

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:10 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 and Richard Rigoglioso

Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and City Attorney Christos J. Ditkas

2017 PUBLIC OFFICIALS RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Garfield City Risk Manager Frank Covelli of Professional Insurance Associates, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey 07072, conducted and facilitated the 2017 Public Officials Risk Management Seminar.

ARRIVAL OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO, CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL AND DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 6:40 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano joined the Work Session, at 6:45 PM, City Engineer Kevin J Boswell joined the Work Session and at 7:05 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delany joined 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 alleged vandalism and painting of lines on the new soccer field in Twentieth Century Field allegedly by a Coach of the Vistula Soccer Club.
2. The \$1,400.00 Centennial Banner that was affixed by the Department of Public Works to fencing in Twentieth Century Field and that was allegedly subsequently removed by representatives of the Girls Softball League.
3. The A4F Form that was executed on behalf of the City and the School System.
4. The contract for the 2017 Road Improvement Program.
5. He responded to the complaint by Denise Lowe of 855 Midland Avenue regarding her opinion that she was excessively fined by the Municipal Court for placing garbage too early at the curb.
6. The public hearing scheduled to be held at the June 13th Regular Meeting of the City Council concerning the grant application for the Riverfront Park Extension.
7. The Proposed Drone Ordinance, the proposed Towing Ordinance and the proposed BYOB Ordinance.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The proposal to replace a 2" water service line by the old Gulden's Mustard Facility in Saddle Brook.
2. The proposed razing of Old Fire House No. Four located at 125 Ray Street and the corner of Semel Avenue.
3. The proposed lead water replacement program for laterals for Harrison Avenue, Mac Arthur Avenue, Malcolm Avenue and Sherman Place.

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4. Proposed resolutions for City Council consideration at the Regular Meeting to be held later this evening after the conclusion of the Work Session.
5. The proposed DOT grant applications to replace bridges over Fleischer's Brook in the Fourth Ward.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17-219

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 7:55 P.M. on Tuesday, May 30, 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 purchase of the "Richard Skultety" property located at 649-651 River Drive).
- * 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; (proposed hiring of additional personnel in the Department of Public Works).

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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 30, 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 J. Diktas and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION BY COUNTY CLERK HOGAN

Bergen County Clerk John Hogan displayed items on a tripod and made a Historical Presentation on the City of Garfield. He also spoke on services offered by the Bergen County Clerk's Office.

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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 Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Resolution No. 17-220

WHEREAS, Waclaw Rybak, 21 Grand Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1805545, 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 Grand Street commencing 260 feet east of the intersection of Grand Street and River Drive and run an additional 20 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
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 17-221

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City Clerk in the Conference Room in City Hall on Thursday, May 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM for the Summer Food Program conducted by the Garfield Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, present at the bid opening were Veronica Potenza from the Recreation Department, Vanessa Sze Ho from the State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture and Andrew J. Pavlica City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received:

1. Maschio's Food Services, 525 E. Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930 in the amount of \$132,541.50, based on the unit price of \$2.70 per Lunch, \$1.95 for Breakfast and \$1.10 for P.M. Snack
2. Revolution Foods, 50-60 Parkway Place, Edison, NJ 08837 in the amount of \$131,628.90, based on the unit price of \$2.75 per Lunch, \$1.88 for Breakfast and \$.98 for P.M. Snack, and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder was Revolution Foods, has the lower bid price than Maschio's Food Service but Revolution Foods did not meet the specification on providing hot meals as stated

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in the City of Garfield's approved menu, as a result Revolution Foods is disqualified from this bid, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, has certified to the existence of funds for this expenditure since the program is funded in full by a Federal Grant administered through the New Jersey Bureau of Child Nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed and recommended for award by the Chief Financial Officer, and the appropriate City Officials; and

WHEREAS, this program is in the best interests of the health and welfare of the children qualifying for the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that a Contract for the Summer Food Service Program be and is hereby awarded to Maschio's Food Services, Inc., 525 E. Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930 in the total amount of their bid of \$132,541.50;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and/or review the appropriate Contract documents for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this approved Resolution to the Interim Chief Financial Officer, Roy Riggitano, Veronica Potenza of the Recreation Department and, Christos Diktas, the City Attorney and Maschio's Food Services, Inc.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

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WHEREAS, the County of Bergen owns certain vehicles and equipment (the "Equipment") that it could make available to the local units within Bergen County, subject to the operational needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, some of the Equipment was acquired by the County's Office of Emergency Management pursuant to State and Federal grants for the express purpose of making same available to the municipalities within Bergen County, and is controlled by the County's Office of Emergency Management ("OEM"); and

WHEREAS, other Equipment is controlled by other departments of the County such as Public Works and Parks; and

WHEREAS, due to emergencies, mechanical breakdown or budgetary restrictions, the need arises occasionally for which the local units do not possess the required equipment; and

WHEREAS, by entering into a written agreement governing the terms for sharing of County owned Equipment in advance of the actual need, the County will be able to facilitate the prompt availability of such Equipment at such time as the local units have a need to utilize same;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield ("the City") is authorized to enter into shared services agreements in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L.2007,c.63 (C.40A:65-1, et seq.)

WHEREAS, the County Counsel has prepared a form of Shared Service Agreement "FOR THE SHARING OF COUNTY-OWNED EMERGENCY AND NON EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT" ("Shared Services Agreement"), a copy of which is annexed to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed and approved this Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement sets for the terms under which the County, will subject to availability and the County's operational needs, loan equipment to the City for short term use.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as if set forth at length herein.
2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby endorse the proposed Shared Services Agreement, and approves the terms thereof, as annexed to this Resolution.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Shared Services Agreement in the form annexed with the County of Bergen, together with any other documents necessary to implement the Agreement, the Agreement and all other documents to be in forms approved by the City Attorney.

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On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-223

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) has funds available through FEMA for its FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters - Fire Prevention Grant, which provides funding for fire prevention, training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Volunteer Fire Department is in need of fire prevention and awareness supplies, fire investigation equipment and laptop computers, and other supplies in order to better serve the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield are in support of the USDHS Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention Grant and wish to file grant applications for approximately \$38,062 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Volunteer Fire Department meets the eligibility requirements for this USDHS FY 2013-2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which requires a 5% local cash or in-kind match of \$1,812; and

WHEREAS, an application for such grant funds may not be filed nor funds spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield endorse and support this application because of the firefighting, prevention and safety benefits for our residents, and it is in the best interests of the City of Garfield

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD THAT:

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby endorse, support and authorize the filing of a FY 2016 USDHS Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention Grant application.
2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize the in-kind or cash matching funds of \$1,812.
3. Upon receipt of the Grant Agreement from the USDHS, the signature of the Mayor and any other municipal official, or their successors in said titles, which are required on the agreements and any other documents necessary in connection therewith, is hereby approved.
4. Upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreement from the USDHS, the expenditure of funds is hereby authorized pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Garfield and the United States Department of Justice.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-224

Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 22 – June 4, 2017

Whereas, there were 604 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2016; and

Whereas, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

Whereas, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization from May 22 – June 4, 2017 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 93% to 95%; and

Whereas, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

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Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Garfield declares its support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-225

RESOLUTION TO URGE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE AND EXTEND THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (“NFIP”)

WHEREAS, floods are the most common and most destructive natural disasters in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Act authorizes a National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”); and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is a Federal program created by Congress to mitigate future flood losses nationwide and to provide access to affordable, federally backed flood insurance protection for property owners; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is fourth in the nation in the number of NFIP policies enforced and third in total value of claims paid; and

WHEREAS, five hundred and fifty-two communities in New Jersey participate as members of the NFIP which amounts to over 230,000 policies enforced throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP maintains a significant role in providing financial protection against flood events to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is set to expire on September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of this program could cause catastrophic loss of insurance coverage against flooding which is the number one cause of loss of property throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the event the program were to expire, the consequences in the form of disruption of coverage and the potential financial burdens to residents throughout the State of New Jersey will be of great economic significance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to urge the City of Garfield Federal Representatives to support the extension of the NFIP which promotes the public health, safety and general welfare and minimizes public and private losses due to flooding events in the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garfield hereby urges its Federal Legislators and Representatives to take any and all necessary action to insure that the National Flood Insurance Program is extended beyond the September 30, 2017 expiration date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Federal Legislators and Representatives of the City of Garfield and Professional Insurance Associates, Risk Management Consultant to the Municipality.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-226

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 and Final in Connection With the 2015 Road Improvement Project, City of Garfield.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Co., and;

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 is necessary in order to adjust as-built quantities for project closeout.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Change Order #1 is hereby authorized and approved in the amount of \$73,712.90.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 17-227

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER TO D & L PAVING CONTRACTORS TO MILL AND PAVE SIXTEEN (16) CROSSWALK LOCATIONS WITHIN THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT PHASE I AT WASHINGTON IRVING SCHOOL #4 AND THE JAMES MADISON SCHOOL #10

WHEREAS, the City awarded a contract to D & L Paving Contractors on May 17, 2016 per Resolution #16-199, and;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to include milling and paving work but will separately authorize this work by Purchase Order as a City funded expense.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a Purchase Order is hereby authorized to D & L Paving Contractors for milling and paving work in the amount of \$31,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-228

A Resolution Authorizing Payment To The City Engineer for Additional Services In Connection With The Kipp Avenue Pumping Station.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is administering a contract at the Kipp Avenue Pumping Station as the Borough of Elmwood Park does not have an Interlocal Agreement with the County of Bergen, and;

WHEREAS, Resolution 13-287 authorized \$6,424.24 for charges incurred with the Kipp Avenue Pumping Station, and;

WHEREAS, additional services have been provided by the City Engineer in the amount of \$3,637.00, and;

WHEREAS, these charges will be reimbursed to the City of Garfield by the Borough of Elmwood Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized payment in the amount of \$3,637.00.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-229

A Resolution Authorizing Payment to Dutra Excavating & Sewer, Inc. For Services Performed In Connection With Emergency Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement At 15 Spring Street, City of Garfield

WHEREAS, Dutra Excavating has provided a proposal dated May 24, 2017 for the emergency repair of a sanitary lateral at 15 Spring Street, and;

WHEREAS, these services were necessary to address an emergent condition causing the backup of sewage at this address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Dutra Excavating & Sewer, Inc. is hereby authorized to perform the work noted in their proposal dated May 24, 2017 in the total amount of \$4,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-230

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PROVIDE FURTHER LSRP SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A SITE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR THE FORMER FUEL STATION ADJACENT TO THE DPW BUILDING, CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City Engineer was authorized, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-367 to provide LSRP services to prepare a Site Investigation Report pursuant to a proposal dated August 20, 2014, and;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer was authorized, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-74 to provide additional testing to delineate the limits of contamination pursuant to a second proposal dated November 25, 2014, and;

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WHEREAS, a Remedial Investigation Report was subsequently required after full delineation of the contamination was successfully completed and a third proposal was submitted dated February 23, 2017, outlining the tasks required, for an additional amount of \$27,200.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to provide the additional services as outlined in the proposal dated February 23, 2017 for the total amount of \$27,200.00.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-231

A Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Waterline Repair to DS Meyers for a Broken Water Main in Midland Avenue Near Plauderville Avenue, City of Garfield.

WHEREAS, the City Engineer solicited and secured 3 quotes from contractors to perform the required repair work, and;

WHEREAS, the 3 quotes are summarized as follows:

- DS Meyers - \$43,850.00
- CMS Contracting - \$44,100.00
- John Garcia Construction Co. - \$47,850.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DS Meyers is hereby awarded an emergency waterline repair for the low quoted amount of \$43,850.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Engineer shall oversee the repair work for an additional fee not to exceed \$2,500.00.

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-232

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Tax Court Judgment on the Property 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
190	60	Bertone Piccini LLP	TCJ	\$ 8,355.75

On call of roll, Ayes, 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 17-233

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 2042 to 2043 covering Dog Trust Fund, Community Policing Trust Fund totaling \$2,717.14 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$5,000.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$596,393.68 and the Water Fund totaling \$57,107.76 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$541,973.98 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 sixteen (16) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See the following pages numbered _____

For Bills and Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE CITY CODE REGULATING DRONES AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Calandriello moved that this ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE CITY CODE REGULATING DRONES AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT" 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 June 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 Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5.

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2221 FOR FUTURE INCLUSION IN CHAPTER 325 UPON CODIFICATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, SPECIFICALLY, ESTABLISHING ALTERNATE SIDE OF THE STREET PARKING IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2221 FOR FUTURE INCLUSION IN CHAPTER 325 UPON CODIFICATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, SPECIFICALLY, ESTABLISHING ALTERNATE SIDE OF THE STREET PARKING IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD" 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 June 30, 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 Aloia, 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. Richard Derrig, 414 Boulevard, asked questions about alleged turf field contamination in Belmont Oval off Spring Street and City Engineer Boswell explained that the field is not a lead based field and that there is no known contamination of the fields in Belmont Oval. He spoke on the Garfield Girls Softball League and what he said was the disrespect the coaches of the League received for allegedly removing 100th Anniversary signs on the fence in Twentieth Century Field and who were brought down to Police Headquarters for questioning.

Ms. Karen Damato, 24 Spring Garden Lane, said that it was a sin that no one spoke to them about the signs that were put in their face and they could not see the games from the refreshment

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stand. She spoke on trying to contact the Recreation Department and City Manager Duch and how she called Councilmember Calandriello about the issue. She said that she was treated unfairly. She said that she was brought to the Police Station and read her rights. She questioned if the the people who took the sign down were read their rights. She spoke on a DPW worker coming down and taking pictures of the sign. She said that she was called to handle a situation with an umpire and then a half hour later she was called in regard to the sign. She said that it was not ripped, damaged, thrown down or flapping in the wind. She spoke on the written Police Report that she picked up from the Police Department. She said that this is terrible. She said that it was a phone call to be returned.

Ms. Lisa Logan, 140 Main Street, said that these ladies were leaders of the Garfield Girls Softball League for years and she said that when there is an injury, it is hard to see because the sign is in the way. She spoke on the condition of the field. She spoke on how the Boys Leagues get better treatment than the Girls Leagues.

Ms. Patricia Nayda, 184 Shaw Street, said that it was a shame that the City Council found out about this matter this evening. She spoke on how hard the League volunteers work. She criticized a member of the Department of Public Works. She said that having Karen Damato called in and to be read her rights was a shame.

Ms. Tracy Colon, 99 Malcolm Avenue, showed pictures of the sign blocking the view of the games. She spoke on the alleged better treatment received by the Boys Leagues. She said that the safety of the children should come first, not the signs.

Ms. Pat Kovinski, 184 Shaw Street, said that the Girls Softball League has been asking year after year for things. She said that they asked to sell ads to put on the fence to raise money but were allegedly told “no”, but these signs were put up.

Mr. Jesus Rodriguez, 149 Midland Avenue, spoke on the success of the “Mud Run” held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 in connection with an ongoing series of events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the City. He spoke on the trucks that come out of Commerce Street, from the Solid Waste Transfer Station, located at 19-35 Atlantic Street.

Mr. Jason Gadsden, 194 Gaston Avenue, spoke on the condition of the softball fields in Twentieth Century Field. He spoke on the proposed movement of the signs. He asked that the City Administration come up with a solution.

Mr. Anthony Erekat, 224 Division Avenue, asked for speed bumps on streets in his neighborhood. He asked for a sign for an autistic child in his neighborhood. He said that cars are traveling 80 mph in his neighborhood. He spoke on how Garfield is built on hard working people who volunteer their time for the youth. He spoke on reading people their Miranda Rights for moving signs. He spoke on how he heard about the Girls Softball League issue days ago and how the Council claimed that they did not hear about the issue until tonight. He spoke on the condition of Twentieth Century Field. He spoke on a car that he does not drive in this town because it has dark tinted windows. He spoke on a police officer having a car with a dark tinted window parking in the yellow line. He spoke on entitlement. He spoke on integrity. He said that it is okay for a police officer to drive with tinted windows but he cannot drive with tinted windows because he will get tickets.

Ms. Amy Holstetler, 228 Outwater Lane, Apt B, said she came out to support the Girls Softball League. She spoke on the benefits that her daughter received from being a part of the Girls Softball League. She spoke on how hard the coaches work.

Ms. Lisa Logan, 140 Main Street, spoke on how the Recreation Center is supposed to be for the people and how the Recreation Center is under-utilized. She spoke on trying to fix these problems. She spoke on treating people with dignity and respect and how the City should come together and resolve issues.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke on the issue involving the Garfield Girls Softball League. He said that if there is a DPW worker that is on Facebook during working hours, that can be checked. He said that he is appalled that representatives of the Girls Softball League were read their rights. He said that he despises when City Officials park illegally. He spoke on how City Officials should be held to a higher standard. He thanked the coaches for what they do for the Softball League.

Councilmember Calandriello said that it was sad to hear that the Girls Softball League matter had gone this far. He asked that the City move the banners down to accommodate the Softball League. He spoke on his communication with DPW Superintendent Sam Garofalo and City Manager Thomas J. Duch. He said that there is a strong passion and a lot of respect for this League. He said that he agrees with Mr. Erekat and his concerns. He said that what is good for one, is good for all. He spoke on the Memorial Day Events for the Veterans, the Police and the Firemen. He spoke on how disheartening it was that so few turn out for these ceremonies. He spoke on the attendance record of Mr. Frank Puzio who he said never missed a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency in 2016 and missed two meetings in 2017.

Councilmember Erin Delaney spoke on the hard work of the Garfield Girls Softball League and said that it is an unfortunate situation. She said that she learned about the situation from the posts on Facebook on Thursday. She said that she did not hear otherwise because she was away this weekend. She spoke on how PSE&G will not allow the placement of banners over roadways. She spoke on the condition of the field and the work of the DPW. She said that the Garfield Girls Softball League does have her support.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on how he brags about the Garfield Girls Softball League. He spoke on how they have a dinner every year. He spoke on the condition of the softball fields. He spoke on the condition of the dug outs. He said that he heard about the signs being moved Thursday Night. He spoke on relocating the signs perhaps to the corner of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane. He said that he will work on the dugout covers. He spoke on how hard these volunteers and coaches work. He spoke on the DPW employee allegedly being on Facebook. He spoke on the Girls Softball League on having the City Council's support.

Mayor Rigoglioso said that this whole situation has gotten blown out of proportion. He said that some Councilmembers did not know about this matter until tonight but he said that he did. He said that he received a phone call that the sign was cut down and discarded. He spoke about moving forward. He said that he did not know that the Girls Softball League would be read their Miranda Rights. He said that if it was a Middle School child, they would have been charged. He said that this may turn out to be a good thing because now City Officials are aware of the condition of the field. He said that everyone has to go through proper channels. He said that it was unfortunate that this happened and that it was blown out of proportion. He said that it comes back down to the sign. He said that there was an investigation, he did not think there was an arrest, and then Social Media got involved. He said that they would like to move forward with this but you have to go through proper channels. He said that the Memorial Day Sign is coming down and the other sign can be moved. He said that both signs will come down and a new place will be found for the 100th Anniversary sign. He said that the sign will be moved tomorrow. He said that the condition of the field will be looked into.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 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