

The Organization Meeting of the City Council was held Sunday, January 1, 2017 in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica presided temporarily as chairman and called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM. He 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.

Present: Councilmembers-Elect Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Attorney Christos Ditkas, Labor Counsel John Lavin and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILMEMBERS-ELECT

City Manager Thomas J. Duch introduced the Councilmembers-Elect who were led into the Council Chambers by a bagpiper.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica introduced Monsignor William Reilly, the Pastor of Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church, who offered a Special Invocation. City Clerk Pavlica then invited City Manager Duch to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

City Clerk Pavlica made the following announcement:

“I, Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby CERTIFY that at the Municipal Election held in the City of Garfield on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the following candidates were elected to the City Council with the total votes as listed:

Richard Rigoglioso	2,743
Joseph Delaney	2,662
Erin N. Delaney	2,513
Francis J. Calandriello	2,404
Louis G. Aloia	2,312

The following information is also pertinent to the Municipal Election:

Total Registered Voters	14,816
Absentee Voters	476
Provisional Ballots	216
Total Persons Voting	8,998
Total Votes Cast	21,808”

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember-Elect Louis G. Aloia was called forward and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Louis G. Aloia, as his family members stood beside him and his wife, Rosemarie, held the Bible.

Councilmember-Elect Francis J. Calandriello was called forward and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Francis J. Calandriello, as his family members stood beside him and held the Bible.

Councilmember-Elect Erin N. Delaney was called forward and former Mayor Joseph Delaney administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to his daughter, Erin N. Delaney, as her family members stood beside her and held the Bible.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember-Elect Joseph Delaney was called forward and Councilwoman Erin N. Delaney administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to her father, Joseph Delaney, as his family stood beside him and held the Bible.

Councilmember-Elect Richard Rigoglioso was called forward and former City Attorney and Retired Superior Court Judge Anthony Scuito administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield to Richard Rigoglioso as his family members stood beside him and held the Bible.

At this time, Bergen County Clerk John Hogan provided CERTIFICATES of ELECTION to each Councilmember and offered some congratulatory remarks.

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Councilmember Aloia said that he would like to thank the Clergy who are here today from a number of different churches, his parish Pastor, Father Peter and all of the State, County and Local Officials present. He recognized County Clerk John Hogan because Mr. Hogan's Family and his Family were close two generations ago. He thanked his wife, Rosemarie, his entire Family, for their on-going support over the years and in regard to all the things he has to leave them for, all the events and parties, but mostly the things that make Garfield so important, and so much better. He congratulated the Rigoglioso Family, the Delaney Family and the Calandriello Family for their success in this Election. He personally thanked Sal Cusmano who has been with him the past twenty years and Jesus Rodriguez and countless others who always come, who always support, stuff the envelopes, fold the literature, walk the streets, put up the signs, it is just an endless ongoing saga of support from the City of Garfield and, most importantly, he needs to say thank you to all of them publicly for all their support. He said that in 1996, his glasses were bigger, his waist was smaller but here in 2017, his glasses got smaller and his waist got bigger. He said that without question, his satisfaction, his gratitude and his love for the City of Garfield has not wavered one bit. He offered his continued support, words, diligence, his attendance at the meetings, the work that he has accomplished, the issues that we agree, the issues that we argue out and come to a new agreement. He said that in all that he can offer, that is all he has ever offered, but without question what the public has offered him is probably far more than he has ever given in the past twenty years and will give for the next four. He concluded by saying "thank you Garfield, thank you my Family, thank you everyone for all your support, congratulations to all of you on the Council, and God bless."

Councilmember Calandriello thanked the Clergy for being here today. He thanked his Family, especially his wife Joni; his son, Frankie; and his brother-in-law, Michael. He thanked his good Family, friends, the Guiffre Family for always being there for him. He thanked his Cousin Paul and Cousin Mickey who could not be here due to a Family commitment. He thanked his Campaign Team and all his supporters. He said he gives thanks and Blessings for the New Year. He said that he believes that the next four years are going to be a great four years. He said that the country is coming out of a recession and the City is going to see some prosperity and the City has always survived and kept our heads above water and have always had a surplus. He said that the City Council has always watched spending and done the right thing. He said that he sees that as being a promising four years but also a challenging four years. He spoke on the City preserving its water rights and the quality of its water. He spoke on the City continuing its fight concerning the chromium contamination that happened in the early 1980's near the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place. He spoke on the progress of the City Redevelopment Projects and the different means to accomplish the goals and the efforts to work hard together to move the City forward. He spoke on safety in the municipality, thanks to the City's Police and Firemen, and he thanks them. He pledged to give them the tools to operate to do the job to keep everyone safe. He spoke on keeping taxes low, which is so important because if people cannot afford to live in town, the City will lose a lot of good people. He congratulated his fellow Councilmembers who got elected. He thanked Louis G. Aloia and Glenn Mati for their previous support during the last four years. He spoke on working hard with them during the past four years and how he wants to work together with the new Councilmembers along with Councilmember Joe Delaney. He congratulated everyone including new Councilmembers Erin N. Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso. He said that he always admired the Rigoglioso Family and he grew up with his brothers and sisters and have had a

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relationship with him. He said that Richard Rigoglioso has a personality that makes you want to open up to him and he believes that he will be a good Mayor and he pledged to support him. He said that the Council, as a group, can achieve a lot in the coming years in Garfield. He concluded by thanking his parents. He spoke on how his Dad, Frank B. Calandriello, had served in office for thirty-two consecutive years and he spoke about his Mother, Marlene, who supported his Dad for all those years. He said that without them, he would not be in office here today. He said that back in 1996, his Father convinced him to run and it has been a great thing in his life to serve as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a Council Person. He said that it is a great honor. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and he thanked the voters of Garfield for their continued support of electing him and he promises to do the job and he still has that great hunger to serve the public.

Councilmember Erin Delaney thanked everyone for being here today and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. She said, "The significance of one's parents is so important when growing up. Parents shape and mold us into the adults we become. They're always there for you. They support you. They teach you things like how to ride a bike and to treat others the way you want to be treated. My parents have been the biggest blessing in my life. And, growing up, not only did they teach me these things, they instilled in me the love that I have for this City. There isn't any other place that I would have wanted to grow up. I am truly honored and humbled that at 25 years old I can sit up here and give back to the City that has given so much to me and my family. I want to thank all of the voters that come out on November 8th, and not just the ones that voted for me. I want to thank each and every one of them for taking the time out of their day to vote because it shows how much our residents care about the future of Garfield and that's the only thing that matters. I think the fact that we had 10 people willing to run is amazing. Ten (10) people that were willing to give up their time, time that they could be spending with their families, to serve Garfield. I was raised seeing many elections and I have to commend all of the candidates for keeping this a clean one and I would like to congratulate all of you. To Tana and Glenn, thank you for your time served and for your dedication to Garfield. I have learned a lot from both of you over the years, especially Tana, our first woman Mayor. I would like to take this time to acknowledge my fellow female politicians in the audience who have inspired me to get involved in public service. With us this afternoon we have Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter and Senator Nellie Pou. I truly look forward to working with every Councilmember up here. But, I have to say I couldn't be any happier to sit up here with my best friend and have the opportunity to serve together. It has been an honor to follow in your footsteps. Garfield is lucky to have you as a Councilman as I am lucky to have you as a Father. I hope I make you proud Dad. I hope I make all of you proud. Lastly, I want to say thank you one more time for having the confidence in me and electing me to the Garfield City Council. I hope to help make Garfield even better than it already is over the next four years."

Councilmember Joseph Delaney said that today is very special for him. He said that it is a great day and a New Year is starting. He said that it is the first day of the rest of his life. He thanked all the elected officials who came today and the men of the cloth. He said that the three most important things in his life are faith, family and friends. He said first and foremost he wants to thank God for giving him the strength to have another day. He said that it is only by God's will, not his, that he is seated as a Councilman. Second, he said he is sitting where he is thanks to his Family and he said that he is one of the luckiest men around. He said that he is Blessed to have one of the best Families in the City of Garfield or the State. He said that he has seven siblings, with wonderful Families of their own. He said that he has five wonderful kids, his daughter Roseanne, his daughter Rachel here with their Families. He said that his namesake, Joseph Delaney, is here. He spoke on his daughter Erin sitting to his right. He spoke about his beautiful wife, Yvette, who has been with him through nine elections. He thanked Mayor Tana Raymond and Deputy Mayor Glenn Mati for the time they served. He said that they did a wonderful job and he would like to thank them for their service. He thanked everyone who worked on his campaign. He thanked his Campaign Manager Lou Ann Visotcky. He thanked everyone who helped out. He said that he thanks them so much from the bottom of his heart and he could not have done it without their help. He mentioned Richie and Amy Torre who were like a brother and sister to him. He mentioned the Gomez Family and Emil Sudol and Dr. Kenneth Conte. He said four years ago he got sworn in as the Mayor and his Father was sitting in his wheelchair and watched him get sworn in. He said that he passed away recently but he remembers him telling him how proud he was of his son. He said that he gave him many opportunities growing up not to be proud. He said that parents are always proud of their kids from

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their first step to their first car accident and that is just the way it is no matter what the children do. He said that it is the special things that make you more proud like when he got the pleasure to swear in his daughter as a Councilwoman earlier today. He said for people to not think that he and his daughter are going to vote alike. He said that his daughter is very intelligent and very independent and very beautiful and will be voting her own way without his influence. He said that he will work with all the elected officials here. He congratulated everybody who got elected and everyone who did run and took time away from their families to try to make Garfield a better place. He said everyone will work together to make Garfield a great City where you want to raise a family, where you want to work, where you want to live, where you are proud to say you are a Boilermaker.

Councilmember Rigoglioso thanked his wife Jessie, and his little guys, Olivia, Richard, Giada, Joseph, Sofia and Anthony. He said that it is a tough running a campaign and being away from his guys but his wife is tougher than him. He said that winning a campaign is nothing like trying to win an argument at home. He said that he is nobody at home and that his wife rules the house. He thanked his aunts and uncles for coming down. He thanked his friend Chris Braitusch for helping him run this campaign and his good friend Dr. Jeffrey Cusmano who was his Treasurer. He said that fortunately he won and he cannot believe it still. He recognized his good friend, colleague and boss Anne Sciacca and many times she gave great advice and he likes talking to her because he thinks they have the same opinion and same ideas and same vision and he enjoys talking to her about these things. He recognized Joe Lano, Chris Saccomando, Joe Bigica, Aldo Latino, Eddie Bartowski and Joe Fiore. He thanked his Dad who did not see him win this election but he knows that he is proud of him. He thanked everyone for coming and he thanked his Mom for all her support.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Clerk Pavlica announced “The vote for Mayor will now take place. This vote is being held pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:81-7 which states that the Mayor shall be chosen by ballot by majority vote of all members of the City Council. To become Mayor, one Councilmember needs to attain at least three affirmative votes. Ballots marked ABSTAIN do not count as an affirmative vote. Councilmembers may vote for themselves.”

City Clerk Pavlica handed each Councilmember preprinted ballots, on which the Councilmembers marked their choices for Mayor and on which they signed their names. City Clerk Pavlica collected the ballots and announced:

“Councilmember Aloia casts his ballot for Richard Rigoglioso.
Councilmember Calandriello casts his ballot for Richard Rigoglioso.
Councilmember Erin Delaney casts her ballot for Richard Rigoglioso.
Councilmember Joseph Delaney casts his ballot for Richard Rigoglioso.
Councilmember Rigoglioso casts his ballot for Richard Rigoglioso.”

City Clerk Pavlica announced that the tally was five votes for Richard Rigoglioso and he declared that Richard Rigoglioso was elected Mayor of the City of Garfield.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE MAYOR

With his family at his side holding the Bible, Richard Rigoglioso was administered the Official Oath of Office as Mayor of the City of Garfield by his Uncle, former Mayor Vincent Rigolosi. After Mayor Richard Rigoglioso returned to his seat, City Clerk Pavlica presented him with the gavel and Mayor Rigoglioso chaired the meeting from this point forward.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO

Mayor Rigoglioso thanked Mr. Duch, Mr. Pavlica, Mr. Aloia, Mr. Calandriello, Erin Delaney, Joe Delaney, former Deputy Mayor Glenn Mati and former Mayor Tana Raymond for their efforts. He said that he had a vision for Garfield. He said Garfield needs some R and R and it is not “Richie

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Riggs”, it is Revitalization and Redevelopment. He said that everyone has to fight for the future and Garfield is changing. He said that he believes in this town and he grew up in this town. He said that when he would come up and complain to the City Council he remembers Councilmember Calandriello saying to him to get involved. He said that he was either going to add an addition to his house, or move out of town. He said that he decided to get involved. He said that he did not want to be one of those “café complainers” where all you do all day is complain, complain, complain in a café and not do anything about what you are complaining about. He said that he wanted to have some validity if he wanted to complain more. He said that he did not think he was going to win, but he thought he was going to make a good showing. He said that it shows that the people of Garfield want change and see something different and positive. He said that there were positive things going on prior to Councilmember Erin Delaney and him getting on the Council, such as the Redevelopment, but he said that there is a need to have a sense of community again. He said that he wants people to stay in Garfield and to be proud of Garfield. He said that Garfield has a lot to offer, perhaps even more than any other town in Bergen County. He said that Garfield has two train stops and is close to major highways, the Meadowlands are only minutes away, the Garden State Plaza shopping mall is only minutes away and major hospitals are minutes away. He questioned who would not want to live in Garfield. He said that people should be proud to live in Garfield and he knows about the ladder of success where everyone wants to move up the ladder. He said that, however, this is where people should want to stay and raise a family in this blue collar town that he grew up in. He said that he believes in this town, and he believes that the town can be turned around. He said that the prior City Council had gotten the ball rolling and he wants to keep that ball rolling, be in for this Redevelopment and Revitalizing the town and bringing the sense of community back. He said that that is his platform and he believes in term limits because no one should be on the Council too long. He recognized various family members in the audience. He said that people should be proud of the town we live in and when he speaks to people who have moved out, they are still proud to say they were from Garfield. He said that if he or any of his family members move out of town, he wants them to speak about how proud they were to grow up in Garfield. He said that it bothers him when people knock Garfield. He said that Garfield is our town and it is not easy and the town is changing and we have to change with it. He said that things cannot be kept the way it was. He said things have to be changed for the better. He said that we have to fight for the future and to give our kids more things to do. He said that it comes down to the kids after school and to get the kids involved in the town and be proud of Garfield. He said that, in a few years, he wants to read about Garfield being that town on the rise. He said that he wants it to be that people say Garfield is the town you want to be in and that Garfield is the town you want to raise your family. He said that he appreciates everyone’s support and there will be some bumps, but Garfield has great residents. He said that we want to move forward and not stay still and he thanked everyone for coming and said that he ran for his kids and everyone’s kids and grandkids and family and friends. He concluded by wishing everyone a “Happy New Year”.

REFLECTIONS

Reverend Arthur Bryant, the Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, offered Reflections and a Special Blessing.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

At this time, City Manager Thomas J. Duch read congratulatory letters from former Mayor Tana Raymond to Councilmembers Erin Delaney and to Richard Rigoglioso.

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Resolution No. 17-1

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield wishes to elect a councilmember to act as Deputy Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayor shall serve according to State Law and City Ordinance in the absence of the Mayor; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to establish a procedure for selection of a member of the Council to serve in the event that neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor are present.

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. Joseph Delaney be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield;
2. In the event that both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor are absent from any meeting, the remaining three members of the Council shall, at the beginning of said meeting, select a Councilperson from among them to preside over that meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all the members of the governing body, the City Manager and the City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G.Aloia

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICIAL OATH TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Councilmember Joseph Delaney was called forward and was administered the Official Oath of Office as Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield by Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco, III, as his family members stood beside him and held the Bible.

COMMENTS FROM DEPUTY MAYOR JOSEPH DELANEY

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney said that he would like to thank Bergen County Executive James Tedesco, State Senator Nellie Pou, and State Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter for coming to Garfield today. He said that when you look at the bad approval ratings of the Governor and the President-Elect and then compare them with the good approval ratings of the Lieutenant Governor and Vice President, it is not a bad time to be Deputy Mayor. He spoke on having seven siblings growing up in a two bedroom house on Mac Arthur Avenue. He said that they did not have a lot, but they had each other. He said that that is what Garfield is. He said that Garfield may not be the wealthiest City, or the best looking, or the best designed City in New Jersey, but we have each other in this City. He said together, we can accomplish anything and help those who need help. He said that Garfield does not look down on anybody, unless we are willing to pick them up. He said that, as elected officials in the City, not everyone can be helped, but everyone can help someone, and if we do that, what a difference we can make starting today, the start of Garfield's 100th Anniversary Celebration. He said that he is asking everyone here and everyone living in this great City Garfield, to help us to help the City because elected officials cannot do it alone. He said that he wants Garfield to be the best and for people to be proud to say, yeah I live in the City of Garfield, "the City of Champions" and never forget it. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and thanking everyone for coming.

COMMENTS FROM SENATOR NELLIE POU AND
ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHAVONDA SUMTER

State Senator Nellie Pou and Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter offered words of congratulations.

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Resolution No. 17-2

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the order of call of said Council shall be as follows:

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1. Louis G. Aloia
2. Frank J. Calandriello
3. Erin N. Delaney
4. Joseph Delaney
5. Richard Rigoglioso

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-3

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, chapter 21, P.L. 1975, requires that notice of the annual meetings shall be submitted to, at least, two newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper, and

WHEREAS, the other such newspaper must be one which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this City of such meeting,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Bergen Record is hereby designated as the official newspaper and that the following newspapers are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings required under the Open Public Meetings Act: The Bergen Record, the Herald News and the Community News

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-4

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following is the list of regularly scheduled meetings of the City Council for the year 2017, with Work Sessions commencing at 6:00 PM, and the Regular Meetings commencing at 8:00 PM, except when a Legal Holiday, Election or Special Occasion is involved as listed:

Sunday,	January 1, 2017	Reorganization Meeting at 3:00 PM
Friday,	January 6, 2017	Firematic Meeting at 7:00 PM
Monday,	January 23, 2017	
Monday,	February 13, 2017	
Monday,	February 27, 2017	
Tuesday,	March 14, 2017	
Tuesday,	March 28, 2017	
Tuesday,	April 11, 2017	
Tuesday,	April 25, 2017	
Tuesday,	May 16, 2017	
Tuesday,	May 30, 2017	
Tuesday,	June 13, 2017	
Tuesday,	June 27, 2017	
Tuesday,	July 11, 2017	
Tuesday,	July 25, 2017	

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Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Monday, November 13, 2017
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Tuesday, December 19, 2017

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved resolution to all the official City newspapers and to cause to have copies posted on the bulletin boards in City Hall and at the Garfield Free Public Library and on the City's Website.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A FOUR YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THOMAS J. DUCH TO SERVE AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

Whereas the City of Garfield issued a request for qualifications for the position of City Manager; Whereas the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to appoint Thomas J. Duch to the position of City Manager for a period of four (4) years;

Whereas the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into a four (4) year employment agreement with Thomas J. Duch to serve as City Manager for the City of Garfield; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into an employment agreement with Thomas J. Duch to serve as the Garfield City Manager from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2020.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-6

WHEREAS, there exists the need for legal services to be rendered to the City of Garfield; and WHEREAS, the City Attorney, is obligated to attend all regular and special meetings of the City Council, prepare all resolutions and ordinances, review legal aspects of bidding and public contracts, prepare public contracts, consult with the Mayor and Council, City Manager and department heads on all legal matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield has reviewed its needs for legal services and has made a determination that it will be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Garfield to appoint a City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for professional services to be rendered may exceed the maximum permissible amount specified in the Public Contract Law, but said services constitute "professional services" exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, rendered or performed by a person whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance thereof requires knowledge of an advanced type in the field of learning acquired by

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a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, as distinguished from general academic training, instruction or apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, Christos Diktas, Esq., a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 596 Anderson Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 , possesses the skills, knowledge and training necessary to serve in the capacity as City Attorney for the City of Garfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Christos Diktas, Esq, be and is hereby appointed and shall serve as City Attorney for the City of Garfield beginning January 1, 2017; said appointment to be at the pleasure of the City Council; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Christos Diktas, Esq., is to be paid a salary only, without medical benefits, and without pensions rights, which shall be inclusive of all services rendered in his respective positions on behalf of the City of Garfield, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary of Christos Diktas, Esq., is hereby established at \$52,000.00 per annum, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to set forth said salary in the applicable salary ordinance, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to Christos Diktas, Esq. the City Manager, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, the Payroll Clerk and the City Auditor.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-7

WHEREAS, there exists the need for Special Litigation/Labor Counsel services to be rendered to the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Special Litigation/Labor Counsel is obligated to handle on behalf of the City of Garfield, all personnel matters including all disciplinary actions against employees, handle all labor negotiations when special counsel is not appointed; handle all litigation on behalf of the City which is not covered pursuant to applicable policies of insurance; prepare all labor contracts and consult with the City Manager with regard to all personnel related or labor related issues, and shall handle all real estate tax appeals, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield has reviewed its needs for legal services and has made a determination that it will be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Garfield to appoint a Special Litigation/Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for professional services to be rendered may exceed the maximum permissible amount specified in the Public Contract Law, but said services constitute “professional services” exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, rendered or performed by a person whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance thereof requires knowledge of an advanced type in the field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, as distinguished from general academic training, instruction or apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, John Lavin, Esq., a licensed attorney of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 184 Main Street, Chester NJ 07930 possesses the skills, knowledge and training necessary to serve in the capacity as Special Litigation/Labor Counsel for the City of Garfield; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that John Lavin, Esq , be and is hereby appointed and shall serve as Special Litigation /Labor Counsel for the City of Garfield beginning January 1, 2017; said appointment to be at the pleasure of the City Council; and shall handle all real estate tax appeals, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, John Lavin, Esq., is to be paid a salary only, without medical benefits, and without pension rights, which shall be inclusive of all services rendered in his respective position on behalf of the City of Garfield, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the salary of John Lavin., Esq., as Special Litigation/Labor Counsel is hereby established as \$71,600.00 per annum, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers are hereby authorized and directed to set forth said salary in the applicable salary ordinance, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to John Lavin, Esq., the City Manager, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, the Payroll Clerk and the City Auditor.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

BENEDICTION

Reverend Peter J. Palmisano, the Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church, offered a Special Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:10 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Caladriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK