

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:25 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso 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: 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, City Attorney Christos J. Ditzkas, Labor Counsel John Lavin and Police Chief Raymond Kovach

RECREATION PROGRAM

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the request of Patricia Huffman concerning basketball program fees for Special Needs Children in the Recreation Department Program.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to perform preliminary assessment environmental studies for River Drive Properties from Monroe Street to Passaic Street.
2. The discovery of two underground storage tanks at the old Police Station at 411 Midland Avenue and the proposed resolution to remove them.
3. The proposed lifting of the City prohibition of Bring Your Own Bottle in the City of Garfield.
4. The analysis of City sewer bills and the number of properties being billed a one family, when they are a two family or more. They will be billed accordingly going forward.
5. The proposed inclusion of a gym facility in the temporary Police Headquarters on Belmont Avenue, near the intersection of Spring Street, as proposed by PBA Local No. 46 President Dennis Serritella.
6. The John Logan Street Dedication to be held at the intersection of Malcolm Avenue and Arnot Street on Friday, February 18, 2017.
7. The kickoff event for the 100th Anniversary of the City scheduled to be held February 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Garfield Public Library as part of the Black History Month celebration.
8. The proposed resolution declaring the Passaic Street area as an area in need of study for rehabilitation.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:10 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

9. The updated costs estimates from DMR Architects before the receipt of bids for the construction of a new Police Station on March 21st.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

CLOSED SESSION

1. The use of the money that the City has received from other Municipalities over the years to assume some of their low cost housing obligations mandated by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing.

Resolution No. 17-25

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 7:50 P.M. on Monday, January 23, 2017 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; (White Collar Collective Bargaining Agreement) Library 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; (Police Background investigation re: 2017 Towing License Applications).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Blue Collar Union Grievance concerning Employee Health Insurance fees being deducted from their Retro Pay for the Past three years; Defense of Federal Lawsuit; Final negotiations with 950 River Drive Developer James Demetrakis concerning the agreement to partially fund the Construction of a New Police Station).

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) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday, January 23, 2017 at 8:25 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

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Councilmembers Present: 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, City Attorney Christos Ditkas and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S GREEN ACRES LAND ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

City Manager Thomas J. Duch said the following and gave a Powerpoint presentation:

“The City of Garfield in conjunction with the Garfield Board of Education has been working to apply for a Green Acres Grant. We are here this evening to talk about re-doing our City’s athletic complex. We have a short presentation here.

We all know that current conditions at the Garfield High School Stadium are very poor. We have the original cinder track. We have four straight sections which are not compliant with NJSIAA standards. Our current grass fields require significant repairs and extreme maintenance. We have in that area drainage problems that exist from the former brick yard which was on-site and nearby Fleisher’s Brook. We have deficient parking. Our facilities are more than fifty years old. Many elements of the current athletic complex are beyond their service life and they are non-compliant with current safety requirements. Our current soccer, softball, track and baseball facilities at the Stadium are all deficient.

In 2010, the Board of Education worked on a plan to re-do the Stadium. In fact there was a public referendum that was done and it was defeated. But tonight, we do have some good news. The State of New Jersey has made available a pool of funding of some \$68 million. It is a very short term application process. The application has to be completed and submitted by February 15, 2017.

I am happy to report that through the efforts of the Superintendent of Schools, and the design committee led by Principal Dora D’Amico, we have had a number of meetings, we have made presentation before the Board of Education and we have also made a presentation before the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council passed the appropriate resolution for a \$6.5 million project. So, we are here because we need the public to understand what we are looking at.

On the screen is the current condition of the Garfield High School Athletic Complex. We know that along the road in the back, along the Stadium, it is a bad road, it is an area with significant drainage difficulties and the proposed park project would address what we are currently experiencing. This is the inside of the stadium on the screen at this time. On the inside of the stadium, we have our original cinder tracks which people have been running on since at least 1970, and probably before that time. Unfortunately because it is non-compliant, we have not had a track meet in the Garfield High School Stadium for years and years and years and we cannot have them. This is just to show the extreme conditions. A portion of the Stadium wall would need to be removed to allow us to put in the proper track. Part of the proposal is to take the existing signage from the Garfield School Stadium to save that signage and to re-use it in our park project. This is just a photo of the interior with the maintenance garage in a corner of the Stadium.

We approached the School Board to talk about aggressively applying for a grant. Boswell Engineering had previously done the conceptual plan and with the assistance of the Design Committee, the plan has been revised several times as we go into the final application. The City has been very successful with Green Acres Funding applications over the years. In this particular grant cycle, we are an urban aid community, so there is a specified designation in the Green Acres plan showing that we are eligible for a grant of 75% and we are eligible for a 25% low interest loan, but I

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have conferred with the City Auditor and Bond Counsel that because we are an Urban Aid community, it would be a no interest loan. But what is required is that the City administers the entire project. The City, as we with any other project when we get grant funding, the City bonds the entire amount and then when the project is complete, we would get 75% of the money back as a grant and 25% as a no-interest loan.

We have met with the Board of Education, the Board of Education has agreed that they would execute and enter into an Inter-Local Agreement with us. That Inter-Local Agreement would essentially provide that the payments are made by the City and annually they would be budgeted by the School Board and be part of the School Board Budget. The School Board would reimburse the City for these payments. This was just a time line that we presented to the Board of Education and the City Council, to get everybody on Board. This is to show, comparative facilities in other communities. This is North Arlington High School, Lyndhurst, Lodi, Hawthorne and Waldwick. This is the concept that was bid in September 2010. This was the referendum piece which showed the squat track and retaining the Stadium wall. It was the determination of the Design Committee, after numerous meetings, that it would be better to reserve part of the Stadium Wall, remove what we could for historical purposes and to do the eight lane track with eight lanes straight away and six lanes around. This significantly enhances the parking, at the left bottom corner it allows us to remove the buses from the front of City Hall to the back area where there will be all security cameras, lighting etc. This calls for a turf field. It allows for movement around the entire Turf Field. The Baseball and Softball Fields would be grass fields. The four tennis courts would be relocated. There are two basketball courts located within the stadium. And the temporary classrooms are moved as well.

I'm happy to report that a resolution has been delivered by the Board of Education. That resolution was delivered this evening. And on behalf of the School Board, it does endorse the project, and it does indicate that the Board of Education endorses the project to the State and it authorizes the Board of Education to enter into the required lease agreement with the City of Garfield for the property designated to be the location of the City of Garfield Athletic Complex. A draft lease has been submitted to the Attorney. All that the State requires at this point is a letter and a resolution. So the letter has been provided by the Board of Education, and the Resolution was moved by Board Member Everett Garnto, seconded by Robert Benanti and voted yes, 8-0, only Board Member Elizabeth Gray was absent. But she did support it the first time when we talked about the project.

Mr. Barckett, the President of the Board of Education, has sent a letter of support. I would like to read that letter into the record at this time:

January 23, 2017

To whom it may concern:

As President of the Garfield Board of Education, I am writing in support of the DEP Green Acres Project which will enable the City of Garfield Athletic Complex at Garfield High School to be built. As a lifelong resident of Garfield, I have watched our athletes develop from young children interested in sports to All State, All County and All League Competitors. I have watched some of our finest athletes go on to become professionals, including several professional football players. For the past few years, we have sought out the ability to be able to build a new Athletic Complex. This proposed application will finally allow us to meet our goals, and I urge everyone to support it. If we are able to receive the Green Acres funding, we will finally be able to meet the needs of our aspiring athletes.

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For those of you who are not aware, currently, our track and field are in such condition that we cannot hold State meets at our own facility. This means that our very own nationally recognized javelin thrower, who graduated recently, was never able to partake in her events at her home field, a strong disadvantage. When our complex is built, we will be able to meet all requirements for competitions in any sport.

I know I speak for all Board Members when I say that we are proud to be residents of Garfield and I want others to recognize our City's strengths as well. When a parent comes to watch their child compete, the Athletic Complex is often the first and only impression he or she will be able to make of our City. Our new complex will show parents, visitors and others how strong a community we are. Our new complex will likely bring business to our City, as visitors will come back to eat at our restaurants and shop at our stores. Our new complex will attract new coaches, teachers and residents who want to be part of such a vibrant athletic community and have opportunities, even as non-students, to exercise on our track, or see their children utilize our fields.

Based upon all of the above, I ask that you support this project.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Anthony Barckett

City Manager Duch continued:

Should the grant application be successful, the Mayor and Council have already passed a resolution acknowledging a total application amount of \$6.5 million and if we were to receive all funding, the grant amount would be \$4,875,000, and the loan amount would be \$1,625,000. Should the application not be granted for the entire \$6.5 million, the Design Committee, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Schools, and myself, would have to meet to phase the project as we recently did phases in Twentieth Century Field. To update various aspects of the field, we would have to do this project as a phased project, if that happened. Should we be successful, we would look to obtain and submit a preliminary assessment report to meet all Environmental requirements sometime between April 3rd and May 1, 2017. Final Project Design would take place between April 3rd and June 5, 2017. We would apply for all the appropriate permits to do all the work from May 1st to August 1, 2017. Our goal would be to submit the plan to Green Acres for pre-bid approval August 1, 2017. We would look to go out to bid September 2017, with a project award date of October 2017. And we would look to begin construction in late October 2017. Construction would take approximately seven months. So you would look for an approximate completion date of July 2018.

In our discussions with the Board of Education, it has been made very clear, and the Board of Education understands that this would be a re-payment and an inter-local agreement would be entered. Part of the Inter-local agreement and the terms and conditions that were submitted by me to the Board of Education Attorney, were things like, the City would include this property on our list of insured properties and we would make the Board of Education and the Green Acres Program as additional insured.

Secondly, the Board of Education would continue to leave it on their list of properties and list the City of Garfield and the Green Acres property as additionally insured. Scheduling of events, use of facilities, would be handled by the City of Garfield Recreation Director in consultation with the Garfield High School Director of Athletics and/or his assistant at Garfield High School. Scheduling of Athletic Events at the High School or the Middle School can be a priority. Use of the field would then go to the City sponsored organizations and to the general public. It also includes that maintenance of all of the fields and parking areas be done by the Board of Education Maintenance staff during the life of the lease.

So those are the pertinent parts.”

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell said:

“I would just like to point out that since the last time the Council has seen this, there has been a big change in lighting of how sports field lighting is done. All LED has come of age where it is affordable as well as practical in its application. The entire complex would be lit with these LED type fixtures. It would allow for the lighting of the baseball, softball area, which if you look in the middle of that, there is a full size soccer field that is built into that design. So you can have a lit field between the baseball, softball area that would be a fraction of what they would be with a standard type of lighting. This truly becomes a multiple faceted, and a very reasonable project, and all the bleachers which are more than fifty years old would be replaced, there would be new bathrooms, dugouts, fencing, paving, scoreboards, virtually everything from Semel Avenue all the way to the building. This would be a turn-key project, hopefully it is done in one shot. If we cannot, we will stage it. We have an excellent track record of staging these projects and using Green Acres funds.”

City Manager Duch acknowledged and thanked Superintendent of Schools Nichols Perrapato, School Business Administrator Dr. Edward Izbicki, Principal Dora D'Amico, Vice Principal Stephen Mucha, Assistant Athletic Director Thomas Giuffre, Athletic Director Michael Alfonso, Vice Principal Nancy Kutsup, Director of Guidance Susan Scudillo and Coach Meghan O'Toole.

He thanked the Design Committee because they have the expertise and know what the City needs are. He said that the City and Board of Education have a very successful pilot program in opening the basketball courts and having a monitor there, half by the Board of Education and half by the City. He said that this type of facility, to keep it open at night, to allow the citizens to walk the track, a lighted track, exercise at night, have access to the facilities may require an additional monitor, it will allow for the City people to have better recreational opportunities in a controlled environment. He said that the project enhances the parking on the site, going from about 100 spaces to about 245 spaces, removes the buses and makes the front of City Hall safe while enhancing all of the athletic facilities.

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak in favor or against this proposed project.

Ms. Dora D'Amico read the following letter:

“Good evening, Mayor and Council Members,

As Principal of GHS, I am very happy to represent our administration, faculty and students this evening. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council and City Manager for initiating this Grant Application, which will ultimately benefit the entire City of Garfield. The fields that our student athletes currently use are essentially the same as when our high school was built, over 50 years ago.

Mr. Duch has mentioned the many deficiencies of our current complex. The fields are used by all our high school students for PE, our athletes, for 2 to 3 levels of each sport, marching band and cheerleaders, as well as middle school levels, some REC teams and Community club teams as well.

Our fields are definitely well used, as they should be. However, due to this fact, and others such as the age of the complex and life-span of the facility, the amount and cost of upkeep, it is very challenging to maintain these fields. These factors, and others, put our students and athletes at a disadvantage during classes, practices and competition. Basically, as a school, and community, we are in desperate need to renovate the athletic complex.

The efforts of the City of Garfield, along with the school community, to pursue this Grant application is so very important for our entire City. Our fields are used for charity walks, multiple school field days, community members enjoy walking or jogging in the morning and evening; they are used by adult teams, and numerous local groups throughout the calendar year. Once renovated, the area behind the bleachers, would be aesthetically pleasing and functional. The turf football/soccer field and track would be readily maintained. The renovation would permit our student athletes to be on a level playing field with student athletes from other communities. All of Garfield would have access to a stadium that would be the showcase for the entire community.

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Over the past several years we have seen improvements in our parks and recreation fields throughout Garfield. Our current students have seen these improvements as they have gone through our REC leagues to GHS athletics. They deserve to see our City and school system work together to provide everyone with a stadium complex that is safe, up-to-date, meet current standards, address the needs of all teams and all levels and be a gathering place for the entire community. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this process that will ultimately benefit all our children for many years to come.

Thank you for your commitment to this process!

Dorotea M. D'Amico"

Mr. Jay Rana, 386 Van Bussum Avenue, said that he is standing before the Council here today as a community member and a student at Garfield High School. He said that most of us are here for one reason, we need a new Sports Facility. He said that this is necessary to demonstrate the spirit and strength Garfield possesses and to show our teams in the community that their hard work is noticed. He said that as a varsity runner, he knows how detrimental having such an imperfect track affects our performances and overall self-esteem. He said that it is common for many students in gym class or athletics in general regardless of sport to suffer injuries due to the jagged metal bits, broken glass, rusty nails, dusty blow back and uneven ground which is our track. He said that it is a shame that parents, including mine, have not been able to see their son or daughter perform and therefore having this modern facility will enable us to train harder and allow us to add to the legacy of "The City of Champions". He said that the advantages of this new athletic stadium stretches beyond High School as it will help make the community stronger and healthier. He said that as a graduating senior, he knows he will never be able to have a meet on this new track, but that does not stop him from wanting to get this for the school and town. He said that the Garfield Junior Boilermakers were recently recognized for their undefeated season and every Councilmember mentioned their bright future that awaited them at the high school. He asked how bright can that be when in addition to applause; there are geese droppings all over the field? He said that progress is slow, but in order for it to commence, someone must take the first step, so he urged the elected officials to take this into consideration and to take the initiative for the City of Garfield.

The entire City Council each individually spoke in favor of the application.

Mayor Rigoglioso closed the public hearing.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-26

WHEREAS, the Saint Ciro Society of Garfield will be holding their Annual Dinner-Dance on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive in Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the Saint Ciro Society has proven to be a worthwhile proponent of Italian Culture and devotion to Saint Ciro, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Ingui will be honored this year by the Saint Ciro Society for Outstanding Accomplishments in the name of Italian Heritage and the City Council is desirous of publicly recognizing this outstanding organization within the "City of Champions",

RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Joseph Ingui, is hereby CONGRATULATED for being honored as “Man of the Year”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saint Ciro Society is also hereby publicly recognized and praised for its outstanding dedication to God and community.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 17-27

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, 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 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, 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 pension 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 \$71,000.00 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
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-28

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Anthony Shupenko Jr., 2 Garden Court North, Garfield

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Christopher Shupenko.

