

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 12:15 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 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), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Captain Raymond Kovach and Captain Ronald Polonkay

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The removal of Clothing Bins throughout the City and the Board of Education allowing them on their property.
2. The proposed draft letter to go with Tax Bills explaining the Tax Bill and that the City portion having no tax increase.
3. The Public Forum to be held on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00PM at the Garfield Senior Center located at 480 Midland Avenue concerning cleanup in connection with the chromium contamination leak that occurred in the early 1980's involving EC Electroplating near the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place.
4. The proposed Social Media Policy that is being developed.
5. Proposed renovations to the Garfield Free Public Library located at 500 Midland Avenue, including the proposed addition of a Community Room. Some other proposed renovations include new windows, the renovation of the basement, and water infiltration renovations of the rest rooms. City Manager Duch reported that he would like to concentrate on the other items not on an expensive addition.
6. Ms. Laura Giglio is interested in taking over the Jr. Boilermaker Cheerleaders Program. It is very costly and some girls are unable to participate because uniforms are very expensive. They are looking for additional help.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-186

RESOLUTION NAMING A REPLACEMENT MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF GARFIELD FIREST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 14-101 authorized the incorporation of Garfield First Community Development Corporation as a not-for-profit corporation of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS the initial Board of Directors/ Trustees of Garfield First Community Development Corporation (for incorporation purposes only) consisted of Thomas J. Duch, Anthony Furfaro and Christina DiLeo, and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor and the City Finance Officer have recommended that Christina DiLeo resign as a Director/Trustee, and

WHEREAS, Christina DiLeo has expressed her desire to resign as a Director/Trustee,

RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, NEW JERSEY THAT:

City Finance Officer Roy Riggiano shall be named and designated to serve on the Board of Directors/ Trustees of Garfield First Community Development Corporation effective immediately.

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

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-187

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GLD ASSOCIATES TO FILE APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH GARFIELD FIRST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, feel that it is in the best interest of the Community to start a Non-Profit Organization to benefit the citizens of the City of Garfield and enhance the quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have discussed this matter and realize that starting this new organization would require an outside source to help establish a non-profit organization,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to engage the services and make payment in the amount of \$4,100.00 to GLD Associates to establish the Garfield First Community Development Non-Profit Organization.

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

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Glenn A. Mati

Resolution No. 16-188

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO DMR ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION-CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, awarded a contract to DMR Architects on October 7, 2014 for architectural services for the construction of a new police station in the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, unforeseen additional changes in DMR Architects' scope of services are necessary in the amount of \$75,000.00, and;

WHEREAS, DMR's original proposal (2014) was on the basis that the project be constructed under a public-private partnership arrangement, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield has decided that the project be constructed under public bid which increases DMR's scope in the form of public bid documents, public bid administration, and additional construction administration, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Change Order #1 in the total amount of \$75,000.00 is hereby approved.

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

(Sgd) Glenn A. Mati
Joseph Delaney

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-189

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,

Special Meeting, May 3, 2016, Continued

CLOSED SESSION

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 12:45 P.M. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Juvenile Law Enforcement Issues; Proposed Utilization of the City Police Bus with City Hall Department Heads, concentrating on such concerns as Housing Law Enforcement Issues; Need for City Manager Meeting with Assistant Fire Chiefs concerning their Letter to Garfield Volunteer Fire Department Liaison/Deputy Mayor Glenn Mati re: issues they raised in re; to Fire Chief James Kovacs, Sr.).

- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action or personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (Proposed designation of Joseph Giammanco as Senior Municipal Court Prosecutor and Mark P. Fierro of Fort Lee as Junior Municipal Court Prosecutor; The “No Comp Time” Policy within the City of Garfield and the request by superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo to utilize Comp Time).

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) Frank J. Calandriello
Joseph Delaney

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 2:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Mati moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK