

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:20 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 and Richard Rigoglioso
Councilmembers Absent: Erin N. Delaney and Joseph Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Christos J. Diktas, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Lloyd Rosenberg and Pradeep Kapoor, both of DMR Architects

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17-168

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 6:25 P.M. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (investigation of qualifications of lowest bidder and bid received March 21, 2017 for the construction of a new Police Station; negotiations on whether lowest bidders will honor their bids; potential litigation if lowest bidder cannot perform the job after award of contract).

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 3, Absent 2 -

Councilmembers Erin N. Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia

Frank J. Calandriello

EXIT OF CITY ATTORNEY DIKTAS, AND LLOYD ROSENBERG AND PRADEEP KAPOOR OF DMR ARCHITECTS

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 6:45 PM, City Attorney Christos Diktas and Lloyd Rosenberg and Pradeep Kapoor left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The agreement by the City to sponsor bouncy houses for the Garfield YMCA Movies Under the Stars to be held June 23, 2017 in Twentieth Century Field.
2. The Property Maintenance Inspection Logs and the fines imposed by the Garfield Municipal Court.
3. The article about Governor Christopher Christie sent by Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato concerning State Aid pledged to be provided to School Systems.
4. The meetings in which he will participate tomorrow with the Mayor, Councilwoman Delaney, Mike Garcia and Jim Clark regarding the Garfield City Centennial Events in 2017. The Centennial Parade is scheduled to be held Sunday, April 30, 2017.
5. The dedication of the Roger Hetel Auditorium at Garfield High School scheduled to be held Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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6. There will not be a Memorial Day Parade this year due to the Centennial Parade.
7. The City is having issues with PSE&G allowing banners on telephone/utility poles across the roadways for the 100th Anniversary of the City Celebration.
8. Proposed Special Council Meeting dates to make cuts if the School Board Budget is defeated at the School Board Election on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. It was decided that a Special Meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM for the City Council with a joint meeting with the Board of Education and School Officials at 5:00 PM.

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 7:15 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The Verizon Right of Way use agreement request.

EXIT OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGITANO AND
ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR JOSEPH DELANEY

At 7:20 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano left the Work Session and Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

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2. The 2017 Roadway Improvement Program.
3. The relocation of the Batting Cages in Belmont Oval park off Spring Street. Things need to be in order for the Little League Season Opener and the Girls Softball League Season Opener.

EXIT OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:30 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1-
Councilmember Erin Delaney

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8:00 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
Councilmembers Absent: Erin Delaney
Also Present: City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica

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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 4, Absent 1 –
Councilmember Erin Delaney

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Resolution No. 17-169

WHEREAS, Courtney Muns of Garfield, New Jersey represented Team USA in the World Special Olympics Winter games in Austria and returned home after winning a Silver Medal, and

WHEREAS, Muns won the Silver Medal in the 100-meter Snowshoeing Event and also placed fourth in the 200-meter and she was one of three athletes from the State to represent New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, Muns will be graduating this June from the Garfield School District and is performing her internship part of her work study program at the Garfield YMCA, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to publicly acknowledge the awards earned by Courtney Muns,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that COURTNEY MUNS is hereby CONGRATULATED on her Silver Medal earned at the World Special Olympics Winter games in Austria.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Joseph Delaney

At this time, a CERTIFIED copy of Resolution No. 17-169 was presented to Courtney Muns by Mayor Rigoglioso. Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney read a congratulatory letter to Courtney Muns from Councilwoman Erin Delaney and he presented flowers to Courtney Muns.

Resolution No. 17-170

WHEREAS, Ninety years ago, 22 African-Americans of faith living in Garfield, New Jersey had a dream and desire to begin a church in the City where they resided and initially, they met for Sunday school in a storefront located on Frederick Street, and

WHEREAS, after many obstacles and stumbling blocks, their dream became a reality and on May 8, 1927, the leaders of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack led the organizing of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in a building on Morrell Place in Garfield, and

WHEREAS, in 1928, the church moved to 335 Harrison Avenue, and then in 1929, the church changed its name to Calvary Baptist Church and relocated to 419 Harrison Avenue, and the cost of the building was \$3,500 and the members remodeled and changed its appearance from a factory to a place of worship, and

WHEREAS, by 1956, the church's mortgage was burned and Calvary became a member of the North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association and Calvary choirs flourished and were noted for their great singing and praise, and

WHEREAS, on the first Sunday in August of 1957, the Reverend Joseph J. Robinson assumed the position of leadership of Calvary Baptist Church and under his pastoral leadership, Reverend Robinson organized and developed a viable youth department; built an interfaith relationship

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between various denominations in the community and became the first African-American pastor in the community to speak at local graduation ceremonies, and participate in many civic activities within the City, and

WHEREAS, in June 1972, Passaic native, Calvin McKinney was called to serve as the tenth Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and he helped make Calvary an informed congregation, in religious, civic and political matters and continue the mission of Calvary as a People who are being “Taught and Grown”, according to God’s Word, and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2006, Calvary Baptist Church left their old home and moved to a new \$10 million, state-of-the-art edifice on 217-245 Passaic Street,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that upon the occasion of celebrating its NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH JERSEY AT GARFIELD is hereby CONGRATULATED for their ministry and spiritual nurture, through many seasons of change, to those members and leaders who now recall with pride and gratitude the many milestones of the past as they prepare in faith for the blessings and challenges of the journey yet ahead.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 17-171

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield, located at 217-245 Passaic Street, is celebrating 90 years of existence and 45 years of pastoral leadership of Dr. Calvin McKinney, and

WHEREAS, Pastor McKinney’s undergraduate work was completed at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey and his graduate studies were completed through the National Theological Seminary and College in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was also honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree, and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Pastor McKinney guided the people of God called Calvary in the construction of a \$10 million state-of-the-art edifice, and on March 19, 2006, the people of Calvary entered their new home, a 1,500 seat sanctuary, which includes educational, fellowship and administrative complexes, and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of Pastor McKinney, Calvary is known for its humanitarian outreach to those in need, and in 1998, the Calvary Community Development Center was established to bridge the economic, social and political gap, and the CCDC provides clothing, food and emergency assistance to those in need, and

WHEREAS, Pastor McKinney enjoys a full preaching ministry that has taken him throughout this Country, as well as the continents of Africa, Europe, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean Islands, and

WHEREAS, in September 2009, Pastor McKinney was elected General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; served as the youngest Moderator in the history of the North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association from 1986 to 1990; and served from 1996 through 2000 in an unprecedented tenure as one of the youngest Presidents in the history of the 300,000 member General Baptist Convention in New Jersey, Inc., and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, the former Brendalyn L. White of Birmingham, Alabama, are the proud parents of three children: Terence, Gina and Calvin and are the proud grandparents of Terence, Timothy and Mason, and

WHEREAS, Calvary’s 90th Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 9:30 AM with a celebratory brunch to follow, and Pastor McKinney’s Anniversary celebration is Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM with a celebratory Dinner to follow,.,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that DR. CALVIN MC KINNEY is hereby HONORED and CONGRATULATED as he observes the 45th ANNIVERSARY as PASTOR of Calvary Baptist Church and marks a significant milestone in his exemplary ministry of love, devotion and service.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Joseph Delaney

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WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the second floor Council Chamber in Garfield City Hall for the Garfield Police Station Construction Project, and WHEREAS, present at the bid opening were City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk's Office Employee Mary Delahanty and Pradeep Kapoor of DMR Architects of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Shauger Group, Inc.

429 Dodd Street

East Orange, NJ 07017

Alternate 1 - \$52,240.00

Alternate 2 - \$14,909.00

Alternate 3 - \$157,788.00

Alternate 4 - \$12,051.74

Total - \$7,144,655.91

KM Construction

14 Cordier Street

Irvington, NJ 07111

Alternate 1 - \$18,000.00

Alternate 2 - \$16,500.00

Alternate 3 - \$140,000.00

Alternate 4 - \$50,000.00

Total - \$7,529,000.00

Hilt Construction

120 Old Camplain Road

Millsborough, NJ 08844

Alternate 1 - \$11,500.00

Alternate 2 - \$8,600.00

Alternate 3 - \$70,000.00

Alternate 4 - \$50,000.00

Total - \$7,600,000.00

GL Group

140 Hamburg Turnpike

Bloomington, NJ 07403

Alternate 1 - \$4,560.00

Alternate 2 - \$29,000.00

Alternate 3 - \$236,000.00

Alternate 4 - \$15,000.00

Total - \$7,657,000.00

ML, Inc.

65 South Street

Passaic, NJ 07055

Alternate 1 - \$18,000.00

Alternate 2 - \$14,000.00

Alternate 3 - \$100,000.00

Alternate 4 - \$50,000.00

Total - \$7,793,000.00

Mar-Bridge Enterprises

51 Gerard Avenue

Matawan, NJ 07747

Alternate 1 - \$4,500.00

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Alternate 2 – \$56,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$155,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$20,000.00
Total - \$7,981,000.00

H & S Construction
721 Bayway Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Alternate 1 – \$13,900.00
Alternate 2 – \$32,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$127,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$69,000.00
Total - \$7,988,000.00

Unimak, LLC
82 Midland Avenue – Suite D
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Alternate 1 - \$5,000.00
Alternate 2 - \$11,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$165,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$63,000.00
Total - \$7,988,000.00

Santorini Construction, Inc.
1 South Riverside Drive
Neptune, NJ 07763
Alternate 1 - \$18,000.00
Alternate 2 - \$10,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$86,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$15,000.00
Total - \$7,990,000.00

Brahma Construction Corp.
58 Wallington Avenue – Suite B
Wallington, NJ 07057
Alternate 1 - \$17,173.50
Alternate 2 - \$17,173.50
Alternate 3 – \$146,547.00
Alternate 4 – \$77,853.00
Total - \$7,997,000.00

Bernard Associates
11 Vreeland Avenue
Totowa, NJ 07512
Alternate 1 - \$12,400.00
Alternate 2 - \$8,300.00
Alternate 3 – \$160,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$73,000.00
Total - \$7,998,000.00

Vanis Construction
249 Leonia Avenue
Bogota, NJ 07603
Alternate 1 - \$15,000.00
Alternate 2 - \$16,000.00
Alternate 3 - \$64,000.00
Alternate 4 - \$20,000.00
Total - \$7,998,000.00

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Belmont Construction
240 West Passaic Street
Maywood, NJ 07607
Alternate 1 - \$20,000.00
Alternate 2 - \$30,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$215,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$70,000.00
Total - \$8,090,000.00

M & M Construction
540 North Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
Alternate 1 - \$12,400.00
Alternate 2 - \$15,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$72,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$100,000.00
Total - \$8,090,000.00

Niram, Inc.
4 East Frederick Place
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
Alternate 1 - \$18,000.00
Alternate 2 - \$10,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$200,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$85,000.00
Total - \$8,109,000.00

Two Brothers Contracting
11 Vreeland Avenue
Totowa, NJ 07512
Alternate 1 - \$10,000.00
Alternate 2 - \$8,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$90,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$20,000.00
Total - \$8,127,777.00

Brockwell and Carrington Cont, Inc.
1 Como Court
Towaco, NJ 07082
Alternate 1 - \$4,500.00
Alternate 2 - \$34,000.00
Alternate 3 - \$65,000.00
Alternate 4 - \$38,000.00
Total - \$8,180,000.00

GPC, Inc.
20 East Willow Street
Millburn, NJ 07041
Alternate 1 – \$18,000.00
Alternate 2 – \$18,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$63,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$90,000.00
Total – \$8,239,000.00

G & P Parlamas, Inc.
1928 Heck Avenue
Neptune, NJ 07753
Alternate 1 – \$19,000.00

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Alternate 2 – \$19,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$70,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$95,000.00
Total – \$8,243,671.00

Fuscon Enterprises
414 Central Avenue – Box 2595
Westfield, NJ 07091
Alternate 1 – \$20,000.00
Alternate 2 – \$8,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$170,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$75,000.00
Total – \$8,298,000.00

Delric Construction
845 Belmont Avenue
North Haledon, NJ 07508
Alternate 1 – \$9,000.00
Alternate 2 – \$7,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$165,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$50,000.00
Total – \$8,500,000.00

Bismark Construction Group
207-209 Berkeley Avenue
Newark, NJ 07107
Alternate 1 – \$13,640.00
Alternate 2 – \$14,140.00
Alternate 3 – \$179,480.00
Alternate 4 – \$62,270.00
Total – \$8,690,000.00

Frankoski Construction Company
314 Dodd Street
East Orange, NJ 07017
Alternate 1 – \$16,000.00
Alternate 2 – \$9,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$270,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$102,000.00
Total – \$8,820,000.00

APS Contracting
155-161 Pennsylvania Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07503
Alternate 1 – \$25,000.00
Alternate 2 – \$20,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$250,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$100,000.00
Total – \$9,348,000.00

DMR Construction Services
160 Hopper Avenue
Waldwick, NJ 07463
Alternate 1 – \$11,850.00
Alternate 2 – \$5,925.00
Alternate 3 – \$275,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$50,000.00
Total – \$9,979,770.00

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Kappa Construction Group
3 Matilda Drive
Ocean, NJ 07712
Alternate 1 – \$20,000.00
Alternate 2 – \$15,000.00
Alternate 3 – \$122,000.00
Alternate 4 – \$54,600.00
Total – \$10,575,000.00

WHEREAS, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and other appropriate City Officials and DMR Architects have reviewed the bids, and
WHEREAS, the City Engineer and Architect determined that the second lowest submitted bidder was nonresponsive and therefore disqualified, and
WHEREAS, after further due diligence and consultation with the lowest submitted bidder, Shauger Properties Services, Inc, it was determined that the submitted bid was erroneously submitted, and
WHEREAS, the third lowest bidder submitted a bid in excess of the bid budget, and
WHEREAS, the professionals of the City of Garfield recommend rejection of the bids,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of Boswell Engineering and DMR Architects and rejects all bids submitted on March 21, 2017, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for the receipt of bids on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, and
FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a true and correct copy of this approved resolution to all bidders, City Manager Thomas J. Duch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, Architect Pradeep Kapoor and City Attorney Christos J. Diktas.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-173

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted Joseph Petta of 8 Garwood Court North, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective April 4, 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 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-174

WHEREAS, Annette F. Beauvais, 259 Ray Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1517737, 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 west curb line of Ray Street commencing 789 feet north of the intersection of Ray Street and Lanza Avenue and run an additional 25 feet north from that point.
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

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Resolution No. 17-175

WHEREAS, Barbara Zackaroff, 405 Madeline Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P11313255, 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 Madeline Avenue commencing 160 feet west of the intersection of Madeline Avenue and Herman Street and run an additional 25 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 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-176

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the Centennial Anniversary of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Council has directed City Manager, Tom Duch, to coordinate with the various Municipal Centennial Committees to address various festivities which include but are not limited to pyrotechnics, food, drink, games of chance, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that specialty and mobile food vendors would greatly enhance the Centennial experience; and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that all specialty and mobile food vendors should be issued a one day Centennial Participation License; and

WHEREAS, Health Inspector Mary Giresi has advised that all vendors must comply with the current Municipal and County Health Code requirements prior to any mobile food vendor being granted a one day license to participate in any Centennial activity; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department requirements are as follows:

Health inspection report for the mobile food truck from the Municipality the truck is currently licensed;

A copy of the vehicle registration;

Fee of \$50.00;

Completion of “Application for Temporary Mobile Food Handler Permit” attached hereto.

The above listed items are to be submitted first to Thomas Duch, City Manager c/o Andrew Pavlica, City Clerk, who will submit the approved application to the Garfield Health Department, 60 Elizabeth Street, Garfield, New Jersey in order to obtain the Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter and issue one day food vendor license to any entity who meets the criteria noted herein as established by the Health Department.

BE IT RESOLVED that no further City Council action is required in regard to the authorization granted to the City Manager, Thomas Duch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to City Clerk Andrew Pavlica, Municipal Health Inspector Mary Giresi, City Manager Thomas Duch, Chief of Police Ray Kovach, Construction Code Official Gerald Walis and City Attorney Christos J. Diktas.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-177

A Resolution Authorizing Payment to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. for Services Performed In Connection with Emergency Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement at 5 Center Court, City of Garfield.

WHEREAS, John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. has performed services and supplied material for the City of Garfield pursuant to the request of the City Engineer, and;

WHEREAS, these services were necessary due to emergency sanitary sewer lateral replacement at 58 Center Court.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, John Garcia Construction Co. is authorized payment in the total amount of \$9,375.90.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-178

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block program has existed for over 40 years, providing grants to communities and non-profit organizations to provide various services for the City of Garfield as well as Bergen County programs, and

WHEREAS, residents of Garfield have benefited over the years from Community Development grants such as Lead Water Line Replacements, Fire House Rehabilitations, Barrier-Free Curb Cut Programs, Elevators for the Handicapped, Roadway Improvements, drainage improvements to prevent flooding, the purchase of playground equipment, County Programs such as Meals on Wheels, just to name a few, and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding for FY 2017 will amount to a 50% cut if left intact, leaving many programs underfunded or unfunded, targeting Senior Citizen and youth programs in Garfield and throughout the country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Garfield Mayor and Council strongly supports the programs and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant program, and that President Donald Trump and members of the United States Congress take into account all the worthwhile programs supported by Community Development Block Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward true and correct certified copies of this approved resolution to President Donald J. Trump, US Senate and House of Representative leaders, Congressman William Pascrell, US Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and Bergen County Community Development.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 -
Councilmember Erin Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 17-179

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 2036 to 2037 covering Dog Trust Fund totaling \$2,620.60 and the Current Fund totaling \$4,134,652.66 and the Water Fund totaling \$7,427.45 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$12,602.23 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 eight (8) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following pages numbered _____

For Bills and Claims

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street, complained about the overnight parking of tractor trailer trucks near the intersection of Jewell Street and Columbus Avenue. He complained about the litter and property maintenance issues concerning the WaWa Store located at the intersection of Jewell Street and Columbus Avenue.

Mr. Frank O. Barber, 201 Banta Avenue, spoke and asked questions concerning the Board of Education Budget. He asked the City Council to issue a vote of “No Confidence” to the Board of Education. He spoke on moving the School Board Elections from April to November to save the taxpayers money.

Mr. Adelle Sardena, 12 Spring Garden Lane, asked questions and spoke about the School Budget to be put to the voters at the School Board Election. He spoke on Campaign Signs being taken down after they were put up.

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street, spoke on getting permission to put campaign signs on homeowner’s property.

Mr. Miguel Reyes, 89 Passaic Street, spoke on campaign signs being taken down. He spoke on people removing his campaign signs on his family’s property. He spoke on the School Board Election and the time of the School Board Election which is from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He spoke on extending the hours for voting. He spoke on advertising the School Board Election on the City Website.

Mr. Adelle Sardena, 12 Spring Garden Lane, asked questions concerning the location of the five wards of the City.

Mr. John Eason, 103 Gaston Avenue, spoke on the need to educate the people of Garfield so renters also know the repercussions of how their rents are going to go up. He spoke on elderly people not understanding that the City Council portion of their tax bill is going up a little, when the School Board portion will go up a lot.

Mr. Angel Quilles, 95 Willard Street, asked all citizens to come out to vote and defeat the School Board Budget.

Mr. Everett Garnto, 51 Jewell Street, spoke on political campaign signs again.

Mr. Frank O. Barber, 201 Banta Avenue, spoke on the School Board Election and balancing the Budget and doing the best job for the City.

Mr. Jesus Rodriguez, 149 Midland Avenue, said that signs do not vote, people vote and that it is the obligation of the Council to educate the public.

Mr. Miguel Reyes, 89 Passaic Street, spoke on signs not voting and spoke on a sign limit ordinance that was repealed a few years ago. He spoke on people stealing campaign signs.

Mr. Noel Quiles, 20 Orchard Street, spoke on campaign slogans and doing what is right for the community. He advocated for people to show up and vote.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke on stealing campaign signs. He spoke on it being inappropriate for the Council to issue a “No Confidence” vote to the Board of Education. He spoke on the confusing ballot question offered by the School System. He spoke on the proposed transfer of the School Board Election from April to November. He spoke about the need to get more people involved. He spoke on trucks parking overnight in the Jewell Street area. He spoke on property maintenance issues concerning the WaWa Store off Columbus Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello spoke about a recent fire at 33 Banta Avenue where two firefighters were injured. He thanked the firefighters for risking their lives. He spoke about the 90th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church and 45 years of service to the church by Reverend Dr. Calvin Mc Kinney. He spoke about the season opener of the Garfield Little League, Girls Softball League and Babe Ruth League. He spoke about campaign signs. He spoke on not having confidence in Garfield School Officials for years. He spoke on the doctrine of necessity. He spoke on the School Board Budget matter brewing for a number of years. He spoke on a \$6.8 million shortfall in the School Board Budget. He said School Officials have not put the students first and he said that they put their selfish interest above the taxpayers. He spoke on not having the last Council Meeting on the City Website. He said that the City Council is trying to get dates together to meet as soon as possible to cut the School Budget when the School Budget is defeated at the polls. He spoke on getting an explanation from the School Business Administrator as to how it has come to this.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney said that the School Budget problems started last year. He said that not enough people came out to vote on election day. He said that last year the School Budget was approved by about twenty votes. He said that the City Council has been talking about the School Board Budget for the last few meetings. He spoke on people removing campaign signs. He spoke about placing campaign signs on public property. He spoke about the Centennial Parade to be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017. He spoke on what a beautiful Easter Weekend it was weather wise and how everyone should count their blessings. He spoke on WaWa donating money for Courtney Muns to go going to the Special Olympics. He spoke about the opening days for the City sports leagues and he said that in the springtime everything is coming back to life. He reminded everyone to go out and vote.

Mayor Rigoglioso said that tomorrow is Garfield's 100th Birthday. He spoke about Calvary Baptist Church's 90th Anniversary. He spoke about Pastor Calvin Mc Kinley's 45 years of service to the ministry. He spoke about the firemen falling through the floor at a house fire on April 14th on Banta Avenue and he said that he was glad that they are okay. He spoke on tractor trailers parking overnight on Jewell Street. He said that it was good to have people come up, concerned about the School Budget increase. He spoke on people stealing campaign signs. He spoke about the Board of Education and the City Council needing to work together. He said that he thinks it is better having the School Board Election in November. He spoke on taxpayers, senior citizens and tenants needing to pay more if the School Board Budget is approved next Tuesday. He reminded everyone to go out and vote. He said that having polls open only from 2 PM to 8 PM is too short a time for voting. He spoke on people not understanding taxes and the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 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 4, Absent 1 –
Councilmember Erin Delaney