RESOLUTIONS

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-29

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Carol Hanzo, 263 Palisade Avenue, Garfield

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Christopher Shupenko.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-30

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Patricia Martorano, 96 Marshall Avenue, Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Christopher Shupenko.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-31

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County New Jersey, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board pursuant to Chapter 49-111 et. seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield and NJSA 40:81-13:

Joe Krack, 268 McKinley Blvd., Paramus, New Jersey 07652

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED copy of this approved resolution to the appointee and City Historian Christopher Shupenko.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-32

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Henri Wejnert of 2 Scudder Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective January 9, 2017.

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 approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-33

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 advises that Roger Darpino of 36 Bellport Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 4 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-34

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 advises that Marcel Kawka of 40 Spencer Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 4 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-35

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 advises that Mark Lemanski of 452 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 4 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-36

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 advises that William Peterson of 69 Westminster Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 4 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-37

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 advises that Anthony Swistak of 70 Dewitt Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 4 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-38

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 advises that Mark Trama of 217 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 4 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-39

WHEREAS, Angelina P. Rodriguez, 225 Palisade Avenue Apt 4-B, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1665844, 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 south curb line of Maple Street commencing 64 feet west of the intersection of Maple Street and Palisade Avenue and run an additional 20 feet west 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 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-40

WHEREAS, Raymond Osowiecky, 63 Somerset Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1686338, 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 north curb line of Somerset Street commencing 141 feet west of the intersection of Somerset Street and Palisade Avenue and run an additional 18 feet west 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.

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-41

WHEREAS, Moshe Friedman, owner of Regal Candelabra, 334 River Drive, has filed an application for a Loading Zone to be placed at his business, 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 a Loading Zone Monday thru Friday during the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM be established on the Grand Street side of Regal Candelabra, located at 334 River Drive, on the south curb line of Grand Street commencing 104 feet east of the intersection of Grand Street and River Drive and continuing an additional 33 feet 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 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-42

WHEREAS, E-Z Laundromat, 255 Midland Avenue filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to E-Z Laundromat, for the year 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-43

WHEREAS, Elohim Laundromat, 62 Belmont Avenue filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Elohim Laundromat, for the year 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-44

WHEREAS, Time to Wash Laundromat, 60 River Drive filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Time to Wash, for the year 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-45

WHEREAS, Sud's City Laundromat, 228 Palisade Avenue filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provision of Ordinance No. 1288.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Sud's City Laundromat for the year 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-46

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Games of Skill for the year 2017 described in application, duly filed:

Wisla 73 Main Street Garfield, NJ 07026	1 Juke Box	\$ 75.00
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Midnight Sun 323 Semel Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	1 Pool Table 1 Juke Box	\$ 75.00 50.00
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		\$ 125.00
Sportsmans' Tavern 245 Outwater Lane Garfield, NJ 07026	1 Juke Box 1 Pool Table	\$ 75.00 50.00
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		\$ 125.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-47

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Vehicle Sales Business for the year 2017 described in application, duly filed:

Mike's Auto Sales, LLC 413 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026		\$ 365.00
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		\$ 365.00
M.J. Traders LTD. 602-610 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026		\$ 365.00
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		\$ 365.00
Urbin Auto Sales 577 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026		\$ 365.00
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Falls View Motors Co. Inc. 86 Jewell Street Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00
Riverview Auto Sales 848 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Nahas Auto Center 376 Midland Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Dymora Auto, LLC 381 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Kaytors 379 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00
Payless Auto Wholesale 601 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-31 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 2017 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.

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Resolution No.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-32 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 2017 Towing License pursuant to the City Code, and

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

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-34 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 2017 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.

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-33 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 2017 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.

Councilmember Aloia moved that the four preceding resolutions regarding towing be tabled until the conclusion of the Police Report on recommendations concerning towing. It was duly seconded by Councilmember Erin Delaney. On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Resolution No. 17-48

A Resolution Authorizing the Bidding of a Project Entitled Improvements to Lincoln Place, City of Garfield.

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer and City Clerk are hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the improvements to Lincoln Place, City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-49

A Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer to Perform Preliminary Assessment Environmental Studies for Seven (7) Parcels Along River Drive Between Passaic Street and Monroe Street

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is desirous of implementing Phase II of the River Drive Roadway Widening on the Riverfront Park Project, and;

WHEREAS various grant agencies such as the NJDEP require Preliminary Assessment Environmental Studies in connection with the acquisition of parcels for recreation and open space purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare Preliminary Assessment Reports for the following parcels in accordance with a proposal dated January 19, 2017, for a fee not to exceed \$17,000.00:

- 201 River Drive (Block 3, Lot 1)
- 213-225 River Drive (Block 3, Lot 6)
- 239-247 River Drive (Block 4, Lot 1)
- 259 River Drive (Block 4, Lot 9)
- 263 River Drive (Block 4, Lot 10)
- Block 50.02, Lot 1
- 323 River Drive (Block 50.02, Lot 21)

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-50

A Resolution Authorizing the City Engineer to Coordinate the Abatement of Asbestos Containing Materials Within and the Removal of Two (2) Underground Storage Tanks Adjacent to the Garfield Police Station.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is coordinating the demolition of the existing Police Station and construction of a new facility, and;

WHEREAS the City Engineer has performed an environmental study which determined there were Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM's) within the existing building and also performed a second study identifying two (2) previously unknown Underground Storage Tanks (UST's) on the property, and;

WHEREAS the City would like to undertake the abatement of the ACM's and removal of the UST's as a separate project, and;

WHEREAS the City Engineer submitted a proposal dated January 19, 2017 which includes \$19,800.00 of estimated subcontractor fees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to undertake the ACM abatement and UST Removal work for a total fee of \$33,300.00 which includes the subcontractor fees noted above.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-51

A Resolution Endorsing Submission of a New Jersey Department Local Aid Grant Application for Grand Street.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of City of Garfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Grand Street-00332 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of City of Garfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of City of Garfield, and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-52

TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102 has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for the calendar year 2017 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Garfield City Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates City Recycling Coordinator Sam Garofalo to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-53

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Tax Court Judgment for the year 2013.

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 overpayment 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
25	8	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	\$ 1,228.21
95	18	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	756.60
149.02	17	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	211.85
198	35	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	403.52

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

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Resolution No. 17-54

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Tax Court Judgment for the 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 overpayment 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
25	8	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	\$ 1,252.08
95	18	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	771.30
149.02	17	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	215.96
198	35	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	411.36

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-55

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Tax Court Judgment 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 overpayment 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
25	8	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	\$ 1,286.17
95	18	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	792.30
198	35	“Spiotti & Esposito, P.C.-Attorney Trust Account”	TCJ	422.56

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-56

WHEREAS, the FY16 Emergency Management Performance Grant program provides resources to assist State and local governments to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management capabilities. States have the opportunity to use EMPG funds to further strengthen their ability to support emergency management activities while simultaneously addressing issues of national concern as identified in the National Priorities of the National Preparedness Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Grant subaward #FY16-EMPG-EMAA-0221 would allow for Federal funding in the amount of \$9,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Grant agreement would require a City match of \$10,587.37; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the appropriate City Officials including Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, to submit the FEMA Grant Application to provide for funding of the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator’s salary.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-57

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXAMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS BLOCK 14.02, LOTS 1, 4.01 & 4.02, BLOCK 14.01, LOT 47, BLOCK 12, LOTS 1,2,5,6,7,8 & 9, BLOCK 11, LOTS 1,3,5,7 & 8, BLOCK 10, LOTS 1 & 3, BLOCK 9, LOTS 1,2 & 23, BLOCK 25, (Entire Block) LOTS 1,2,5,6,8,9,10,11,13,14,17,18,20,21,22,24,25-29 & 31, BLOCK 26, (Entire Block) LOTS 1,3,5,6,8,9,12 & 14, BLOCK 27, (Entire Block) LOTS 1,5,8,10-16 & 18-22, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO BE AN

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AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY A CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (the "City") has previously identified certain properties, consisting of properties located on Block 14.02, Lots 1, 4.01 & 4.02, Block 14.01, lot 47, Block 12, lots 1,2,5,6,7,8 & 9, Block 11, Lot 1,3,5,7 & 8, Block 10, Lots 1 & 3, Block 9, Lots 1,2 & 23, Block 25, (Entire Block) Lots 1,2,5,6,8,9,10,11,13,14,17,18,20,21,22,24,25 -29 & 31, Block 26, (Entire Block) Lot 1,3,5,6,8,9,12 & 14, Block 27, (Entire Block) Lots 1,5,8,10-16 & 18-22, and as delineated on the tax map attached hereto and made part of this resolution (the "Properties"), to be considered for designation as an area "in need of redevelopment", pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A., 40A:12A-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, before an area may be declared in need of redevelopment, it is legally necessary for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Planning Board of a given municipality to undertake a preliminary study to determine whether the proposed area meets the criteria for designation as a redevelopment area pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Planning Board undertake an examination as to whether the Properties, may be deemed "an area in need of redevelopment"; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby states that any redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law for the use in a redevelopment area, including the use of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a ("Condemnation Redevelopment Area")); and

WHEREAS, the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Condemnation Redevelopment Area determination shall authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the Properties.

WHEREAS, the City requires that all future studies, proposed development, property owner negotiations be undertaken with the utmost good faith and fair dealing by City agencies and/or its representatives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield being the governing body thereof, that the City Planning Board which has previously been directed and authorized to examine whether the lands comprising Block, all Lots; Block, all Lots; Block, Lots; as shown on the official tax map of the City of Garfield, should be determined "an area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City hereby states that any Condemnation Redevelopment Area Determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law for the use in a redevelopment area, including the use of eminent domain.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Joseph Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 16-58

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 2020 to 2024 covering Trust Other, and Dog Trust Fund, totaling \$78,853.01 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$255,944.85 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,645,634.25 and the Water Fund Reserve totaling \$713.49 and the Water Fund totaling \$77,324.47 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$33,617.63 and the Water Capital totaling \$3,245.00 and the Trust Other totaling \$845.15 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 ten (10) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See the following pages _____

For Bills and Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 181-7 CITY OF GARFIELD CODE ENTITLED HOUSING STANDARDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 181-7 CITY OF GARFIELD CODE ENTITLED HOUSING STANDARDS” 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 February 13, 2017 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 Erin Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Anthony Morales, 90 Passaic Street, spoke in favor of the Stadium Project. He complimented Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and DPW Secretary Joyce Uram for the exceptional job they do whenever he calls in. He said that they handle issues he calls about in a matter of hours. He commended the Police and explained that his business door was unlocked and the alarm went off and the Police responded, came inside, observed that everything was good and he appreciated that Police came down and checked things out. He spoke about on-street parking in the Passaic Street area and said that he is a second set of eyes for the Council and law enforcement. He said that it is ridiculous that we have such skillful people that we have an issue pending for so many years. He said this is not an exclusive location. He said we have exclusive businessmen who are making millions of dollars who are coming in and laying the foundation and getting together for funds for the support of future elections. He said his interest became a little more intense on a snowy day. He said that there were wet roads and people were making illegal U-turns and people were running red lights. He said that he saw one of our Police Officers getting out of his car bending down street side and marking tires. He said that it is ridiculous. He said that Police Officers have better things to do than mark tires and it is dangerous. He said he does not want a law enforcement officer to be hit by a car by somebody who is not paying attention to the road. He did not agree with that. He spoke on installing parking meters on Passaic Street. He said that a businessman should not be concerned with getting a ticket. He spoke on how the two hour time limit is being enforced. He spoke on the proposed painting of the Train Trestle over Passaic Street and he said that it is an eye sore. He said that the Bridge is unprofessional looking and needs to be cleaned up because it reflects negatively on the businesses in the area. He spoke on the road that leads out of the Walmart Store to Marsellus Place that trucks use, and it has no proper lighting, no sidewalk and he said there are people who are elderly and mothers with children who are utilizing that area and sharing the same road with trucks and cars. He said that something should be done before lives are lost. He said that he appreciates the City's Law Enforcement Professionals.

Ms. Joane Sluja, 110 Sampson Street asked questions and spoke on the Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Mr. Jesus Rodriguez, 149 Midland Avenue, spoke in favor of the Stadium Project. He spoke on the proposed First Ward Rehabilitation Program. He complained about the trucks traveling to and from the Solid Waste Transfer Station at 19-35 Atlantic Street. He spoke on the need for street lights in his neighborhood.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Angel Quiles, 95 Willard Street, spoke on the proposed use of the property of old Fire House No. Three located at 58 Willard Street.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke about old Fire House No. Three located at 58 Willard Street. He spoke about signs and traffic in the area of the Solid Waste Transfer Station at 19-35 Atlantic Street. He spoke about the proposed Redevelopment Program for the First Ward. He said that a light can not be put on every pole in the City. He said that the Police are good and the DPW does a good job. He said that it is Vornado's property to handle the maintenance of their property and he agreed about the need to cleanup the train trestle over Passaic Street. He spoke about the parking situation on Passaic Street. He said that the Police are doing their job. He spoke on the proposed installation of parking meters on Passaic Street.

Councilmember Calandriello spoke on Resolution No. 17-57 concerning the First Ward being in need of Rehabilitation. He mentioned condemnation possibilities referred to in the Resolution. He said that in regard to the Walmart Redevelopment property, there was going to be development on that back end of the property and with that there was going to be a bank and sidewalks and lights in the area, so maybe the City can go back to the developer and speak to them about safety issues and maybe that can help. He said that the City should paint the Railroad Bridge over Passaic Street. He spoke on the long term prospects for Passaic Street and said that everything will improve including the parking. He spoke on a possible parking authority and parking meters. He spoke on the taping of the Council meetings and the broadcasting of the meeting on cable televisions and improving the audio of the broadcasts. He said that Verizon does not cover the Council meetings and maybe they can get copies of the tape of the Council Meetings for broadcast. He spoke on William Katchen administering the Garfield Housing Rehabilitation Program. He spoke on establishing a committee to meet and get reports on water. He said that he would gladly be willing to serve on that committee to monitor what is going on. He spoke on possible plans for the property of old Fire House No. Three on Willard Street.

Councilmember Erin Delaney thanked everyone for coming up tonight and she appreciated everyone who expressed support for Garfield's Law Enforcement. She spoke on wanting to keep the businesses in Garfield. She said that this is the first meeting with this new administration and she promised to work diligently and promised that everyone's concerns will not go unheard. She spoke on the Police Department allegedly performing inconsistently with the enforcement of parking tickets being given out on Passaic Street. She supported the proposed painting of the Railroad Bridge over Passaic Street by the City.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney welcomed Mayor Richard Rigoglioso and Councilmember Erin Delaney to their first Regular Meeting of the City Council. He spoke on the audio problems of the recorded Council Meetings. He said that the Garfield High School Field Project is a big part of a fresh start for the City and the School System. He said that he has ridden on the train from Garfield to New York City and back and he noticed graffiti on the houses abutting the train tracks through Garfield and he would like the graffiti removed.

Mayor Rigoglioso thanked everyone for staying so long tonight. He spoke on alleged Police inconsistency with the writing of parking tickets on Passaic Street. He spoke in favor of the painting of the Railroad Trestle but said that it is NJ Transit Property and he wants to do everything legally. He said that he would like to see things cleaned up under the Bridge, too. He said that he does not know if the City has the legal right to paint the bridge. He spoke on developing plans for the property of Old Fire House No. Three that was knocked down on Willard Street. He said that future plans need to be developed. He said that the proposed Water Committee is a good idea. He spoke in favor of the Stadium Project for the citizens of Garfield. He said that it will bring people into Garfield.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK