

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:30 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 Work Session was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email 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, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia 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), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-031-008, from LCJD LLC t/a Jimmy Jim's Grill (Luis Buron, 278 Semel Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 – who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation and Julio Castillo 1-09 35h Street, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07401 who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation), to La Fortaleza Incorporated (Arturo Ortega, 911 Bergenline Avenue Apt 4, Union City, NJ 07087 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation) for licensed premise formally located at 399 Midland Avenue to 361 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, t/a La Fortaleza.

The applicant and his Attorney William Shea, Esq, with law offices located at 1037 Route 46 East, Clifton, New Jersey 07010, were present.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Jack Mansourati, 19 Cherry Street, said that his godson was visiting him temporarily from overseas and that someone knocked on the door from the Fire Department and asked if he has an illegal apartment. He complained that he received a summons to appear in court.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed resolution concerning the Police Department acquisition of a military vehicle through a grant. The vehicle will be obtained for free except for the transportation and this vehicle will be able to traverse 3 or 4 feet of water when there is flooding in the City.
2. The mobile Police Command Unit was a great and useful tool when there was a bomb scare at Garfield High School at 500 Palisade Avenue.
3. The Garfield Black History Committee celebration to be held Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Garfield Free Public Library located at 500 Midland Avenue.
4. The replacement of the pumps and motors in Water Wells #2 and #4 as part of regular maintenance and the heaters that have been installed in all the well houses.
5. The 2015 Court revenue is \$1,197,328.00 and was down 7% from the previous year. Summonses for 2014 were 29,536, and in 2015 they went down to 26,000 which is greater than 7%, but revenue is down only 7%.
6. Police Records Clerk Patricia Richardson has filed for retirement effective February 29, 2016.
7. Appraisals are being performed for 103 and 105 Jewell Street, where the October 25, 2016 fire occurred, for consideration for the City to obtain for public use.

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8. The Crossing Guard positions that have been advertised.
9. The Water Line on 65 River Drive and the coordination with the City Water Department to eliminate the leak that was losing 200,000 gallons a day.
10. The proposed curbing along Outwater Lane from Chestnut Street east to the train tracks. The City will apply for a Community Development grant funding. The County standards calls for wants 8" curbing but the City may only want 6" curbing.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. On January 13, 2016, City representatives met with PSE&G representatives regarding their comprehensive plan and most of the work for Garfield has been done for line replacement. They are in Punch List mode for restoration, and paving work needs to be done.

City Manager Duch reported on the following:

11. Inserra /Price-Rite backed out of the temporary location agreement regarding the temporary move of the Police Station to 85 Outwater Lane. Architectural fees were \$7,300.00 and the Inserra Family has reimbursed the City completely for that expenditure.
12. During snow storms, the firehouse aprons should be cleaned out if the companies are on stand-by or are "first responders".

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY

At 7:35 PM, Councilmember Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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13. Police Chief Amos has issued a bulletin in regard to people calling homes and identifying themselves as IRS Agents. He advised to please be careful providing personal information.
14. The planned stores to lease space at the Coremark Development at Outwater Lane and River Drive.
15. The Joint Insurance Fund seminar he recently attended concerning an adopt a hydrant program.
16. The free tree seedlings to be dispersed, first come first serve, and the involvement of Joan D'Amico, Assistant Director of Special Services for Special Education for the Garfield Board of Education.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-25

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 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed temporary relocation of the Police Station to the Holy Trinity Lutheran School

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building located at 85 Summit Avenue; appraisals and proposed acquisition for off-street parking of 103 and 105 Jewell Street).

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (delinquent payment of fees by Dabal's Towing; shared services agreement with the City of Hackensack for Garfield to loan them a fire truck).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (request for liquor store or consumption license at the Coremark Redevelopment at Outwater Lane and Jewell Street; determination of sewer fee for a proposed laundromat at 45 Outwater Lane; proposed meeting with Redeveloper of Record, James Demetrakis, for property at 950 River Drive, concerning contributions negotiated to partially fund the construction of a new police station at or near the current police station site at 411 Midland Avenue).
- * 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 appointment of an Officer in Charge after the retirement of Police Chief Kevin Amos).

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 Aloia

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Frank J. Calandriello

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:40 PM, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session, Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 8:15 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, fax and email 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, Joseph Delaney, Glenn A. Mati and Tana M. Raymond
Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia
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

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

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

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Resolution No. 16-26

WHEREAS, the Garfield High School Boys Soccer Team are 2015 New Jersey State Champions after winning the biggest boys soccer game in school history this past November, and

WHEREAS, rallying from a late one-goal deficit, Garfield scored a pair of goals in the final two minutes to thunder past Holmdel, 2-1, in the Group 2 Championship Game at Kean, for the first State title for the Boilermakers, who had advanced to the final in 1973 and 1975, falling each time to Lawrence, and

WHEREAS, the 2015 team is comprised of Matej Vida, Kevin Caldas, Mahmood Qatmira, Wojciech Piwowarczyk, David Hlawacz, Jorge Salas, Kenzo Kishimoto, Sebastian Medina, Oscar Sanchez, Dave Herrera, Michael Escaleria, Denis Toska, Chris Pedraza, Kiril Nestrov, John Gonzalez, Andrej Gjorgiev, Enrique Nunez, Nicholas Marquez, Safet Usejnoski, Antonio Razmoski, Darko Jovceviski, Egi Zyfi, Jose Suarez and Holman Pinzon, under the capable direction of Assistant Coaches Chris Braitsch, Chad Sajnoski, Giovanni Luciano and “Coach of the Year” Head Coach Mark Pieklo, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of publicly recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of the 2015 Garfield High School Boys Soccer Team,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that CONGRATULATIONS are hereby extended to the 2015 GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM on becoming NEW JERSEY STATE GROUP 2 SOCCER CHAMPIONS in magical style and for demonstrating exemplary determination, skill and team effort throughout the Championship season.

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

(Sgd) Tana M. Raymond
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-27

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-031-008, from LCJD LLC t/a Jimmy Jim’s Grill (Luis Buron, 278 Semel Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026 - who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation and Julio Castillo 1-09 35th Street, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07401 who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation), from license premise, 399 Midland Avenue to La Fortaleza Incorporated t/a La Fortaleza (Arturo Ortega, 911 Bergenline Avenue Apt 4, Union City, NJ 07087 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation for licensed premise located at 361 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, t/a La Fortaleza.

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WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid , and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term, and
WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33, and
WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business, and
WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted a background investigation and the applicant and premises are suitable for licensing, and
WHEREAS, a "Tax Clearance - Transfer Certificate" has been issued and has been received as required pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective January 27, 2016, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License, 0221-33-031-008, from LCJD LLC t/a Jimmy Jim's Grill (Luis Buron, 278 Semel Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026 - who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation and Julio Castillo 1-09 35th Street, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07401 who owns 50% of the shares of the corporation), from license premise, 399 Midland Avenue to La Fortaleza Incorporated t/a La Fortaleza (Arturo Ortega, 911 Bergenline Avenue Apt 4, Union City, NJ 07087 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation for licensed premise located at 361 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, t/a La Fortaleza, and does hereby direct the City Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to La Fortaleza Incorporated, effective January 27, 2016",
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this license is transferred on the condition that no Go-Go, live entertainment or discotheque be used in connection with this license; (A fee of \$200.00 was collected for the State of New Jersey in connection with the person to person and place to place license transfer, and a fee of \$90.00 was collected for the City of Garfield in connection with the person to person transfer and a fee of \$90.00 was collected for the City of Garfield with the place to place license transfer).

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 16-28

WHEREAS, Tefte Lalaj, 112 Wood Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1546121, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and
WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the east curb line of Wood Street commencing 140 feet south of the intersection of Wood Street and Lanza Avenue and run an additional 22 feet south from that point.
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Council Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-29

WHEREAS, Michael G DiPiazza, 70 Plauderville Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1517621, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and
WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicapped Parking", located on the south curb line of Plauderville Avenue commencing 81 feet west of the intersection of Plauderville Avenue and Wood Street and run an additional 25 feet west from that point.

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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-30

WHEREAS, Marijana Kolar, on behalf of her son, Damian Yancovic-Maleski, 59 Prescott Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1531447, has filed an application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the north curb line of Prescott Avenue commencing 137 feet east of the intersection of Prescott Avenue and Elm Street and run an additional 25 feet east from that point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-31

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15-56 was adopted granting a towing license to Bob’s Automotive of 619 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ, pursuant to Chapter 229 of the Code of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the latest one year term of the license has expired, and
WHEREAS, Bob’s Automotive has filed for a license renewal and the City Council having determined the public convenience and necessity, allows and requires such license and that the applicant is fit and has the necessary equipment, including a storage area pursuant to Chapter 229, and

WHEREAS, a \$500.00 license fee has been received by the City Clerk in connection with this application pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2008,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Clerk is authorized to notify Bob’s Automotive of 619 Midland Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey that it has received a 2016 Towing License pursuant to the City Code, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Bob’s Automotive shall comply with all the pre-conditions and requirements of the towing license.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-32

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15-57 was adopted granting a towing license to Belfi’s Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. of 208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ, pursuant to Chapter 229 of the Code of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the latest one year term of the license has expired, and

WHEREAS, Belfi’s Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. has filed for a license renewal and the City Council having determined the public convenience and necessity, allows and requires such license and that the applicant is fit and has the necessary equipment, including a storage area pursuant to Chapter 229, and

WHEREAS, a \$500.00 license fee has been received by the City Clerk in connection with this application pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2008,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Clerk is authorized to notify Belfi’s Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. of 208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey that it has received a 2016 Towing License pursuant to the City Code, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED that Belfi's Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. shall comply with all the pre-conditions and requirements of the towing license.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-33

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15-58 was adopted granting a towing license to Dabal's Service Station of 181 Prospect Street, Garfield, NJ, pursuant to Chapter 229 of the Code of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the latest one year term of the license has expired, and

WHEREAS, Dabal's Service Station has filed for a license renewal and the City Council having determined the public convenience and necessity, allows and requires such license and that the applicant is fit and has the necessary equipment, including a storage area pursuant to Chapter 229, and

WHEREAS, a \$500.00 license fee has been received by the City Clerk in connection with this application pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2008,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Clerk is authorized to notify Dabal's Service Station of 181 Prospect Street, Garfield, New Jersey that it has received a 2016 Towing License pursuant to the City Code, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Dabal's Service Station shall comply with all the pre-conditions and requirements of the towing license.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-34

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15-59 was adopted granting a towing license to David's Auto Body of 70 Lincoln Place, Garfield, NJ, pursuant to Chapter 229 of the Code of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the latest one year term of the license has expired, and

WHEREAS, David's Auto Body has filed for a license renewal and the City Council having determined the public convenience and necessity, allows and requires such license and that the applicant is fit and has the necessary equipment, including a storage area pursuant to Chapter 229, and

WHEREAS, a \$500.00 license fee has been received by the City Clerk in connection with this application pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2008,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Clerk is authorized to notify David's Auto Body of 70 Lincoln Place, Garfield, New Jersey that it has received a 2016 Towing License pursuant to the City Code, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that David's Auto Body shall comply with all the pre-conditions and requirements of the towing license.

On call of roll, Ayes 3,
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-35

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 310 of the Code of the City of Garfield municipal towing licenses are issued, on an annual basis, to towing companies who have expressed an interest in providing rotational towing services on behalf of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc., 187-189 Midland Avenue, Garfield, N.J., has filed an application for a towing license for calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk and City Attorney have reviewed the application submitted and have determined that the application complies with all the requirements of local Ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Police Department has conducted the appropriate investigation of this license and has also determined that the applicant does not comply with the equipment and storage facilities requirements of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 310-18A of the Code of the City of Garfield provides that there currently exists the maximum amount of towing licenses for the City; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a total of four (4) licensees who have applied for and received annual towing licenses from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding licenses currently exceed the number of licenses set forth in local ordinance since several licensees were on the rotational towing list prior to the adoption of the aforementioned limitation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the application filed by Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc. fails to comply with the requirements of the Ordinance and would result in the issuance of a license which further exceeded the limitation set forth in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid City Ordinance provides that applicants in excess of the specified number would be placed on a waiting list and would, thereafter, be considered for a license in the event that any existing licenses are either forfeited or revoked.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The application of Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc. for a municipal towing license pursuant to Chapter 310 of the City code is hereby rejected;

2. City Code which provides that no more than three (3) licenses shall be issued per year; and, additionally, it is based upon the failure of the applicant to comply with the requirements of local ordinance;

3. The City Clerk shall place Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc. on a waiting list for the issuance of a towing license in the event that one becomes available and said Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc. shall be the first application considered for such a license in the event of its availability;

4. All fees paid by Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc. shall be returned to this applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Mazzola Automotive Repair Center, Inc., as well as all other applicants, the Garfield Chief of Police and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 3,
Abstain 1 – Councilmember Calandriello,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Tana M. Raymond

Resolution No. 16-36

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL UNIT PAY TO PLAY LAW

Whereas, pursuant to the a previously adopted resolution, the qualified evaluation committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of the new Jersey Local Pay to Play Law; and

Whereas, a legal notice and statement of criteria for submission of qualifications were prepared and issued by the City which solicited submissions by the various professionals no later than January 22, 2016; and

Whereas, pursuant to the aforesaid notice statements of professional qualifications were, in fact submitted; and

Whereas, contracts with these professional may be entered into by the City of Garfield without the necessity of competitive bidding since these contracts are professional services which are exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5(1); and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey,

1. Dieter Lerch of the firm Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP is hereby appointed as City Auditor for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined pursuant to the applicable salary Ordinance or pursuant to separate Resolutions.

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2. Steven L. Rogut of the firm Rogut McCarthy, LLC is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined pursuant to the applicable salary Ordinance or pursuant to separate Resolutions.
3. Frank Covelli of Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. is hereby appointed Risk Management Consultant for the City of Garfield.
4. Robert McNerney of McNerney Appraisal Services Corp. is hereby appointed City Tax Appraiser for the City of Garfield in connection defending tax appeals.
5. Edward Acari of the firm Acari Iovino Architects, PC is hereby appointed as City Architect for the City of Garfield for a fee to be determined based on each individual project awarded.
6. Burgis Associates, Inc. is hereby appointed as City Planner for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined pursuant to separate Resolutions.
7. Capital Alternatives Corporation, GLD Associates and Millennium Strategies are hereby appointed as Grant Consultants for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined in accordance with separate agreement to be established with the City Manager.
8. All Covered Computer and A.A. Computer Tech, LLC are hereby appointed as Computer IT Consultants for the City of Garfield with separate agreement to be established with the City Manager.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year and each appointment is subject to confirmation by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for the purposes.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-37

WHEREAS, sealed bids were advertised to be received on December 15, 2015, for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel and no bids were received on that date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen county, New Jersey that the City Clerk and the Interim Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to re advertise for receipt of said bids at the earliest convenience pursuant to law.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-38

A Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer to Prepare Bid Documents and Provide Inspection Services in Connection With the Installation of Concrete Curb, Sidewalk and Driveway Aprons on Outwater Lane Between the Chestnut Street Intersection and New Jersey Transit Bergen Line Railroad.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is desirous to replace curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons within the public right-of-way prior to the paving of this roadway by both the County of Bergen as well as PSE&G, and;

WHEREAS, this improvement requires the preparation of detailed design plans and bid documents to allow for the public bidding of this improvement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare detailed design drawings to allow for the installation of the requisite improvements between the Chestnut Street intersection and the NJ Transit Bergen Line Railroad and to provide inspection services for a fee not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-39

WHEREAS, W.S.P. Corp., C/O H. KAUFMAN, is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 135.01, Lot 1, commonly known as 80 Outwater Lane, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, has filed real property tax appeal for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, bearing Docket Nos. 007210-2012, 008327-2013, 008073-2014 and 001577-2015; and

WHEREAS, Robert McNeerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Blount & Lavin, P.C., have recommended that the appeal be settled; and

WHEREAS, said property was assessed for the year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Original Assessment	\$5,387,900	\$1,095,700	\$6,483,600
2013 Original Assessment	\$5,387,900	\$1,095,700	\$6,483,600
2014 Original Assessment	\$5,387,900	\$1,095,700	\$6,483,600
2015 Original Assessment	\$5,387,900	\$1,095,700	\$6,483,600

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a settlement of the real property tax by reducing the assessments as follows:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2012 Settlement	\$5,387,900	\$512,100	\$5,900,000
2013 Settlement	\$5,387,900	\$512,100	\$5,900,000
2014 Settlement	\$5,387,900	\$512,100	\$5,900,000
2015 Settlement	\$4,887,900	\$512,100	\$5,400,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

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

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-40

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE A MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED "MRAP" VEHICLE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SURPLUS UNIT

WHEREAS, The New Jersey State Police Law Enforcement Surplus Unit has offered to provide the Garfield Police Department with a MRAP vehicle without any cost to the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the MRAP vehicle would be a useful tool for the Department in handling emergency situations, specifically weather related emergencies; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Garfield Police Department may submit an application with the New Jersey State Police Law Enforcement Surplus Unit to acquire a MRAP vehicle.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Tana M. Raymond

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 16-41

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 1886 to 1889 covering, Trust Other totaling \$55,148.21 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$2,231,550.69, and the Current Fund totaling \$60,304.42 and the Current Water Reserve totaling \$5,153.74, Current Water Fund totaling \$15,805.39, General Capital Fund totaling \$284.00 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 twelve (12) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

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the

Following Pages Numbered _____

For

Bills

And

Claims

Regular Meeting January 26, 2016, Continued

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Kerry Zellmann, 514 Palisade Avenue, said that she moved to the area in September 2014 and she complained about on street parking near the intersection of Liberty Street and Palisade Avenue. She spoke on her father being granted a handicapped parking space. She said that street cleaning is on Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and she questioned why it cannot be 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM when people are at work.

Mr. Dennis Serritella, [REDACTED] spoke on the WaWa Gas Station at River Drive and Columbus Avenue potentially submitting a bid for the providing of gasoline and diesel fuel to City vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello congratulated the Boys and Girls Club Junior Boilermakers on their awards dinner. He said that it was a huge success. He spoke regarding on-street parking on Lincoln Place between Passaic Street and Hobart Place.

Councilmember Delaney said that there is parking difficulty throughout the town, especially in the area by Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church at 99 Marsellus Place.

Councilmember Mati said that the Garfield High School Soccer Team was supposed to come to this meeting to be publicly recognized but they will be invited to the next meeting on February 9, 2016. He spoke on the successful year of the Garfield Junior Boilermakers. He remarked that the City streets look pretty good after the last snow storm. He congratulated the employees who did respond.

Mayor Raymond said that the total fines for illegal apartments for the year 2015 was \$51,000.00. She encouraged people to report suspected illegal apartments. She said that there are still handicapped spots of people who passed away. She complimented the DPW, Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Management for their response during the storm and sincerely thanked them. She said that any objects placed in the street to hold cleaned out parking spaces after Monday will be picked up and brought to the DPW Garage.

Councilmember Delaney said that he would like Certificates of Appreciation prepared and presented to the 14 High School students who shoveled out citizens' sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK