

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:30 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. Ditzas, Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Recreation John Lord, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, Fire Chief Edward J. Morano, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael March and Fire Official Gerald Walis

PASSAIC STREET

The City Council and Cabinet met with Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Anthony Morales of 90 Passaic Street and Richard and Carol Koshig of 23 Spencer Place concerning the condition and cleanliness of Passaic Street and the surrounding area.

ARRIVAL OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 7:00 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

EXIT OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LORD

At 7:20 PM, Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Recreation John Lord left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the 2017 Municipal Budget.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed playground expansion at Twentieth Century Field.
2. The proposed four way stop at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Belmont Avenue.
3. The 100th Anniversary of the City Fireworks to be held July 3, 2017.
4. The 100th Anniversary of the City Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at City Hall.
5. The Department of Environmental Protection remedial investigation at the DPW Garage located at 413 Midland Avenue, and the request from the DEP for additional information.
6. The DEP preliminary assessment of 60 Hobart Place and the proposed removal of the former rail spur that cuts through the Hobart Place Playground so that the City may acquire the property from the successor of Vornado Realty.
7. Garfield YMCA Comedy Night to be held Thursday, March 2, 2017.
8. The Garfield Free Public Library Improvement Project.

EXIT OF VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS

At 7:45 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Fire Chief Edward Morano, Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Marsh, Fire Official Gerald Walis and City Auditor Dieter Lerch left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17-93

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a "Closed Session" is hereby called at 7:45 P.M. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed City acquisition of 165 Palisade Avenue, corner of Monroe Street for use by the Police Department).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (legality of proposed four-way stop at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Belmont Avenue; proposed charging for temporary parking passes; tactics to reduce speeding on Cedar Street; investigation of Little League financials and need for \$8,700 for plumbing repairs to their building on 60 Spring Street).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (any comp time benefit for Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo or any other employee pursuant to Federal Law, must be detailed and specific and be in the applicable salary ordinance; nuisance lawsuit against municipal Judge Giuseppe Randazzo after someone lost their Driver's License after failing to appear in court; Jeffrey LaPierre who worked for the City under the CETA Program briefly in 1979, and his Workers Comp case; bond forfeiture matter involving the Municipal Court).
- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (any comp time benefit for Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo or any other employee pursuant to Federal Law, must be detailed and deficient in the performance of their duties.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

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

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Joseph Delaney

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 9:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 8:20 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: 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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

COMMUNICATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica reported that in a letter to him from Mayor Rigoglioso, dated February 22, 2017, the Mayor made the following appointment to the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees:

- * Mr. Jorge Ventura, 365 Palisade Avenue, as an Ex-Officio Member, (the Mayor's Alternate to the Board) to succeed Ms. Wanda Lowney, to serve at the Pleasure of the Mayor.

INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

See

the

following

pages numbered _____

for

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Resolution No. 17-95

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, on January 16, 2017, Edward L. Mucha, a former Councilman of the City of Garfield, and beloved Principal and Educator in the Garfield School System, and

WHEREAS, "Ed" was a life-long and community-minded individual and also served the people of Garfield as a Volunteer Firefighter with Garfield Fire Company No. Three for thirty-one years, was a trustee for the South Bergen Federal Credit Union, a member of the Garfield Historical Society, a founding member of the Garfield Jaycees and Garfield Babe Ruth League, a life-long baseball coach, a member of the Garfield Elks, Garfield Rotary Club, and many other worthwhile School and City organizations, and

WHEREAS, "Ed" deeply loved his family and was deeply loved in return, and his infectious smile, kind heart and quick wit made every person that was in his presence feel at ease, and

WHEREAS, his passing touched with sorrow the people of Garfield and its governing body,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, and on behalf of the people of Garfield, that profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy are hereby expressed to the family and friends of Edward L. Mucha in the hour of bereavement over the tremendous loss endured by his passing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Madonna Place also be named "Edward L. Mucha Place" in the City of Garfield, as a lasting tribute.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 17-96

WHEREAS, Paul Houlis was appointed as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four year term pursuant to Resolution No. 13-69, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, his term of office expired January 1, 2017,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Paul Houlis of 41 Schley Street is hereby appointed as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to succeed himself for the full four year term, said term to expire January 1, 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-97

WHEREAS, Sal Cusmano was appointed as a First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 16-64, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 23, 2016, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, in a letter to Garfield City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, dated February 23, 2017, Sal Cusmano has resigned as First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective immediately,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Francisco Sanchez of 523 MacDonald Street, is hereby appointed as First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to succeed Sal Cusmano effective immediately, for the unexpired term, said term to expire January 1, 2018.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-98

WHEREAS, John Danczak was appointed as Second Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 16-65, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 23, 2016, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, John Danczak resigned as Second Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective November 22, 2016,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that John Calandriello of 47 Maitland Place, is hereby appointed as Second

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Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective immediately, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2018.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-99

WHEREAS, Michael Briggs was appointed as Third Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 16-6, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held January 6, 2016, for a term to expire January 1, 2017,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that John Easom of 103 Gaston Avenue is hereby appointed as Third Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, effective immediately, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2019.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-100

WHEREAS, Francisco Sanchez was appointed as Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 16-322, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held September 7, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Francisco Sanchez has been appointed as First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, pursuant to Resolution No. 17-97 adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 28, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the position of Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is currently vacant,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Katarzyna Rozmus of 166 Ray Street is hereby appointed as Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2019.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-101

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Andrzej Kalata of 427 Grace Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective February 7, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No 5 with respect to the above matter is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-102

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Andrew Soltis of 25 Sherry Lane, Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663 as an active member, effective February 7, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No 5 with respect to the above matter is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-103

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Victor F. Oliver of 23 Louisa Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 as a regular member, effective February 6, 2017,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey 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
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-104

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted Joseph De Vita Jr. of 89 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective February 7, 2017,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-105

WHEREAS, Cheri Agresta, 71 Cottage Place, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1784202, 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 north curb line of Cottage Place commencing 874 feet east of the intersection of Cottage Place and River Drive and run an additional 25 feet east from that point.
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-106

WHEREAS, Suds-n-Spins Laundromat, 85 Outwater Lane 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 Suds-n-Spins Laundromat, for the year 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-107

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:

4 Seasons Auto	\$ 365.00
2 Passaic Street	
Garfield, NJ 07026	<hr/>
	\$ 365.00
FJ Motors, LLC	\$ 365.00
6 Plauderville Avenue	
Garfield, NJ 07026	<hr/>
	\$ 365.00

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-108

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF VALIC RETIREMENT SERVICES COMPANY RETIREMENT PLAN FOR GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (hereinafter, the “Employer”) desires to establish a retirement plan for the exclusive benefit of its employees and their beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to adopt the VALIC Retirement Services Company Retirement Plan for Governmental Employers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Employer hereby adopts the document titled “VALIC Retirement Services Company Retirement Plan for Governmental Employers”, effective January 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate representatives of the Employer be, and the same hereby are, authorized and directed to (i) execute the adoption agreement to the VALIC Retirement Services Company Retirement Plan for Governmental Employers document as approved; (ii) execute all other documents and to do all other things as may be necessary or appropriate to make the VALIC Retirement Services Company Retirement Plan for Governmental Employers effective January 1, 2017, including the execution of any amendments required by the Internal Revenue Service in order to continue and maintain the qualified and exempt status of the Plan; and (iii) execute any other documents required to obtain reliance on advisory letters issued to the VALIC Retirement Services Company Retirement Plan for Governmental Employers by the Internal Revenue Service.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-109

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORING ALL OFFICIAL EVENTS OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield was incorporated on April 19, 1917 with April 19, 2017 marking the Centennial of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is desirous of celebrating the occasion and the City has created a Centennial Committee to develop and execute a series of events throughout the 2017 year to properly and fittingly commemorate this milestone in the City’s history; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial Committee is a creation of the City, with members of the community expressing to the City Manager, their interest in volunteering their services and talents to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, Any and all funds associated with the Centennial celebration events shall be handled by and through the City’s Chief Financial Officer and segregated from the municipal operations and dedicated to the planned yearlong celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Centennial Committee will co-host the events planned for 2017 to officially commemorate this historical event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the City hereby recognizes the Centennial Committee for their dedicated efforts and the inherent benefit to the community of the dedicated volunteer work performed by the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the City of Garfield is an official co-sponsor of any and all events planned and executed by the Centennial Committee during the yearlong celebration and that such co-sponsorship extends the insurance coverage of the City to the Centennial Committee and its members thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Professional Insurance Associates, 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818 Carlstadt, NJ 07072, Risk Management Consultant to the City.

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-110

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Tax Court Judgement 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	REASON	AMOUNT
88.01	1	Nashel & Nashel Trust Account	\$982.12

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-111

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Public Service Electric and Gas Company is hereby authorized and requested to install an Induction Lamp on Pole Number E 60391 G located on 121 Midland Avenue.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified and exact copy of this approved resolution to P.S.E. & G. Co. at the following address.

Mr. Patrick Buck
P.S.E. & G. Company
325 County Avenue
Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Nays 1 -
Councilmember Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 17-112

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bills No. 2027 to 2029 covering Dog Trust Fund, Trust Other, Community Policing Trust Fund totaling \$4,229.29 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$11,496.33 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,730,389.72 and the Water Fund Reserve totaling \$2,224.25 and the Water Fund totaling \$3,343.81 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$197,348.46 and the Water Capital totaling \$1,508.98 per attached Computer Lists, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes twenty two (22) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

following pages _____

For Bills and Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2760

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2017; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING "MID-BLOCK CROSSING" ON LINCOLN PLACE IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Aloia introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40a:4-45.14) ESTABLISHING "MID-BLOCK CROSSING" ON LINCOLN PLACE IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Aloia moved that this ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40a:4-45.14) ESTABLISHING "MID-BLOCK CROSSING" ON LINCOLN PLACE IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY" 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 March 28, 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 Calandriello, 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. Miguel Reyes, 89 Passaic Street, congratulated Councilmember Erin Delaney and Mayor Rigoglioso on their election. He said that Independence Day is very important to him. He said that Dominican Republic Independence Day was yesterday. He said that he honors two flags: the American flag and the Dominican flag. He said that he is sure that Garfield has a huge Dominican Community and maybe the City can host a Dominican event. He spoke on the 100th Anniversary of the City. He expressed concern about contamination in the Hobart Place Playground. He spoke on the chromium contamination site at Clark Street and Lincoln Place being near schools. He spoke on the proposed First Ward Redevelopment Project and asked questions concerning a time line for the project. He spoke on seeking a seat on the Board of Education.

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Mr. Anthony Morales, 90 Passaic Street, spoke on police marking tires in the Passaic Street area. He spoke on the proposed installation of parking meters on Passaic Street. He spoke on the good numbers regarding the 2017 Municipal Budget. He spoke on the need for City Officials to come and see Passaic Street and the businesses marketing their merchandise on the sidewalk. He said that a mattress company should not be doing that. He spoke on the need to paint the railroad trestle over Passaic Street and the need to light that area. He spoke on the environmental cleanup of the Hobart Place Playground and questioned why the City was assuming that responsibility instead of Vornado Realty or its successor company.

Mr. Salvatore Zuccaro, 88 Gaston Avenue, congratulated Erin Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso on their Election to the City Council. He spoke on the matter concerning his high water bill being resolved. He spoke on the condition of a property in his neighborhood that he claims looks like a junk yard.

Mr. Anthony Erekat, 30 Pacific Avenue claimed that there is an abandoned house on Morris Avenue with litter going into Pacific Avenue. He complained that there was an illegal apartment at 32 Pacific Avenue and he said that a handicapped parking space has been granted for the man's son who does not live there. He said that it is important to protect the children of this community and he suggested getting a door lock installed at the Garfield YMCA that leads downstairs to their child care facility. He complained about the lack of intelligence on the Board of Education and he asked why "Bring Your Own Bottle" was banned by City Ordinance in 1979. He once again spoke about the door lock at the YMCA and he said that there is zero security at the YMCA.

Mr. Frank Barber, 201 Banta Avenue, said that the Mayor and Council did a great job on the budget. He requested a speed bump on Banta Avenue between Prospect Street and Ray Street.

Ms. Carol Koschig, 23 Spencer Place, said that the train tracks by her house are filthy and she complained about the noise of the train and the train whistles when they go past her house.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, extended congratulations to everybody on the City Council. He congratulated the Governing Body on the budget and spoke about leverage over the Board of Education concerning fiscal affairs. He complained about cars speeding down Gaston Avenue from Charles Street to Elizabeth Street. He spoke on the City's recycling program. He spoke on using NIXLE to alert the public of Council Meetings.

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street, spoke on the fiscal affairs of the Board of Education and complained about the WaWa Store at Columbus Avenue and Jewell Street. He spoke about litter in the area. He said that he would like speed bumps on Jewell Street. He complained about speeders on Jewell Street. He complained about tractor trailer trucks parking overnight on Jewell Street.

Mr. Miguel Reyes, 89 Passaic Street, spoke on publicizing Council Meetings.

Mr. Salvatore Zuccaro, 88 Gaston Avenue, spoke about garbage in his neighborhood.

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street, complained about the City's garbage contractor.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, thanked the Council for his appointment as Third Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia said that regarding the train, the City does not control the Federal Government and the train whistle issue. He said City Officials will call New Jersey Transit about cleaning up the train tracks. He spoke about speeding on Gaston Avenue and he spoke on the School Board Budget process. He spoke about the BYOB concept. He spoke on overnight parking on the street. He spoke about the proposed Dog Park at the Hobart Place Playground and the cleanup of the limited contamination

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and proposed paving over the cleaned up contaminated area in that park. He spoke on how his business personally cleaned up the street in his neighborhood. He spoke on the water bill situation of Sal Zuccarro.

Councilmember Calandriello said that he agrees regarding the Board of Education Budget needing to be kept in line. He spoke about speeding throughout town. He spoke on Mr. Erekat needing to contact the YMCA, and he spoke about the proposed repeal of the prohibition of BYOB. He spoke about illegal apartments in town and how other towns handle them. He spoke on the Environmental Protection Agency cleanup of the chromium contamination of the EC Electroplating site near the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place. He spoke on the need for a speed bump on Cedar Street and he wants to know the cost to clean up the Hobart Place Playground.

Councilmember Erin Delaney said that she is personally fine with time constraints at Council Meetings. She agrees that Garfield is a melting pot and she spoke on the 100th Anniversary of the City Celebration. She spoke on the quality of life issues in Garfield, and the need for more public garbage cans in town. She spoke about speeding in town. She spoke about the proposed locks on the door at the YMCA Pre-K. She spoke on Substance Abuse Prevention and she spoke on limiting tobacco sales to people over 21 years of age. She spoke on drug abuse in Garfield.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on speeding in town. He spoke about code enforcement in the City, and the need for cleanliness on Passaic Street. He spoke on the safety of the children in Garfield. He spoke on the School Budget and on New Jersey Transit Railroad cleaning up the train tracks. He spoke on the Hobart Place Playground. He spoke about the performance of the contractor for the City's Recycling Program. He spoke on the time limit of speakers at Council Meetings. He spoke on how he wants a "storage room" on the first floor of City Hall to be modified for an office for Councilmembers.

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke about people in the audience playing to the TV cameras. He spoke on the proposed Redevelopment of the Passaic Street area. He spoke about walking Passaic Street and about garbage in town. He spoke on the need to speak to the YMCA about locks at the entrance of their Pre-K. He spoke about respecting people and respecting your neighborhood. He spoke about cleanliness in Garfield and he spoke on the 100th Anniversary of the City.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK