Pastor Arthur Bryant.

Resolution No. 15-227

WHEREAS, the Chopin Singing Society is hosting the Polish Singers Alliance 65th Convention of District 7 on May 30, 2015 at the Polish People’s Home in Passaic, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the event will be a celebration of Polish music and culture with a choir singing competition, concert and gala/banquet, and

WHEREAS, the Chopin Singing Society #182 of Passaic, member of the Polish Singer’s Alliance of America, is one of the oldest male independent choral groups still active in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the choir is an award-winning group and has been awarded the traveling Cardinal Hlond Trophy and maintain the distinction of being the only chorus to win the trophy three times, twice in succession, and in the years 1997 and 1998 the Chopin Singing Society was the featured choir in the Jimmy Sturr Christmas Show Tour, and the choir has to its credit a number of records and recordings, and

WHEREAS, the Polish Singers Alliance of America (PSAA) celebrated its 126th Anniversary on May 13, 2015 and is the oldest association promoting Polish music and culture in the Western Hemisphere, and

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WHEREAS, the PSAA was organized at a time when Poland had been gone from the map of Europe for almost a century and the Poles used whatever means they could to maintain their spirit and culture and one of the ways was to establish choral societies, similar to the PSAA, to sing in Polish in religious services, and

WHEREAS, the dream of a resurrected Poland became a reality in 1918, and the PSAA added to all Polonia's efforts to deliver the Poles from subjugation from Nazi German occupation from 1939 to 1944, and then to remove the yoke of Soviet oppression from 1944 to 1989, and

WHEREAS, both the Chopin Singing Society and the Polish Singers' Alliance of America continue to this day to display their love of and loyalty to the United States, while maintaining respect and admiration for Poland and the Polish culture which shaped them,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that upon the occasion of the Chopin Singing Society #182 of Passaic, New Jersey hosting the Polish Singers' Alliance of America's 65th Convention of District 7 on May 30, 2015 at the Polish People's Home in Passaic, New Jersey, that both organizations are hereby praised and CONGRATULATED for being worthwhile proponents of Polish heritage and culture.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 15-228

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have expelled Mauricio Calle of 50 Camden Street, Paterson as an active member effective May 4, 2015,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-229

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of the Planning and Zoning Boards of Adjustment of the City of Garfield state that a deposit shall be made to cover Engineering and Attorney fees, and

WHEREAS, deposits have been received Randazzo Family Lmtd Partnership, 99 Passaic Street, Garfield, NJ 07026 for 49/51 Prospect Street Garfield, NJ 07026 Block 149.02 Lot 32 and 58 in the amount of \$1.50 for Engineering fees on 02/10/06 and \$ 2,143.14 for Attorney fees on 02/10/06 for a total of \$ 2,144.64 said funds are being held in the Developer's Escrow Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated these deposits and had determined that they are due to the above individual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-230

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of the Planning and Zoning Boards of Adjustment of the City of Garfield state that a deposit shall be made to cover Engineering and Attorney fees, and

WHEREAS, deposits have been received , Ramon Lopez 184 Lincoln Place, Garfield NJ 07026 Block 38.01 Lot 5 in the amount of \$ 750.00 for Attorney fees on 02/13/08 for a total of \$ 750.00 said funds are being held in the Developer's Escrow Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated these deposits and had determined that they are due to the above individual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15-231

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of the Planning and Zoning Boards of Adjustment of the City of Garfield state that a deposit shall be made to cover Engineering and Attorney fees, and
WHEREAS, deposits have been received, Naume Kostoski 354 Banta Avenue, Garfield , NJ 07026 for 105 Market Street, Garfield NJ 07026 Block 191 Lot 11 in the amount of \$119.95 for Engineering fees on 11/30/07 and \$186.80 for Attorney fees on 11/30/07 for a total of \$306.75 said funds are being held in the Developer's Escrow Fund, and
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated these deposits and had determined that they are due to the above individual;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-232

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of the Planning and Zoning Boards of Adjustment of the City of Garfield state that a deposit shall be made to cover Engineering and Attorney fees, and
WHEREAS, deposits have been received, Dorota and Marian Kardys 78 Bogart Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026 Block 14.01 Lot 44 in the amount of \$00.50 for Attorney fees on 03/20/08 for a total of \$ 00.50 said funds are being held in the Developer's Escrow Fund, and
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated these deposits and had determined that they are due to the above individual;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-233

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure of the Planning and Zoning Boards of Adjustment of the City of Garfield state that a deposit shall be made to cover Engineering and Attorney fees, and
WHEREAS, deposits have been received, Curio Realty III, LLC, 1 Harvest Lane, Kinnelon , NJ 07405 for 783 Midland Avenue, Garfield NJ 07026 Block 206.03 Lot 31 in the amount of \$946.00 for Engineering fees on 06/01/11 and \$19.75 for Attorney fees on 06/01/11 for a total of \$965.75 said funds are being held in the Developer's Escrow Fund, and
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has investigated these deposits and had determined that they are due to the above individual;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that these monies be refunded to the above named claimant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-234

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment for the half year 2011.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
89	8	"Jan Investments, LLC c/o John R. Lloyd, Esq., Nowell Amoruso Klein Berman P.A.	TCJ	\$377.21

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-235

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Tax Court Judgment for the half year 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
89	8	"Jan Investments, LLC c/o John R. Lloyd, Esq., Nowell Amoruso Klein Berman P.A.	TCJ	\$383.92

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-236

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to Exempt Veteran for the half year 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
86	58	Soto Lizardi, Elideo	Exempt Veteran	\$2,216.13

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-237

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid taxes for the year 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
115	52	Guaranteed Trust Title, LLC	O/P	\$2,283.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-238

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid taxes for the year 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
170.04	44	C0002 Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	O/P	\$2,073.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15-239

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a refund due to over paid taxes for the year 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
86	36	PNC Mortgage	O/P	\$1,323.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 15-240

WHEREAS the Receiver of Sewer reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to over paid sewer charges for the year 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this over payment and forward same to the Receiver of Sewer for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

SEWER ACCT #	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
3-10-33.01	Maria Pruszkowski	O/P SEWER	\$440.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Tana M. Raymond

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 15-241

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 1811 to 1814 covering, Dog Trust Fund, Trust Other totaling \$11,469.16 and the Current Fund totaling \$355,447.38, and the Current Water Fund totaling \$109,319.14, and the General Capital Fund totaling \$133,841.74 per attached Computer Lists, 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, which includes twenty two (22) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

Following Pages Numbered _____

for

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2712

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, May 12, 2015; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Raymond declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

There being no objections, Mayor Raymond declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Aloia moved that said ordinance do now pass on final passage and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the statement or notice required by law. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Mati introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR FIRES

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Mati moved that this ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR FIRES" do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held June 23, 2015 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

Councilmember Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE TO HOLD REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON THE DAY OF GENERAL ELECTIONS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE TO HOLD REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON THE DAY OF GENERAL ELECTIONS" do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held June 23, 2015 at 8:00 PM in

ORDINANCES

the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Mayor Raymond, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 4, Abstain 1 – Councilmember Mati.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 15-242

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GARFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 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, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield believe that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield believe that more citizens will participate in the selection of school board members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the nonpartisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby changes the annual election date for school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the Garfield Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the Board of Education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, members of the Garfield Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 2016 will continue to serve in office until the January 2017 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to the Bergen County Clerk; the Bergen County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections;

The Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Abstain 2 -
Councilmember Mati and Mayor Raymond

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Frank J. Calandriello

Regular Meeting May 26, 2015, Continued

EXIT OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 9:20 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney left the Regular Meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Jaclyn Hadj-Belgacem, 203 Mac Arthur Avenue, was a spokesperson for more than a dozen people present and she expressed a frustration with a hardship concerning parking in the area of the Charter School at 181 MacArthur Avenue. She spoke on the “No Parking Zone” around the school. She said she would like a 25 mph speed limit sign on the street and she would like the street closed during school hours. She suggested alternate side of the street parking between 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM when school is done.

Ms. Rochelle Adams, 211 Mac Arthur Avenue, spoke on receiving two parking tickets. She spoke on the response time of the Garfield Police Department.

Mr. Anthony Morales, 90 Passaic Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for the Memorial Day Parade. He said that it was a great success. He said that it revived the community and he expressed his gratitude to the Department of Public Works. He said that he calls the DPW constantly and they handle issues very quickly. He wanted to express his appreciation in regard to the sincerity of City Manager Duch and the Councilmembers. He thanked the Council for taking the time to elaborate and explain issues before the Council. He said that the City leadership is sensitive to the needs of the Community. He thanked them for the Police presence in the neighborhood and for all their support.

Mr. Richard Rigolgi, 13 Summit Avenue, spoke on the Memorial Day Parade. He spoke about possible hosting a Big Food Truck Mash in 20th Century Field in the Spring or Fall.

Ms. Jessica Newby, 211 Mac Arthur Avenue, complained about speeding in her neighborhood. She complained that kids and parents “just walk in the street”.

Mr. Ciro Disclafani, 47 Orchard Street, spoke on pedestrian safety and said that the City Council is non-responsive to him. He proposed a public forum and having it in each Ward with each Councilmember. He said that there is a need for organizations, churches and schools to hear the problems of the community. He questioned how high volume businesses are allowed to open without proper ADA access. He said that the new Wawa at the intersection of River Drive and Columbus Avenue does not have an automatic opening door. He complained about an illegal curb cut in the crosswalk at Marsellus Place and Harrison Avenue near the Veterans Monument.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello spoke about the success of the Memorial Day Parade and he complimented the Events Committee, the Recreation Department and City Manager Duch. He said that it was a great success and a great event. He said that the City stopped having the parade because the Veterans asked that it be stopped. He said that under no circumstances would the parade have been cut years ago except at the request of the Veterans. He addressed Mr. Disclafani who said that the City Council does not respond to him. He told him that he has some valid points.

Councilmember Aloia said that the Memorial Day Parade was a phenomenal success. He said that he was astonished at the number of people standing on the sidewalks. He said that it was really worth watching and being a part of. He said that the Police Department does an outstanding job with a lot of things. He said that sometimes parking is a no-win. He said that there were a lot of good ideas offered tonight like proper signage, speed bumps, 4 way stops and people need to slow down. He said that on Walnut Street at the Muscarelle Child Development Center, parents are driving very quickly. He commended Police Sergeant Michael Marsh for all the one way streets around Our Lady of Sorrows. He said that changing our habits is difficult and he said that the more input the better. He said that the Police are doing their best.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Mati said that he would rather see warnings rather than tickets. He said that the City will be working on some ideas for the Mac Arthur Avenue problem. He said that the town was not designed for every citizen to own a car. He said that the City Council is trying to make this town better. He said that the Police Department has a tough job.

Mayor Raymond said that the City will work to find an amicable solution. She said that the Memorial Day Parade was a huge success. She said that the City had excellent people coordinating this parade including City Manager Thomas Duch, Recreation Director Anthony Furfaro, Police Sergeant Michael Marsh, Fire Chief Michael Colon and Special Events Committee Member Wanda Lowny. She said that it is a good teaching tool and that the kids will learn that Memorial Day is for the Veterans. She thanked everyone for their contributions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK