

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:40 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, Interim City Attorney Robert Ferraro, Attorney John Ferraro from the Law Firm of Bruno and Ferraro, Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

FIREHOUSE NO. TWO

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following officers of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department concerning the condition of FireHouse No. Two located at 72-76 Belmont Avenue: Fire Chief Michael Semancik, Assistant Fire Chief Kyle Kovacs and Ex-Fire Chief James Kovacs.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed 2018 Municipal Budget to be discussed at the next Work Session.
2. His report that PSE&G has replaced gas lines in 34 streets in the City so far, which is 8 miles of new gas lines and they want to do another 45 streets this year. He reported that he has a meeting tomorrow with PSE&G representatives concerning this matter.
3. The Green Acres grant for the Garfield High School Athletic Facility and the proposed use of Bond Anticipation Notes to start the funding of the Project. He did a presentation before the Board of Education awhile ago with Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, City Engineer Kevin Boswell and Mayor Richard Riggoglioso. School Business Administrator Edward Izbicki and Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Perrapato asked to meet again and an analysis was done of the finances. City Auditor Dieter Lerch developed a plan to utilize Bond Anticipation Notes for one year because it was cost-effective and based on the School Budget, the Board of Education would not have to make a payment for one year. After one year, their payment would be about \$95,000. The following year it would be a full payment of about \$175,000. The permanent financing would be about \$2 million because during the one year build out, the City would have the Bond Anticipation Notes issued to complete the whole Project. He said that the Engineer certified the Project, it would have to be sent to Green Acres and the City has to bond \$2 million. The well thought-out, carefully crafted plan was presented to the Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools, who asked that it be presented to the School Board's Finance Committee. City Engineer Boswell was also at the meeting to answer any questions. Dr. Izbicki called City Manager Duch on the phone and read him the proposed School Board Resolution authorizing the Project. The School Board Resolution was on the Board of Education Meeting agenda last night. It got tabled. School Officials were aware that there was a time limit and Green Acres had given them until the end of the month to act but the School Board did not vote on it. He called Green Acres to confirm. This had happened to the City once before. The City was awarded \$800,000 several years ago for this Project, the Board of Education did not come through, and the City and the Board of Education lost the \$800,000. He said that he was not going to let that happen again. He said that during this process, he reached out to Green Acres, and told the Superintendent and Finance Committee if there was no affirmative vote before the March 1st deadline, he would not let the City lose the \$1 million. He said that he conferred with Green Acres that they are willing to move the money to Phase II of the Riverfront Park Project to put the money into the Build Out of the Project between Monroe Street and Passaic Street. He will receive an email from them concerning how to proceed. He advised Dr. Izbicki today and the Board was trying to call a Special Meeting, but it is too late.

ARRIVAL OF DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY

At 7:20 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4. He advised that if the City was to utilize Columbus Park for Redevelopment, the City would need to demonstrate and show to Green Acres a compelling public need which would yield a significant public benefit and since the property is already on the Recreation and Open Space Inventory, if the City diverts one acre of property on that inventory, it must be replaced with four acres of recreational property. He said that that is the main criteria for a Diversion. He said that the City would also have to prove that there is no other alternative. He said that he spoke with Green Acres Officials about the Plauderville Train Station across the street and the Columbus Park proposal that the City build a two story garage and residential units with a park on the roof that is accessible to the public by elevator. He said that he wondered if there would be a requirement to replace parkland on the Recreation and Open Space Inventory perhaps on a two to one ratio, rather than a four to one ratio, if the City did this, but he was advised that it stands as a four to one ratio, until further notice. He explained the diversion process the City followed when the County had to widen River Drive and the City had to replace Green Acres property regarding the Riverfront Park from the Dundee Dam to the Outwater Lane Bridge.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. Whether the City Council can vote to censure a Councilmember.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The proposed Parking Lot Improvement.
2. The proposed New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for the Grand Street Improvement.
3. Proposed Improvements to the City Water Works, including improvements to Well 1A and Well 8C.
4. The Train Tracks that run down the middle of Monroe Street and the possible abandonment of those train tracks

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

5. The Mayor just opened mail a moment ago that announced a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant award of \$230,050 for the Grand Street Improvement.

Special Labor Council John Lavin reported on the following:

1. Proposed amendments to the Mobile Food Handlers Ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 18-65

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 7:50 P.M. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Work Session February 27, 2018, Continued

CLOSED SESSION

- * Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (White Collar Collective Bargaining negotiations; Blue Collar Collective Bargaining negotiations; PBA Local No. 46 Collective Bargaining negotiations).
- * 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 Hobart Place Playground; proposed River Drive property acquisition of “Richard Skultety Property”).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Proposal that school system security allowed to carry fire arms).
- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (lawsuit filed by Slovak Zion Lutheran Church at the intersection of Midland Avenue and Harrison Avenue and by the property owner at 106 Somerset Street regarding potential condemnation in connection with First Ward Redevelopment Plan; bid challenge to award of contract of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal services).
- * 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 school system security term with City Police Department).

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. Calandriello
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Erin Delaney 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, February 27, 2018 at 8:35 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, Interim City Attorney Robert Ferraro and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

MINUTES

Councilmember Aloia moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Work	Session	-	September	12,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	September	12,	2017
Work	Session	-	September	26,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	September	26,	2017
Work	Session	-	October	24,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	October	24,	2017
Work	Session	-	November	13,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	November	13,	2017
Work	Session	-	November	28,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	November	28,	2017
Work	Session	-	December	12,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	December	12,	2017
Work	Session	-	December	19,	2017
Regular	Meeting	-	December	19,	2017
Special	Meeting	-	January	5,	2018

Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 18-66

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Deigis Cauto of 33 Blakely Place as an active member, effective February 2, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 4 with respect to the above mater, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-67

WHEREAS, Kirk Devonish, 129 Hartman Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1911182, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and

RESOLUTIONS

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 Hartman Avenue commencing 223 feet west of the intersection of Hartman Avenue and Bergen Street and run an additional 25 feet west from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-68

WHEREAS, Keith K Hodum, 55 Passaic Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1833262, 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 Passaic Street commencing 145 feet west of the intersection of Passaic Street and Palisade Avenue and run an additional 20 feet west from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-69

WHEREAS, E-Z Laundromat, 251 Midland Avenue filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2018, 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 E-Z Laundromat, 251 Midland Avenue, for the year 2018.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-70

WHEREAS, Lanza Laundromat, 418 Lanza Avenue filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2018, 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 Lanza Laundromat, 418 Lanza Avenue, for the year 2018.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-71

WHEREAS, Sonic Suds, 45 Outwater Lane filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2018, 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 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-72

WHEREAS, Time to Wash, 69 River Drive filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2018, 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 Time to Wash, 69 River Drive, for the year 2018.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-73

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND THE NJDOT IN CONNECTION WITH GRANT FUNDING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES UNDER THE NJDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT PHASE 2
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded an original contract to KS Engineers, P.C. on August 10, 2016 for the Safe Routes To Schools Project, per resolution #16-291, and;
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to enter into an agreement with the NJDOT for grant funding to reimburse some of the preliminary engineering costs incurred by the City in order to pay KS Engineers, and;
WHEREAS, the Garfield School Safety Project meets all the criteria necessary to receive funding under the Safe Routes to Schools Program
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to enter an agreement with the NJDOT for grant funding up to an amount of \$34,708.62 under the Safe Routes to Schools Program for Preliminary Engineering activities.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-74

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instruction from the Chief Financial Officer:

Account Name	Account Number	Transfer From	Transfer To
General Admin/City Manager	7-01-20-100-100-063		2,500.00
Department of Public Works O/E	7-01-26-290-290-063		10,000.00
Police O/E	7-01-25-240-240-011	12,500.00	
		12,500.00	12,500.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-75

See the following pages _____

for Temporary Capital Budget

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 18-76

WHEREAS, John Easom was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member pursuant to Resolution No. 17-198, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held May 16, 2017, and

WHEREAS, his term expired January 1, 2018,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that John Easom, 103 Gaston Avenue, is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member, to succeed himself for a four year term, said term to expire January 1, 2022.

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

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 18-77

WHEREAS, Francisco Sanchez was appointed as a First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 17-97 adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 28, 2017, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, his term has expired,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Francisco Sanchez of 523 MacDonald Street, is hereby appointed as First Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to succeed himself, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2020.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-78

WHEREAS, John Calandriello was appointed as Second Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Resolution No. 17-98, adopted by the City Council at a meeting held February 28, 2017, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, his term has expired

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Carmin Breonte, Jr of 125 MacArthur Avenue, is hereby appointed as Second Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, to succeed John Calandriello, for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2020.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-79

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that John Calandriello of 47 Maitland Place, is hereby appointed Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, for a term to expire January 1, 2019.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 18-80

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 2083 to 2084 covering Escrow Developers Trust Fund and Dog Trust Fund totaling \$4,602.23 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$26,417.83 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,958,635.68 and the Water Fund Reserve totaling \$1,745.00 and the Water Fund Current totaling \$6,992.91 and the General Capital

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Fund totaling \$80,201.23 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$4,455.00 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 fourteen (14) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

The

Following Pages Numbered _____

For

Bills

And

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2774

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 9, 2018; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, CHAPTER 341-13 "PROHIBITED USES IN ANY DISTRICT"

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, spoke and asked questions concerning the Ordinance.

There being no further objections, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2775

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2018; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 5-28 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, TO ALLOW NON-RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

Ordinance No. 2776

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2018; 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:

ORDINANCES

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF PARKING PERMIT ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$63,000 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.

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

Mr. Michael Denistran, 104 Palisade Avenue, spoke and asked questions concerning the Ordinance.

There being no further objections, 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 Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT 20TH CENTURY FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$130,000 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.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT 20TH CENTURY FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$130,000 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" do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held March 13, 2018 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: On call of roll, Ayes 5.

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCES

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$320,000 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.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$320,000 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” do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held March 13, 2018 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: On call of roll, Ayes 5.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. William “Ty” McCullough, 130 Gaston Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for working on amendments to the Mobile Food Handlers Ordinance.

Ms. Dorice Dobish, 94 Chestnut Street, complained and spoke on the Resident Parking Sticker Ordinance and against Commercial Vehicle Parking in the City in Residential Zones. She complained about abandoned vehicles in town.

Ms. Carol Koshig, 23 Spencer Place, complained about the condition of the Train Trestle over Passaic Street. She complained about how noisy trains are that pass through Garfield. She complained about the School System. She complained that the Street Sweeper comes through her neighborhood without using water.

Mr. Angel Quiles, 95 Willard Street, spoke on the condition of the City Schools.

Ms. Dorice Dobish was again recognized and she asked for “Left Lane for Left Turns Only” signs for the intersection of Outwater Lane and River Drive.

Mr. Michael Denistran, 104 Palisade Avenue, asked for signage near the intersection of Somerset Street and Midland Avenue. He asked for street lights to be placed on utility poles near School No. 6 located at 111 Palisade Avenue. He complained about the condition of a sign on Midland Avenue near the intersection of Park Avenue. He complained about the condition of the Train Trestle over Passaic Street.

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, thanked the City Council for all the public garbage pails placed on Passaic Street. She asked questions regarding a water line installed near 203 Midland Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia said that garbage pails should not only be placed by the City on Passaic Street, they should be placed on Harrison Avenue and Palisade Avenue and Jewell Street and River Drive and on other streets. He said that store owners should not be placing their garbage in the public pails when other businesses pay for a container for their refuse. He spoke on businesses that leave their garbage at the curb seven days a week. He spoke on the proposed "Dog Park" in the Hobart Place Playground. He spoke on the railroad tracks that have been abandoned that run down the center of Monroe Street from Pierre Avenue to River Drive. He spoke on the need to have the Train Trestle over Passaic Street cleaned up and painted by New Jersey Transit Railroad. He spoke on people who use their work vehicles as their personal vehicles and bring home to Garfield vehicles which should be left at their place of business instead of parked overnight on the City streets. He spoke on the ordinance that limits the size of vehicles on the street based on the length and width of the vehicle. He spoke on the new computer system that will be implemented and that will allow police cars to electronically read license plates as they travel down the street. He spoke on Absentee Landlords in Garfield.

Councilmember Calandriello spoke in regard to the Babe Ruth Field located at the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue and how that park is on the Green Acres inventory and how if that park was abandoned, the City would need to replace that parkland with a four to one ratio, meaning for every one acre of parkland abandoned, it would need to be replaced with four acres of parkland, pursuant to Green Acres regulations. He said that that park needs to stay "open space". He said that the City does not need to go through Redevelopment on that property. He said that the City has water wells on that property and the City cannot allow any construction on that property that would jeopardize the City Wellfields. He said spoke on the installation of a water line at 203 Midland Avenue and he questioned why the City did not just leave in the old water line and he questioned why the City went through the expense of installing a new water line. He spoke in favor of creating "Welcoming Packets" for new residents of the City of Garfield. He spoke on how he was in attendance at a Green Team Meeting and how he had to leave the meeting when three Councilmembers were present, so as not to violate the Open Public Meetings Act. He spoke on how "Read Across America", where prominent citizens read Dr. Seuss books to grammar school children, is such a delight and how he enjoyed reading to kids today at School No. 6.

Councilmember Erin Delaney spoke on City Manager Duch working so diligently on getting New Jersey Transit Railroad to respond and take action to address the Train Trestle over Passaic Street. She spoke on how commercial vehicles are an eyesore in the City of Garfield. She spoke on public trash cans being placed along Passaic Street and how this should be done in a strategic manner. She spoke on her efforts on her own time to make sure the City has a fully functioning Green Team which does make the City eligible for New Jersey State grant funding. She spoke on the Green Team formulating an action plan to work on throughout the year including a G.I.S. mapping program of the City's public garbage pails. She spoke on the email that she sent tonight to Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo to secure more garbage pails, in response to Carol Koshig, this evening. She spoke on businesses using City garbage pails for their own personal use. She spoke on beautifying Garfield and she said that she applauds Union City on how clean they keep their town. She spoke on how she reached out to their Mayor and Council to "pick their brain" on how they do things in their City and what works for them. She spoke on applying for Sustainable New Jersey grants. She spoke on a revamped Recycling Mailer with a lot of new information which is anticipated to be issued in April. She spoke on a proposed City Cleanup on April 21st. She spoke on "Read Across America" and how she also read today to the students at School No. 6 and how it was absolutely wonderful and how she looks forward to reading at other grammar schools this week. She spoke on this Saturday's Pulaski Day Parade Beefsteak fundraiser, and she spoke on an upcoming Garfield Free Public Library event on March 9th.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney said that in regard to the Babe Ruth Field in Columbus Park that at least the Mayor and Council is discussing the matter and if the subject was not brought up, the current lack of use of the facilities would stay as it currently is. He said that to have ideals without action is just ideals. He said that it is a piece of property that is under-used. He said that it is a nice piece of property that can be turned into a better park, or remain as it is. He spoke on the lack of on-street parking in the City. He spoke on the need to address abandoned cars parked in people's driveways. He spoke on improving the quality of life in the City of Garfield and how municipalities

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like Union City are real small, tight cities but they are clean. He welcomed the return of Robert Ferraro in service as Garfield City Attorney. He spoke on garbage pails on Passaic Street. He spoke on the water line that was installed at 203 Midland Avenue, and how he claimed some present it in such a way, as to appear that something is wrong, and how that that is not right. He said that he wants to look into what steps he can take to prevent people from presenting things that way, because he is really afraid that the City might get sued due to the way it is presented. He spoke on how last night there was a Board of Education Meeting and how the Board had an opportunity to work with the City to put a brand new Athletic Complex at Garfield High School and how the matter got tabled and taken off the Board of Education Meeting Agenda and how because of that, the \$1 million Green Acres grant that City Manager Duch secured will be placed in jeopardy and how he is so angry over this. He said that there is no reason in the world that the children of Garfield do not deserve a new field and a new track at the high school. He said that he is really upset with the Board of Education to let this opportunity pass for the kids of this City. He spoke on the Black History Month celebration that was held this past Saturday. He spoke on "Read Across America" at School No. 6 and how it was great. He spoke on the 100th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln School No. 6 located at 111 Palisade Avenue.

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on the public garbage pails on Passaic Street. He commended Councilwoman Erin Delaney for all she does on the Green Team. He spoke on a solar-powered "Smart Waste Recycling" system of which the City should look into participating. He spoke on Columbus Park and how he ran for election on Redevelopment and how he wants Redevelopment in this town and how the town needs to move forward. He spoke on the need to improve the use of Columbus Park whatever way possible. He said that he hopes something positive happens with Columbus Park whether it takes years, months or decades. He said that the City needs to keep moving forward and keep planning for the future. He said that the City cannot stay still and the City cannot remain idle or things will deteriorate. He said that Columbus Park is not being used and it is time that it is used because it is one of the City's most viable pieces of property. He welcomed the return of Bob Ferraro as City Attorney. He spoke on the City Recreation Department "Sign-In Day" where all the Spring Sports Programs got together and kids could sign up for Little League, T-Ball, Volleyball, Softball, Tennis, the Boys and Girls Club, the Garfield YMCA, and how it was "one stop shopping" for families. He said that it was a great idea. He spoke on the proposed Spring Sports League Parade to be held in April and he looks forward to that event when it happens. He spoke on the plans for the City Easter Egg Hunt. He spoke on the City Recreation Department plans for arts and dancing, in addition to sports. He spoke on how hard Recreation Director Chris O'Reilly works to bring innovative ideas to the town. He spoke on the failure of the Board of Education to act on the proposed improvements to the Athletic Complex at Garfield High School. He spoke on how this field was on the cusp of happening and how the deadline was not met and how Board of Education Members may have thought an extension of the deadline was possible but now the grant is being allocated to a different project. He said that Garfield High School deserves something better and the students deserve something better. He said that hopefully, down the road, something gets all squared away and everyone will all work together. He spoke on changing the image of Garfield and how that field needs to be improved. He spoke on Garfield being a "melting pot" and how the high school field should be a "flagship" and the "showcase" of the town and that field should have been taken care of. He said that the situation is unfortunate. He spoke on the Black History Month Celebration held this past Saturday. He spoke on attending a Saint Anthony Feast Celebration this past weekend at the Venetian Restaurant on River Drive. He said that there are a lot of positives happening in the City of Garfield and he said even when the Council disagrees on things, the City is moving in the right direction. He said that everyone wants what is best for the residents and the town.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Rigoglioso seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK