

Public Hearings were held Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

City Officials Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

City Clerk Pavlica announced that the Public Hearings were on two (2) 2018 Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Applications:

- A. Park Development in regard to the Garfield Riverwalk Expansion along the west side of River Drive between Passaic Street and Monroe Street.
- B. Land Acquisition in regard to Garfield Riverfront Expansion of 649-651 River Drive.

City Manager Duch explained each application and then declared a public hearing on the 2018 Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Application concerning the Park Development regarding the Garfield Riverfront Expansion along the west side of River Drive between Passaic Street and Monroe Street. There being no one wishing to speak for or against the application, City Manager Duch declared the public hearing closed.

City Manager Duch declared a public hearing on the 2018 Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Application concerning the Land Acquisition regarding the Garfield Riverfront Expansion of 649-651 River Drive. There being no one wishing to speak for or against the application, City Manager Duch declared the public hearing closed.

The Public Hearings concluded at 6:15 PM.

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:45 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 the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello and Richard Rigoglioso  
Councilmembers Absent: Erin N. Delaney and Joseph Delaney  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Robert Ferraro and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Public Hearings which were held at 6:00 PM on two (2) 2018 Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Applications:
  - A. Park Development re: Garfield Riverwalk Expansion along the west side of River Drive between Passaic Street and Monroe Street.
  - B. Land Acquisition re: Garfield Riverfront Expansion of 649-651 River Drive.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the New Jersey Animal Control and Rescue, LLC contract for Animal Control Services which was terminated effective Saturday, June 2, 2018, and the proposed contract with the Bergen County Animal Shelter to assume these duties. Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation member Tana M. Raymond spoke on behalf of approximately six members of the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation (G.A.R.F.) present who addressed the Animal Control Officer contract, a proposed Animal Rescue Committee, and Registered Feral Cat Colonies in the City of Garfield. Also present were Joseph Dymarczyk of MacDonald Street and Thomas Lopes of MacArthur Avenue who both complained about Feral Cat Colonies in their neighborhood.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:15 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session. It was duly noted for the record.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO COLUMBUS PARK

The City Council and Cabinet met with Dennis Malicki of 59 Maitland Place regarding proposed renovations and improvements to Columbus Park located at the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue, including adding soccer field, basketball courts, a playground, walking paths, a running track, a bicycle path and a band shell to the park. Also present was Garfield Boys and Gils Club Executive Director Shane Sudol.

PROPOSED VAN PURCHASE FOR USE BY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield VFW Post No. 2867 Members Irwin Wasserman and Angel Quiles regarding the proposed purchase of a van for use by the City Veteran Service Officers.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 18-183

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 8:50 PM on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Proposed award of contract re: Recording and televising of Council Meetings).

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

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

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

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 29, 2018 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 and Richard Rigoglioso  
Councilmembers Absent: Erin N. Delaney and Joseph Delaney  
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Robert Ferraro and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 18-184

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOOD PLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND (BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND) GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition of lands for open space conservation purposes and/or outdoor recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$202,500 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Garfield Riverwalk Expansion – Acquisition Phase III; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (Council) has reviewed the Bergen County Trust Fund Program Statement, the County program Open Space Policy and Procedures Manual, and the open space application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board will hold/has held a public hearing on May 29, 2018 to receive comments prior to the submission of said application(s); and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above-named project(s); and

WHEREAS, if the applicant is successful in acquiring said project through the use of a County Trust Fund grant, then the applicant will permanently preserve said project for open space conservation and/or outdoor recreation purposes through a recorded deed of easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor, City Manager, and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of June 18, 2018, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the applicant has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and,

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3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-185

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOOD PLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND (BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND) GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$515,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Garfield Riverwalk Expansion Project-II; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board received held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 29, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Bergen County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of June 18, 2018, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the City of Garfield has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the City of Garfield is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the City of Garfield agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

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Resolution No. 18-186

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Sorrows, 69 Market Street has requested a handicapped parking zone to be placed at the church,

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 Market Street commencing 64 feet west of the intersection of Market Street and Jewell 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 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-187

WHEREAS, Chyrisse D Williams, 228 Palisade Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1968200, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the east curb line of Palisade Avenue commencing 42 feet north of the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Maple Street and run an additional 18 feet north from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-188

Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 21 – June 3, 2018

Whereas, there were 626 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2017; and

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

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

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

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization from May 21 – June 3, 2018 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 94% to 95.5%; and

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

Therefore, be is resolved that the City of Garfield declares it’s support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 21 – June 3, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-189

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owners for a Refund due to overpayment for the year 2018.

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

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to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
23	29	North Jersey Federal Credit Union	O/P	\$10,024.00

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-190

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL AND FERAL CAT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is in need and animal control and feral cat services;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen whereby the County would provide animal control and feral cat services;

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement would run from June 2, 2018 through December 31, 2020, with a 120 day termination clause.

WHEREAS, the total cost of the agreement would be as follows:

YEAR	TOTAL
2018	\$25,441.19
2019	\$44,511.02
2020	\$45,425.63

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of City of Garfield authorizes the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen (attached hereto as Exhibit A) whereby the County would provide animal control and feral cat services with the provision that the City Manager will attempt to shorten the term so that it will end on December 31, 2018. If the contract cannot be so amended, the City Manager may enter into the three year contract with the 120 termination clause.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-191

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Agreement contract with the County of Bergen for the purpose of receiving up to a \$425,000.00 grant award from the 2016 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the acquisition of open space property in the project “Riverfront Expansion” located in Lot 6 in Block 3, at 213-225 River Drive; Lot 1 in Block 4, at 239-247 River Drive; Lot 9 in Block 4, at 259 River Drive; and Lot 10 in Block 4, at 263 River Drive on the tax maps of the City of Garfield;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledges the terms for receiving and using this Trust Fund Grant as per the Trust Fund Grant Agreement Project Contract and hereby authorize Thomas J. Duch, City Manager to be a signatory to the aforesaid Trust Fund Grant Agreement Project Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Thomas J. Duch, City Manager to sign all County of Bergen Payment Vouchers submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 18-192

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following bill No. 2099 to 2105 covering Trust Other, Trust Account for Contributions to Unemployment Insurance, Trust Other, Police ICE Trust Account, Dog Trust Fund totaling \$87,213.24 and the Current Fund totaling \$3,084,246.37 and the Water Fund totaling 87,510.19 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$32,541.75 and Water Capital Fund totaling \$2,132.00.00 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 forty two (42) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

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for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2786

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, May 15, 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 CHAPTER 191 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "LAUNDROMATS", SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 191 THEREIN ENTITLED "HOURS OF OPERATION"

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

Mr. Jason Gerling of KJ Laundromats, said that he owns Sonic Suds Laundromat located at 45 Outwater Lane in Garfield, and he thanked the Mayor and Council for introducing an ordinance to allow Laundromats to be open on Sundays. He requested further revisions to the ordinance as it relates to the hours of operation of Laundromats. He suggested the elimination of the hours of operation for Laundromats. He said that there are 24 hour Laundromats in neighboring municipalities. He said that he respectfully requests that the City Council amend this ordinance to permit Laundromats to operate during the same normal retail business hours that all other businesses in Garfield are allowed to be open which is from 6:00 AM to Midnight.

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

Councilmember Calandriello 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 Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Carol Koshig, 23 Spencer Place, said that she was speaking for her friend Judy Fraser, who passed away recently. She complained about trash and the condition of Spencer Place, which she said was ripped up and not fixed by PSE&G who were doing underground work. She said that they did not come back to fix anything. She spoke on calling the Department of Public Works. She complained about a box with a motor in it that she said was left on the side of the road near the Hobart Place Playground which she said has not been picked up for three weeks. She complained about garbage bags left in her neighborhood. She said that the City Council should not allow the building of apartment houses. She said that the City Council should instead encourage the building of houses. She said that the City Council should not allow the building of apartment complexes which will bring people and renters into town who do not pay taxes, who do not care about this town, and who are not going to keep the town nice. She said that the Council should want to bring nice people into town who take pride in this town. She said that the Council has to do something to make Garfield better. She complained that there still is not a dog park in the Hobart Place Playground. She complained about litter from the WalMart Store and the McDonalds Restaurant located at 174 Passaic Street.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke about the condition of Harrison Avenue. He spoke on the cleanliness of the Hobart Place Playground and the cleanliness of businesses in town such as Dunkin' Donuts and the QuikChek Mall located at 85 River Drive. He said that the City does not need more apartment complexes in town because, in general, the people who live there are not making a long term commitment to Garfield, and that people who purchase houses tend to make long term commitments to the town. He spoke on the cleanliness of the WalMart and McDonalds located at 174 Passaic Street. He said that he appreciated the Memorial Day Parade and that the organizers and the Special Events Committee did a great job.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello said that he listens and that he takes notes. He spoke on how he and Mr. Aloia sued the City, the City Council and the Planning Board in regard to the proposed construction of an apartment complex on Columbus Park near the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue. He said that he does not totally agree with what Carol Koshig is accusing the Council of doing, because there are exceptions. He said that in regard to the DPW, years ago they were not able to accomplish what they are able to do today. He said that there are people now on staff who have talents, such as people on staff who are masons who can rebuild storm basins. He said that the Garfield DPW is as good as other towns. He said that when a municipality has a park or open land, sometimes people dump stuff and it is deplorable and horrible and it needs to be corrected. He said that he appreciates everything Carol Koshig says and he does miss the comments of Judy Fraser who presented everything in a professional manner and called out the City Council when the Council needed to be called out. He said that people should not give up on the City of Garfield. He said that Garfield is a densely populated municipality. He spoke on how Garfield gives violations to the landlord rather than the tenants. He said that he thought that the Memorial Day Parade was very well done. He complimented the Events Committee. He said that the day of the Parade was a great day even though it rained earlier in the day. He said that it was a great decision to delay the start of the Parade to keep Garfield's commitment to its Veterans. He said that that is what it is all about, not about the shopping and the sales and the parties and the barbecues. He said that in his heart, it is all about repaying our Veterans, and repaying those who have made sacrifices or lost their lives for this country. He said that we can never do enough for the soldiers who have passed, or the soldiers who are still serving. He spoke on the need to address the Lizette Street Playground. He spoke on his request to identify cuts that the School Board made in the defeated 2018-2019 School Board Budget.

Mayor Rigogliogo spoke on the ordinance to allow Laundromats to be open on Sunday, and that the last load of laundry has to be in by 10:00 PM. He said that the City Council will look to make additional amendments to the Laundromat Ordinance. He said that he was at the Hobart Place Playground yesterday and he said that he is there every day and that he did not see any box or any bags of garbage. He said that he knows that the road has been worked on. He said that he is in that area constantly and he looks for anything that is out of the ordinary. He said that the Garfield DPW does a great job. He spoke on how they planned and got ready all week for Memorial Day by taking care of the parks, and the streets. He spoke on his desire to Redevelop the Passaic Street area. He spoke on people needing to take ownership and make long-term commitments to Garfield. He spoke on how there are only 3 municipalities in New Jersey and 72 in the entire country who are working to make their town an Age-Friendly Community, including Garfield, thanks in part to the Community Policing Division of the Garfield Police Department. He thanked them for their efforts to make Garfield safer by improving the crosswalks, fixing the sidewalks, enforcing speed limits, creating a better Senior Center, working with the public Library to get information out, starting a community calendar, and other efforts, which are some of the things they are doing to make Garfield "Age-Friendly" for the City's senior population. He spoke on the recent events held during the past few weeks, including the Memorial Service for deceased Garfield Police Officers. He spoke on the Buddhist Meditation Center on Semel Avenue celebrating Buddha's Birthday last week. He spoke on the services they make available to the public including free yoga meditation every Tuesday and Thursday. He spoke on the recent event held by the Garfield Women's Club. He spoke on the Second Annual Mud Run which was held in Twentieth Century Field. He spoke on the Memorial Day Parade held this past Sunday. He complimented the Garfield DPW, the Garfield Police, and the VFW. He said that the Parade turned out great and that there was a great turnout despite the rain in the morning. He spoke on the upcoming Street Fair being planned for later this year and the Independence Day Fireworks scheduled to be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, weather permitting. He spoke on the Garfield YMCA planning to hold its annual "Movies Under the Stars" in June. He said that there is a lot going on in Garfield and that there is a lot of optimism going on in this town.

Councilmember Calandriello spoke on the diagrams of what a Committee has come up with in regard to suggestions for improvements to Columbus Park, including proposing basketball and tennis courts, a walking or bicycle track, a soccer field, a band shell or amphitheater, and other ideas. He said that it is a work in progress, the Committee is still having their meetings and he thanked them for their efforts.

Regular Meeting May 29, 2018, Continued

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Aloia moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Erin Delaney and Joseph Delaney

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK