

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

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

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Councilmembers Absent: Joseph Delaney

Also Present: City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Christos J. Ditkas, Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

GREEN TEAM

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Green Team goals, objectives and a proposed vision for an action plan.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY TOWING ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet met with Police Chief Raymond Kovach, Police Captain Ronald Polonkay, Police Lieutenant Michael Marsh and City Tower Robert Benanti regarding proposed amendments to the City Towing Ordinance.

OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE RIVERFRONT PARK AND TWENTIETH CENTURY FIELD

The City Council and Cabinet discussed enforcement of ordinances prohibiting overnight parking in the Riverfront Park along River Road at the end of Market Street and in Twentieth Century Field off Elizabeth Street.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 7:00 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

RESIDENT PARKING STICKER PROGRAM

Michelle Hernandez, 96 Union Avenue, spoke on the Resident Parking Sticker Program and ordinances prohibiting the parking of oversized vehicles.

FOOD TRUCKS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Carlos Serrino, Roy Villanova and Bart Yanofsky from the "Empanada Guy" and they spoke on their request to allow food trucks in Garfield parked on private property.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ON ELIZABETH STREET

The City Council and Cabinet met with Police Chief Raymond Kovach, Police Captain Ronald Polonkay and Police Lieutenant Michael Marsh on the results of traffic surveys taken on Elizabeth Street and on proposed traffic control measures for Elizabeth Street.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the resolution regarding Employee Health Benefits and he spoke about a Bond Ordinance for consideration tonight.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The \$1,000,000 Green Acres grant that was awarded for improvements to the Garfield High School Stadium.

Work Session September 12, 2017, Continued

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17-309

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 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (Blue Collar Collective bargaining unit grievance perhaps heading to a hearing before an arbitrator).

- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Labor Counsel John Lavin opinion re: Police Retirement and Health Care Contribution; Police Officer Anthony Blackfeld Disability Pension; potential litigation with Police Officer Everett Garnto regarding number of sick days pursuant to collective bargaining agreement with PBA Local No. 46).

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:10 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 Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Christos J. Ditzkas and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

MINUTES

Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Work	Session	-	May	30,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	May	30,	2017
Work	Session	-	June	13,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	June	13,	2017
Work	Session	-	June	27,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	June	27,	2017
Work	Session	-	July	25,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	July	25,	2017
Work	Session	-	August	8,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	August	8,	2017

Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-310

WHEREAS, Marie Barckett was appointed to the Housing Authority of the City of Garfield pursuant to Resolution No. 12-473, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held December 18, 2012, and

WHEREAS, her term of office expires October 19, 2017,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Marie Barckett of 183 Lincoln Place, Garfield, New Jersey is hereby appointed to the Housing Authority of the City of Garfield, effective October 19, 2017, to succeed herself, for a full five year term, said term to expire October 19, 2022.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Abstain 2 -
Councilmembers Calandriello and Rigoglioso

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 17-311

WHEREAS, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church will celebrate their annual Polish Celebration Dinner on Sunday, September 17, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Day Parade Committee has consistently proven to be a most worthwhile proponent of the causes of the Polish nation and Polish people, and

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield wish to acknowledge the successful endeavors of the committee and the contributions of citizens of Polish ancestry, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the entire month of October 2017, shall be deemed and designated as “POLISH HERITAGE MONTH”, in honor of all citizens of Polish ancestry, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, and the Pulaski Day Parade Committee of the City of Garfield, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congratulations are also extended to 2017 Garfield Contingent Marshal Agnieszka Pogorzelska, and to Patricia Wyrzykowski on being named 2017 “Miss Polonia”, and to Samantha Gres on being named 2017 “Junior Miss Polonia” and to Sofia Tomaszewski on being named 2017 “Little Miss Polonia”.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 17-312

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, on July 15, 2017, Vincent P. Rigolosi, a former Mayor of the City of Garfield, and WHEREAS, Vincent served as Chairman of the Bergen County Democratic Organization, as a Democratic National Committeeman for New Jersey for 16 years, and as a Delegate to four Democratic Presidential Conventions, and WHEREAS, he was very active in the community having served as President of the Columbians in 1992 and 1993, the Bergen County Bar Association and the Carlyle Towers Board, and WHEREAS, he was Municipal Prosecutor for Garfield, Washington Township and Saddle Brook; Municipal Attorney for North Haledon and Garfield; Public Defender for Wallington; Attorney for the Cliffside Park Housing Authority; and County Counsel for Bergen County, and WHEREAS, he was a member and leader of countless other organizations and served the people of Garfield in countless other ways, and WHEREAS, his passing touched with sorrow the people of Garfield and its governing body, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, and on behalf of the people of Garfield, that profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy are hereby expressed to the family and friends of Vincent P. Rigolosi in their hour of bereavement over the tremendous loss endured by his passing.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 17-313

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, on July 5, 2017, Elizabeth Gray, a former Garfield City Historian and Member of the Board of Education, and WHEREAS, “Liz” was an adjunct professor of Sociology and Women’s Studies at William Paterson University, Felician University, Kean University, Bergen County Community College and Passaic County Community College, and WHEREAS, she was a former chair of the Bergen County Democratic Committee in Garfield, Vice President of the Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council, Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers of New Jersey, COPE Chairperson of the Garfield Federation of Teachers, was a member of UNICO, the Women’s Club and Chamber of Commerce, was the 2016 Freddie Porter Scholarship Dinner Woman of the Year and was inducted into the Bergen County Democratic Committee Hall of Fame, and WHEREAS, her passing touched with sorrow the people of Garfield and its governing body, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy are hereby expressed to the family and friends of Elizabeth Gray, in their hour of bereavement over the tremendous loss endured by his passing.

RESOLUTIONS

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 17-314

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Nelson Castillo Jr., of 106 Sherman Street, Passaic, New Jersey as an active member, effective August 14, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-315

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have accepted Richard Smith III of 44 Burgh Ave., Apt 25, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 as a regular member, effective September 8, 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. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-316

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have accepted Jesus Ramirez of 15 Orchard Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective July 14, 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. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-317

WHEREAS, Joseph Mannsman, 12 Faber Place, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1829527, 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 south curb line of Faber Place commencing 153 feet east of the intersection of Faber Place 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
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-318

WHEREAS, John Prelich Jr, 33 Pacific Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1810738, 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 Pacific Avenue commencing 205 feet west of the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Jewell Street and run an additional 18 feet west from that point.

RESOLUTIONS

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-319

WHEREAS, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica previously published a notice for sealed bids for Street Sweeping Services in the City of Garfield to be received on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 10:00 AM and no bids were received at that time, and

WHEREAS, a subsequent notice for sealed bids for Street Sweeping Services was published to be received on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 10:00 AM, and

WHEREAS, present at the August 24, 2017 bid opening in the Conference Room in City Hall were City Clerk Andrew Pavlica and Patricia Esposito of the City Manager's Office and only the following bid was received:

Cristi Cleaning Services
77 Trinity Place
Hackensack, NJ 07601
\$14,871.00 per month,

and

WHEREAS, the appropriate City Officials have reviewed this bid, and recommend award of contract, and

WHEREAS, the Interim Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds exist in the appropriate accounts for this expenditure,

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 is awarded to Cristi Cleaning Services for \$14,871.00 per month, for Street Sweeping Services in the City of Garfield, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and true and correct copy of this approved resolution to the City Manager, Superintendent of Public Works, Interim Chief Financial Officer and City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-320

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MONITORING WELL SAMPLING AT THE GARFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has provided Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) services in connection with the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the Department of Public Works building, and;

WHEREAS, these services identified the need to conduct two (2) additional rounds of groundwater sampling at the site's even (7) monitoring wells

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Engineer is hereby authorized to provide these additional services (which are in addition to those previously authorized pursuant to Resolution Nos. 14-367, 15-74 and 17-230) for an additional fee of \$9900.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-321

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND INSURANCE BROKER TO SOLICIT, RECEIVE AND EVALUATE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PACKAGES

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GARFIELD is authorized under the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m) to solicit requests for proposals in lieu of formal bids to obtain insurance contracts for its employees; and
WHEREAS, the CITY OF GARFIELD has previously engaged the services of Conner Strong & Buckelew pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m) to assist the District in evaluating potential vendors to provide health insurance coverages; and
WHEREAS, the RFP has been prepared and reviewed by the CITY OF GARFIELD's counsel and the counsel confirms that the proposal solicitation conforms to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law and other appropriate bidding requirements; and
WHEREAS, because the anticipated value of the insurance contract is less than \$10,000,000, the RFP and Exhibits will be to the Office of State Comptroller in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:15C-10; and
WHEREAS, the CITY OF GARFIELD determines to evaluate insurance options with of the dual goals of providing the CITY OF GARFIELD employees equal coverage to the current Health Benefits Plan while simultaneously protecting the cost to taxpayers; and
WHEREAS, when the proposals arrive, the CITY OF GARFIELD, through its counsel, will ensure compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law and other state procurement requirements and the Chief Financial Officer and CSB will evaluate the merits of each proposal;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer shall solicit proposals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m) and the same shall be evaluated by the CITY OF GARFIELD and CSB to determine which proposal, if any, meets the CITY OF GARFIELD's dual goals of providing health care and creating economies for the taxpayers.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-322

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, desires to collect all taxes, assessments, and other Municipal charges that are now delinquent; and
WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is directed to sell all municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2016 in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A.54-5-19, AND AS AMENDED BY Chapter 99, Public Laws of 1997:
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Garfield, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all Municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, and as stated above on October 5, 2017 at 9:430 AM.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-323

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 2013.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
36	35	Pankowski, Maria	TCJ	\$ 3028.92

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-324

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 2013.

RESOLUTIONS

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
141	21.01	Elie Fink, Attorney Trust Account	TCJ	\$ 23,187.27

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-325

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
141	21.01	Elie Fink, Attorney Trust Account	TCJ	\$ 23,637.77

Resolution No. 17-326

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a Refund due to County Board Judgment for the year 2017.

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 over payment 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
41	19	Garfield Partners LLC	O/P	\$ 1,470.00
43	43	Dimitri Carpet LLC	O/P	\$ 493.31
52	1	GFO Stones LLC	O/P	\$ 108.53
55	50	111 Monroe Investment Corp	O/P	\$13,303.69
80	2.02	Manus Realty LLP	O/P	\$ 1,632.29

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Frank Calandriello

Resolution No. 17-327

See

The
Following

Pages Numbered _____

for

Capital

Budget

Amendment

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 17-328

See

the

following pages numbered _____

for

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO REACTIVATE WELL NO. 8C IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$235,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Calandriello moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO REACTIVATE WELL NO. 8C IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$235,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” 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 September 26, 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 Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DECOMMISSIONING OF WELL NO. 2 AND THE INSTALLATION AND ACTIVATION OF WELL NO. 2R IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$245,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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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.

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF FORMER FIRE COMPANY NO. 4 FIREHOUSE IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$67,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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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 Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD NO. 2764) ENTITLED: “REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$6,635,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$7,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$7,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID CITY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,” ADOPTED MAY 16, 2017

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Calandriello moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD NO. 2764) ENTITLED: “REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$6,635,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$7,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$7,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID CITY TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,” ADOPTED MAY 16, 2017” 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 September 26, 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.

EXIT OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 9:20 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delany left the Regular Meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Stanley Pokrzywa, 10 Steinberg Avenue, complained that the Building Department sent him to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to apply for a variance because he wants to level his driveway and he added that he has no money for lawyers. He claimed that the City Inspectors are harassing him. He spoke on trying to see the City Manager. He spoke on getting a professional to draw a sketch of what he wants to do with his property which cost him \$2,000 and he was told that the sketch was “unacceptable”. It was explained that his driveway slants down to the basement level of his house and he wants to seal up the garage door entrance and make the driveway ground level because he has difficulty shoveling snow off that steeply inclined driveway and he does not want to herniate discs in his back.

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, said that she wants the Minutes and Transcripts of the Planning Board posted on the City Website. She said that the July 25th Planning Board Meeting Minutes were the last ones posted on the City Website. She said that all the surrounding towns post their Minutes on their Websites. She said that she would like the August 24th Planning Board Meeting Minutes and Transcript posted on the City Website. She said that Garfield needs to show transparency especially when there are very important decisions being made that will seriously affect the lives and life savings of many citizens and businesses due to the proposed Redevelopment Project affecting the surrounding Passaic Street area.

Ms. Genevieve Anastos, 78 DeWitt Street, complimented Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and his Tree Team who she said were outstanding. She said that they did some job at the end of DeWitt Street by the pedestrian bridge and cut down all the dead trees and vegetation over three days and she commends them. She said that she is waiting on the overhead light. She commended City Inspector Robert Ridarick who took care of an issue immediately and she commended him for being diligent with regard to a property maintenance issue. She asked questions regarding an Ordinance concerning Landscaping in town. She said that she has property maintenance issues regarding landscapers who come in and cut grass and instead of cleaning up afterwards, let all the debris blow across the street and all over the place.

Mr. Michael Gall, 20 Hepworth Place, asked that the August 24th Planning Board Meeting Minutes be posted on the City Website.

Mr. Jesus Rodriquez, 149 Midland Avenue, commended the Police Department for diligently watching trucks from the Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 19-35 Atlantic Avenue and making sure they are in compliance with City Ordinances. He spoke on the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration scheduled to be held September 30, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the VFW Post located at 340 Outwater Lane.

Mr. Angel Quiles, 95 Willard Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Western Casino Night fundraiser which was recently held at the VFW which was a huge success. He said that they are inching towards having enough money to purchase a van for the VFW.

Mr. John Eason, 103 Gaston Avenue, said that he recently attended a Junior Boilermakers Football Team game at Twentieth Century Field and he said that when the National Anthem was played, no one knew where the flag was located because it was lost between the trees. He suggested moving the flag pole to a better location for the people in the stands to see. He said that it was embarrassing that other teams think Garfield does not have a flag displayed to salute.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia suggested that Mr. Pokrzywa confer with City Attorney Chris Diktas concerning the procedure for his driveway application.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello spoke on the Hispanic Alliance Dinner to be held on September 30th and he remarked that Western Casino Night was a great time. He spoke on the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Football Organization winning three out of their last four games, including the Mighty Mites, the Pee Wees, the Intermediates and the Seniors. He spoke on the Fire Department and the Bond Ordinance for \$67,000 for the demolition of old Fire House No. Four located at the corner of Ray Street and Semel Avenue. He said that the Fire House is down already. He spoke on the videoing of Council Meetings including the ones that were videoed over the Summer. He said that they should air on Cable Television because not all the citizens of Garfield have computers to watch them on the City Website. He said that the City should broadcast important meetings. He said that the Planning Board Minutes should be posted online. He spoke on the driveway application concerning Mr. Pokrzywa and 10 Steinberg Avenue.

Councilmember Erin Delaney said that she hopes that the 10 Steinberg Avenue issue is resolved. She said that at multiple meetings, she has expressed her frustration with the City Website. She said that a lot of items need to be added to City Website. She said that she is in favor of the posting of videoed meetings. She advised everyone that the next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 8:00 PM and there is no September Planning Board Meeting. She said that it is good to hear compliments about the Department of Public Works. She spoke on the City Inspectors responding to Property Maintenance complaints. She said that perhaps Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo's Tree Team can look at trimming branches around the flag pole in Twentieth Century Field. She spoke on the City's Green Team developing an Action Plan. She said that last Wednesday, September 6th, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders held their traveling meeting series here in the City Hall Council Chambers and the City Council and Administration were very happy and honored to host them. She spoke on the VFW holding their Western Casino Night fundraiser last Friday. She said that the Police Department did a great job with the Fill a Cop Car Event held Labor Day Weekend. She spoke on the upcoming Pulaski Day Celebration. She said that it is the first time that the City Recreation Department is partnering with the Garfield YMCA for a Recreational Soccer League. She spoke on the first ever Pumpkin Patch Picking and Painting Event scheduled to be held October 13th.

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on the willingness of the City Attorney to meet with Mr. Pokrzywa after the meeting to discuss the 10 Steinberg Avenue Driveway Application. He spoke on the need for Planning Board Meeting Minutes to be posted on the City Website, which is usually done after they are approved at the following Planning Board Meeting. He spoke on old Fire House No. Four being knocked down and he said that the building was falling down and needed to come down. He spoke on Hispanic Night coming up on September 30th. He said that the VFW had a successful Western Casino Night. He said that it has been a good month and a good Summer. He spoke on the City Recreation Department starting a Soccer League with the Garfield YMCA. He spoke on the City Recreation Department and their Developmental Soccer League for children with disabilities; and their upcoming Pumpkin Patch event. He said that the Recreation Department has been holding an "Open Gym" on Mondays and Wednesdays. He spoke on the Costume Party scheduled to be held Saturday, October 8th at the City Recreation Center. He spoke on the Home Decorating Contest for Halloween with awards for the Scariest House and the Most Original House with details to come. He thanked the Recreation Department for picking up the Middle School Volleyball Team.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Absent 1 –
Councilmember Joseph Delaney