

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:25 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

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

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso
Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney
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, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano and Fire Official Gerald Walis

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed proposed specifications for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed request for proposals for a new Animal Control Officer.
2. The proposed acquisition of surplus equipment from the U.S. Military at no cost to the City of Garfield including a two and a half ton high-water truck to be used for water rescue and a sixty kilometer diesel generator for the DPW so they can remain operational during a storm.
3. The meet and greet for new Recreation Director Christopher O'Reilly scheduled to be held at noon on Thursday, August 24, 2017 in the Conference Room in City Hall.
4. The Bloomberg Mayoral Challenge Project.
5. Ongoing Crossing Guard training.
6. The recent Quality of Life Committee meeting to discuss conditions around the City that need to be addressed.
7. Property Maintenance personnel John Pinto and Robert Ridarick are bringing in more in fines than their salaries plus they notify other people to address their properties before it reaches the point of a need for a summons to be issued.
8. The lengthy telephone conversation that he had with Shane Nelson of the New Jersey Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. He said that he was advised that his team has come up with a new process to clean the old 1980's chromium spill at the EC Electroplating site near the intersection of Clark Street and Lincoln Place. He said that Mr. Nelson recently had an appearance before the Regional Director of the EPA and they presented plans which would include trenching down to the water table and as the water flows through the water table, they would be cleaning the water with the new process there, because after all these years, the main concentration of the chromium is still at the EC Electroplating site.
9. The plan to address and repair the retaining wall in Twentieth Century Field behind the Senior Center and the Recreation Center on Midland Avenue.
10. The need to repair the Senior Bus and, in the meantime, utilize a substitute bus for the next week or so.

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City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The preconstruction meeting recently held concerning the demolition of the old Police Station at 411 Midland Avenue.

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

11. The Hydrant Flushing Program scheduled to start Monday, August 14, 2017 throughout the City.
12. The recent newspaper article in the Bergen Record concerning various chemicals in Municipal Water Systems. The City water is safe and within acceptable levels and standards of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

2. The Roadway Improvement Program.
3. The Lincoln Place Improvement.
4. The River Drive Improvement Project.
5. The Transit Village proposal regarding the Passaic Street area.
6. The proposed installation of speed tables throughout the City.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso reported on the following:

1. The need to address speeding near the intersection of Mac Arthur Avenue and Elizabeth Street.
2. He spoke about the possible need for a crosswalk on Elizabeth Street near Morrell Place and Maitland Place.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY AND
RELINQUISH OF THE CHAIR BY MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO

At 7:15 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session. Mayor Rigoglioso relinquished his seat at the head of the Conference Room table and Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED AUXILIARY SCHOOL
AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GARFIELD

City Manager Duch reported that he received a telephone call from Garfield Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato just before this Work Session began. He said that the Superintendent advised him that he had reached out to the authorities in Trenton concerning putting the Auxiliary School at the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield at 490 Midland Avenue. He said that he was advised that they need more time to study the proposal. He said that the Superintendent said to him that if the approval was granted today, it would take them until December to approve the site. He said that the Superintendent asked that the Auxiliary School item be removed from the City Council agenda this evening. He said that the Superintendent did not provide him with any further explanation or clarification and he did not ask for any. Everyone was advised that there is a Special Meeting of the Board of Education scheduled to be held Friday, August 11, 2017.

RETURN OF THE CHAIR TO MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO

At 7:30 PM, after the conclusion of the discussion on the proposed Auxiliary School at the Boys and Girls Club of Garfield, Mayor Richard Rigoglioso reassumed his seat at the head of the Conference Room table and chaired the Work Session from this point forward. It was duly noted for the record.

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Mayor Rigoglioso reported on the following:

3. A proposed Code of Conduct resolution or ordinance for children who are removed from events due to their behavior.

EXIT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO AND
FIRE OFFICIAL GERALD WALIS

At 7:45 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Fire Official Gerald Walis left the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17-303

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, August 8, 2017 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (possible need to send out request for proposals for an Animal Control Officer due to the state sending out a notice advising that the current officer may not be in full compliance with state regulations).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (court decisions regarding rice notices, Kean Federation of Teachers vs Morrell and Rice vs Union County Regional High School Board of Education and how the City Council has to adhere to these decisions; possible disability retirement of Police Officer Anthony Blackfeld).
- * 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; (possible retirement of Police Officers John Demko and Dominick Carafiello; possible disability retirement of Police Officer Anthony Blackfeld, possible title changes and salary enhancements of various employees; need to hire additional personnel in the Municipal Court; possible Police Sergeant promotion to replace retired Sergeant William Bielecki, Police Table of Organization).

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandrielo
Louis G. Aloia

Work Session August 8, 2017, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:40 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello 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, August 8, 2017 at 8:45 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. Ditkas and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

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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 5

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Resolution No. 17-304

WHEREAS, Sonic Suds, 45 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 Sonic Suds, 45 Outwater Lane, for the year 2017.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-305

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney is hereby appointed as the Garfield Representative to the Bergen County Homeless Trust Fund Task Force to succeed City Manager Thomas J. Duch effective July 1, 2017 for a three year term, said term to expire July 1, 2020.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-306

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste and White Goods Collection and Disposal Contract for the City of Garfield is due to expire on October 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed the Department of Public Works Superintendent, Sam Garofalo and City Attorney Christos J. Ditkas, to prepare Bid Specifications for public release; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Andrew Pavlica, City Clerk is hereby authorized to immediately publish and advertise for Bids, specifically, Solid Waste and White Goods Collection and Disposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Bidders, City Manager Thomas J. Duch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Department of Public Works Superintendent Sam Garofalo and City Attorney Christos J. Ditkas.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 17-307

Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown

Whereas, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve drunk drivers; and

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Whereas, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$45 Billion a year; and
Whereas, 29% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2014 were alcohol-related; and
Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and
Whereas, the summer season and the Labor Day holiday in particular are traditionally times of social gatherings which include alcohol; and
Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown; and
Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 18 through September 4, 2017; and
Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;
Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Garfield declares it's support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown from August 18 through September 4, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank J. Calandriello

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 17-308

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 2051 to 2054 covering Community Policing Trust Fund, Dog Trust Fund, Trust Account for Contributions, Community Policing Trust Fund, totaling \$3,981.25 and the Current Fund totaling \$3,981,388.96 and the Water Fund totaling \$3,394.89 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$100,182.06 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 numbered _____

For

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2766

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, July 25, 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:

BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,535,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING POLICE STATION AND THE CONSRUCTION ON SUCH SITE OF A NEW POLICE STATION IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

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 Aloia 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 Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Genevieve Anastos, 78 DeWitt Street, complimented City Manager Tom Duch and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo for getting things done. She said that they met with her today, they researched the issues involving the pedestrian bridge over Fleischer's Brook at the end of DeWitt Street, and she believes that they may have come up with some solutions. She said that the alleged illegal apartments she complained about were inspected. She complimented City Engineer Kevin Boswell who responded very fast and resolved the sidewalk and driveway issues that she complained about at the last meeting. She said that she had complained about a bad mosquito problem today, and Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo had men from the Bergen County Mosquito Control Commission down to the area today. She thanked the City Manager and DPW Superintendent for their attention to her concerns. She said that over the years, the City may not have run at 100%, but she has been to quite a few offices over the years, and one recently, and she said that when she walks into the City Clerk's Office, Diane Rosolen and Mary Delahanty smile and go out of their way and they help you in any way they can. She said that Pat Esposito in the City Manager's Office was a very pleasant woman and spoke to her when the City Manager was not in and she was very acceptable to what was going on. She said that whenever she calls the Department of Public Works, Joyce Uram is pleasant and helpful. She said that no City runs at 100%, but right now, the City of Garfield may be at 99%. She said that she would like to thank everyone, especially Mr. Duch and Mr. Boswell.

Ms. Kathleen Lisefski, 25 Davison Street, said that when they were paving her street, the contractors chipped her apron of her driveway and she would like it repaired.

Mr. John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, asked questions concerning the Bond Ordinance adopted by the City Council this evening.

Mr. Michael Denistran, 104 Palisade Avenue, spoke on how the Council will have to make an important decision in the near future and he reminded everyone that they should let their

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conscience be their guide in regard to the proposed First Ward Redevelopment Plan. He said that people should do unto others, as they would like done unto them.

Mr. Anthony Erekat, 224 Division Avenue, spoke on the Autism Child Awareness sign being up in his neighborhood. He said that speed bumps are needed in his neighborhood. He spoke on a tree in his neighborhood. He spoke on Columbus Park at the corner of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue being considered as an Area in Need of Redevelopment. He spoke on the City Babe Ruth Field being located in that park. He questioned what the City is doing to promote baseball. He spoke on the need for basketball courts in town. He proposed a Special Needs Park in Garfield. He said that the City Fireworks on July 3rd were great and that the Grand Finale was great. He said that the City Street Fair held on August 6th on Midland Avenue between Elizabeth Street and Krakow Street was great. He said that the Council does not get word out to the people on events happening in town. He complained about the City Website and he proposed that the City establish a Twitter account. He said that he did not know about the 100th Anniversary Street Fair until someone told him.

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Councilmember Aloia said that the next Mayor and City Council Meeting is September 12th. He said that it is nice when things go right. He said that nothing is 100%, but the City Employees try to give 100%. He said that the City may not hit the mark getting it done, but the effort is out there. He said that it is good to know that the City Manager, all the City Professionals, the City Clerk's Office, the City Attorney, the City Engineer, try to solve some issues as they come up. He said that he does not believe that the Police Station Construction Budget will end at this number in tonight's Bond Ordinance. He said that since September 11th, 2001, there are security needs and regulations that need to be included in the construction and there are rules and laws that need to be paid attention in such a sophisticated building. He said that the City should not do Redevelopment to hurt, the City should do Redevelopment to enhance. He said that he does not currently understand the total proposed First Ward Redevelopment Plan and he is waiting for it to come to the City Council from the Planning Board. He said that he does not see a Redevelopment of a ball park. He spoke on the interest of soccer vs. baseball. He spoke on the money invested by the City Council into Columbus Park. He said that there is so much more that needs to be Redeveloped other than that ballfield. He wished everyone a good Summer.

Councilmember Calandriello said that Superintendent of Public Works Garofalo reported that the painting of the train trestle over Passaic Street has been included in the Budget of New Jersey Transit Railroad for the next year. He said that in regard to Redevelopment, he is never in favor of eminent domain of people's residences. He said that businesses can be relocated. He said that he will be attending the next Planning Board Meeting. He said that he never supports taking parkland out of neighborhoods. He said that being a coach, he sees the facilities and fields of what good towns have for their youth, and other towns come nowhere near to what the City of Garfield has for its people. He said that he is hoping the Council Meetings will be televised regularly come September on Cable TV and on Verizon. He said that he asked that Verizon be included for televising Garfield City Council Meetings because if you are a Verizon subscriber, you do not get to see Garfield Council Meetings as you do on Cablevision. He said that the City needs to be consistent and once the decision was made to video the meetings, there is a need to do it on a time sensitive basis. He said that a lot of people stay home and watch the Council Meetings and it needs to continue or not do it at all. He said if it is done, it should be done in a responsible and time sensitive way for the public. He said that in regard to the possible Redevelopment of the Babe Ruth Field, the City has a young man, Justin Valdespina, who played Garfield Babe Ruth Baseball, when his son played Babe Ruth Baseball, and he is now a Minor League pitcher in the Colorado Rockies farm system. He said that he believes that the City should proceed cautiously with the proposed Redevelopment of the Babe Ruth Field in Columbus Park, because it does affect people's lives, and they progress, and here is someone doing terrific and look at where he is now. He said that the City has to be responsible. He said that as far as the claim that fewer kids are playing baseball, he said that things go in cycles for baseball, for soccer, and for football. He said that he is happy to report

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that the Junior Boilermakers Football Program has started up again through the Garfield Boys and Girls Club. He said that approximately 130 kids have signed up for the program and there are cheerleaders in addition to that. He said that it is a great organization and they are moving forward. He said that he has been accused of having a relative that he discussed a raise for. He asked City Manager Duch, if he, as a Councilman, has any relatives that are employed by the City of Garfield, in the DPW, Police Department, City Hall, that he knows of.

City Manager Duch said that there are none that he knows of.

Councilmember Calandriello asked City Engineer Boswell to summarize a recent article that appeared in Sunday's Bergen Record newspaper on August 5, 2017, regarding alleged contaminants in Garfield's Water System.

City Engineer Boswell said that there was an article in Sunday's newspaper regarding contaminants within the Garfield Water System. He said that it spoke to a number of different contaminants in reference to an organization called the Environmental Warning Group and the article reported that the Garfield Water System does not meet the guidelines recommended by the Environmental Warning Group. He said that it is an agency based in Washington, DC, with offices in California, and if you go on their website and look up the actual data that they do recommend for standards of water, they list standards for about a hundred contaminants and not a single one seems to recognize Federal and New Jersey State Standards. He said that the list has an entirely different set of standards that have been created, and on their website, they say without regard to cost, they make reference to the basis of those standards. He said that the City is required to follow the Federal Clean Water Act or the more stricter New Jersey Standard. He said that the State of New Jersey has stricter standards than the Federal Government for a number of different contaminants. He said that the City is in compliance with the Federal Standards and the City is in compliance with the State Standards. He said that this is a very serious matter concerning public health that the City takes very seriously. He said that the Garfield Water System is an excellent Water System. He spoke on the granulated activated carbon Water Treatment System at Well 1A at the corner of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue in Columbus Park. He spoke on the City having different treatment systems for different wells. He spoke on the temporary deactivation of Well 8C because it came up against the New Jersey State Standards. He said that the City took it out of service and proactively responded and the City Council authorized the lease-purchase of a temporary system to bring it back on line until the permanent system could be designed and permanently installed. He said that it is serious stuff and, frankly, irresponsible of the Bergen Record newspaper to report on these matters and give standing to these groups that really do not recognize the standards that the City has to perform under. He said that he does not think it is a fair shot to the people who operate the Water System for Garfield.

Councilmember Calandriello said that City Manager Duch reported good news on the cleanup of the chromium contamination from the EC Electroplating site near Clark Street and Lincoln Place that there is a \$1 million grant for the cleanup. He said that for all those who participated and ran the Street Fair this past Sunday for the 100th Anniversary of the City, it was a great event. He said that it was a beautiful day and it was very well attended. He gave everyone involved his congratulations and compliments.

Councilmember Erin Delaney said that she appreciated everyone's positivity. She said that she will stay on top of things regarding Social Media because it is a priority of hers. She spoke on requests for speed bumps and the requirements involved to meet, to have them installed. She spoke on the request to promote the use of the City Fields and she said that the City has a new Recreation Director and there will be new fresh initiatives to promote the use of the fields. She said that in regard to the Resolution to investigate a possible Redevelopment of the Babe Ruth Field and Columbus Park, she said that she wants to explore the options available to the City, but by no means does she want to abolish one of the parks in town. She thanked two City Officers who took the initiative on their own time to clean up an area of Passaic Street. She said that she thinks it is wonderful that the City has dedicated employees like these two gentlemen. She spoke on the Green Team having their next meeting on Thursday, August 31st at 4:30 PM at the Health Center at 60

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Elizabeth Street. She said that the City has had so many good events such as the Street Fair on Midland Avenue which was a huge success and as always, it was a great job by the City Centennial Committee. She spoke on National Night Out held Tuesday, August 1st in Twentieth Century Field off Elizabeth Street and said that it was a great job by the Police Department, DPW, Recreation Department and everyone involved. She offered congratulations to the Junior Police Academy Graduates. She reported that the next event for the City Centennial is Friday, September 8, 2017, which will be in support of the Garfield VFW and it will be a Western Night. She told everyone to enjoy the rest of the Summer and to have a great Labor Day.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney thanked Genny Anastos for all the compliments because a compliment goes a long way and you can catch more bees with honey than vinegar. He spoke on Carol Koshig who brought a bag of trash to a Council Meeting, recently, and in response, he called a Quality of Life Committee Meeting and they met and different ideas were discussed to address cleanliness and other concerns in the City. He spoke on the request by citizens for speed bumps in their neighborhoods. He said that there is a need to stop speeding with radar guns and the enforcement of speed limit ordinances and he said that he spoke to the Police Department about that issue. He said that in regard to Redevelopment, there was a meeting last night and Redevelopment has to be the vision for the future of Garfield. He said that if the City stays stagnant, everything stays the same. He said that if you do not look to the future, it does not happen. He spoke on how, in his day, over a hundred kids played Babe Ruth Baseball and how, now, they are lucky to get twenty kids. He spoke on children's involvement in athletics and he spoke on exploring options. He said that as baseball is declining, other sports are increasing. He said that in regard to Redevelopment, the City has had abandoned factories turn into other businesses. He said that what is better for the City, will bring people into the City. He said that the Redevelopment Agency is taking things seriously. He said that no one wants to take people's properties through eminent domain. He said that he wants to move Garfield forward and he does not want Garfield to remain stagnant. He spoke on the success of National Night Out and the Street Fair which were fantastic events which brought people together and that is what it is all about. He wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and he will see everyone in about a month.

Mayor Rigoglioso thanked Genny Anastos for the compliments. He spoke on how the Babe Ruth Field should be promoted the right way and not be stagnant. He said that Babe Ruth Baseball is not big any more, at least not in Garfield. He said that he is not looking for buildings or apartments, he is looking for something to move the town forward. He said that if Columbus Park cannot be redeveloped, maybe the City can redevelop the Babe Ruth Field, somehow. He spoke on improving Social Media and the City Website. He said that it was a great week, this week in Garfield. He said that there was National Night Out in Twentieth Century Field, which was fantastic, and the Garfield Housing Authority also did a National Night Out event, too. He said that there was the City Street Fair on Midland Avenue, this past Sunday, which was one of the City's better events. He said that people have been raving about what has been going on in Garfield. He said that he wants people to be proud about Garfield and stay in Garfield. He said that the Junior Boilermakers Football Program began the season and the volunteers are doing a tremendous job. He said that when people from other towns come into the City, they are in awe of what Garfield does. He spoke on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Virgin coming up at the end of the month. He spoke on a Casino Night fundraising coming up on September 8, 2017. He said that the City is not looking to hurt people with the Redevelopment, but there is a need to do something in Garfield, and there is a need to revitalize Garfield, and get new businesses in, and help local businesses, where people want to come and live in Garfield, and people who live in Garfield, want to stay in Garfield. He told everyone to enjoy the rest of the Summer.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 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