

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:15 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, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso
Councilmembers Absent: Erin N. Delaney
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and City Attorney Robert Ferraro

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Paving issues on Midland Avenue.
2. The proposed Resolution to award a contract to Gannett Fleming for the Passaic Street Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Streetscape and Pedestrian Safety Project.
3. The Gala for the Hispanic Alliance of Garfield to be held on October 9, 2019.
4. VFW Post No. 2867 Casino Night to be held on September 6, 2019.

ARRIVAL OF CITY ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 6:20 PM, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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5. The Bergen County Open Space meeting scheduled to be held Thursday August 15th at 7:45 PM.
6. The cost to purchase new recycling barrels is \$373,800.
7. The official notification he received from the State regarding the \$500,000 grant for Bikeway Path River Walk Phase II from Monroe Street to Passaic Street.
8. Proposed vendors for the washing of City Vehicles.
9. The Meals with a Mission Golf Outing.
10. The proposed resolution concerning differential pay regarding the military.

ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:30 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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11. The notice that was received regarding National Transfer, Inc., the Solid Waste Transfer Station in Lodi.
12. The proposed Resolution regarding the Hackensack University Medical Center Intern Program.

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13. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 2020 Local Freight Income Fund Grant that may be applied to Atlantic Street.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER ERIN DELANEY AND
INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 6:35 PM, Councilmember Erin N. Delaney and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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14. The numerous complaints regarding feral cats that was made by Tom Lopes of Mac Arthur Avenue and handled by City Health Specialist Halina Dabrowska.
15. The complaints that were received regarding the condition of the Schley Street steps by a resident near Cedar Street.
16. The proposed review of the various subsidies made by the City to various City organizations.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated August 13, 2019.

PROPOSED MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the proposed rescinding of Ordinance No. 2774 which was adopted February 27, 2018 and which prohibits the sale of marijuana in any Zoning District in the City of Garfield.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 19-220

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 7:15 P.M. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 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; (proposed resolution re: settlement of White Collar Collective Bargaining Agreement).
- * Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed City acquisition of the "Skultety Property" located at 649-651 River Drive and proposed monitoring well on the "Skultety Property" in connection with alleged Presto Lock contamination at or near 70 Outwater Lane; appraisals submitted for grants re: land acquisition in the Riverfront Park).
- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Humane Animal Control Officer Philip Amato meeting with Governing Body re: carrying a gun while on duty).

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- * 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; (Municipal Court Employee Kennia Jiminian acquiring her Registered Municipal Court Administrator Certificate for consideration as Deputy Court Administrator; proposed appointment of two Police Captains and one Police Lieutenant; proposed salary ordinance to permit overtime for DPW Supervisors).

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

ARRIVAL AND EXIT OF HUMANE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AMATO

At 7:30 PM, Humane Animal Control Officer Philip Amato joined the Work Session during Closed Session. At 7:50 PM, Humane Animal Control Officer Amato left the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Joseph 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 on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 8:30 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

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

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Robert Ferraro and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

MINUTES

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

Work	Session	-	June	11,	2019
Regular	Meeting	-	June	11,	2019
Work	Session	-	June	25,	2019
Regular	Meeting	-	June	25,	2019
Work	Session	-	July	9,	2019
Regular	Meeting	-	July	9,	2019

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-221

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (hereafter the “City”) and The United Public Service Employees Union (hereafter the “UPSEU”) have entered into collective negotiations pursuant to the requirements of the Public Employers and Employees Act, N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1, as required pursuant to the terms of the expiring collective bargaining agreement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the UPSEU and the City have completed negotiations on economic issues and have set forth the terms of their agreement in an Agreement, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement in the form attached has been approved by the UPSEU subject to final ratification by the members of the UPSEU and is now presented to the City for its formal approval; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement reflects the terms and conditions negotiated between the City and the UPSEU;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garfield approves the form of the Agreement between the City of Garfield and The United Public Service Employees Union concerning the terms and conditions of employment of the persons covered under the Agreement for the period of time beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2022 in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, the City Manager and the City Clerk are likewise authorized to sign and to attest such form of Collective Bargaining Agreement as annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall be countersigned by the Mayor of the City of Garfield and the Clerk of the City of Garfield, and the seal of the City affixed thereto as evidence of the City's approval;

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 19-222

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Hayley M. Meola of 427 Grace Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective May 2, 2019.

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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-223

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Gary Nattiello of 45 Farnham Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective June 5, 2019,

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. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-224

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Cesar Reyes of 271 Hope Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 as a regular member, effective June 5, 2019,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey 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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-225

WHEREAS, Katarzyna Rozmus, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Third Alternate pursuant to Resolution No. 17-442, adopted by the City Council at a Regular Meeting held December 19, 2017, and

WHEREAS, her term of office expired January 1, 2019,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Katarzyna Rozmus of 166 Ray Street is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Third Alternate Member, effective January 1, 2019, to succeed herself, for a full two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-226

WHEREAS, Joanne M. Schielzo, 207 Cambridge Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1751196, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

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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 west curb line of Cambridge Avenue commencing 164 feet south of the intersection of Cambridge Avenue and VanWinkle Avenue and run an additional 20 feet south 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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-227

WHEREAS, Jack VanWycke, 183 Botany Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P969466, 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 Botany Street commencing 55 feet west of the intersection of Botany Street and Spring Street 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) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-228

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Vehicle Sales Business for the year 2019 described in application, duly filed:

A&C Auto Inc.	\$ 365.00
740 River Drive	
Garfield, New Jersey 07026	
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	\$ 365.00

On call of roll, Ayes 4, Nays 1 -
Councilmember Joseph Delaney

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-229

WHEREAS the City of Garfield will be hosting a Street Fair on Sunday, September 29, 2019;
WHEREAS the Street Fair will be located on Midland Avenue between Outwater Lane and Elizabeth Street;
WHEREAS the Garfield Police Department recommends that, on the above mentioned date, the City shall close the portion Midland Avenue between Outwater Lane and Elizabeth Street;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the Garfield Police Department to close the portion of Midland Avenue, between Outwater Lane and Elizabeth Street on September 29, 2019.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-230

WHEREAS the City of Garfield will be hosting a Street Fair on September 29, 2019;
WHEREAS the Street Fair will be located on Midland Avenue between Outwater Lane and Elizabeth Street;

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WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that specialty and mobile food vendors would greatly enhance the Street Fair; and

WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that all specialty and mobile food vendors should be issued a one day Street Fir License; and

WHEREAS the Health Inspector has advised that all vendors must comply with the current Municipal and County Health Code requirements prior to any mobile food vendor being granted a one day license to participate in the Street Fair; and

WHEREAS the Health Department requirements are as follows:

- o Health inspection report for the mobile food truck from the Municipality the truck is currently licensed;
- o A copy of the vehicle registration;
- o Fee of \$50.00; completion of "Application for Temporary Mobile Food Handler Permit" attached hereto.

The above listed items are to be submitted first to Thomas Duch, City Manager c/o Andrew Pavlica, City Clerk, who will submit the approved application to the Garfield Health Department, 60 Elizabeth Street, Garfield, New Jersey in order to obtain the Permit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter and issue one day food vendor license to any entity who meets the criteria noted herein as established by the Health Department.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-231

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Midland Avenue Curbing and Sidewalk Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Garfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Mayor and Council are desirous of replacing curbs and sidewalks along Midland Avenue between Outwater Lane and Elizabeth Street;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Midland Avenue Curbing and Sidewalk -00465 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Garfield for replacing curbs, sidewalks, and ADA ramps along Midland Avenue between Outwater Lane and Elizabeth Street;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Garfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-232

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Monroe Street Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Garfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Mayor and Council are desirous of resurfacing Monroe Street between River Drive and Midland Avenue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as [MA-2020-Monroe Street Improvements-00563](#) to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Garfield for resurfacing Monroe Street between River Drive and Midland Avenue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Garfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTIONS

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-233

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AUTHORIZING DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT OF MILITARY LEAVE BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD OR OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES RESERVES WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council feel that it is in the best interest for the City of Garfield to pay the employees, who have been employed for at least one year by the City of Garfield, and who have deployed for Military Services for over the 90-day period in the case of a member of the New Jersey National Guard, and for over a 30-day period in the case of a member of the United States Armed Services Reserves, to be paid a differential pay between the Military pay that they are receiving and their salary with the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield wishes to show its support to all such employees who voluntarily or involuntarily enter active duty, and are deployed for over 30 days for members of the New Jersey National Guard and for over 90 days for members of the United States Armed Services Reserves, and not have them have a hardship because the military pay is lower than their salaries with the City of Garfield,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that it hereby authorizes payment of differential salary to all City employees, who have been employed by the City of Garfield for at least one year, and who have been called to active duty, after the applicable 30 day period for members of the United States Armed Services Reserves or 90 day period for members of the New Jersey National Guard, per calendar year, as required by law to have been paid.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-234

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, BY AND ON BEHALF OF, HACKENSACK MERIDIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS Seton Hall University M.D. Program has a Doctor of Medicine curriculum;
WHEREAS field work experience is a required and integral component of the M.D. Program;
WHEREAS the M.D. program desires the cooperation of the Garfield Health Department in the development and implementation of the field work experience phase of its curriculum;

WHEREAS this Clinical Affiliation Agreement shall be at no cost to the City of Garfield;
WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into a three (3) year Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Seton Hall University, by and on Behalf Of, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into a three (3) year Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Seton Hall University, by and on Behalf of, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University, whereby the Garfield Health Department will assist in the development and implementation of the field work experience phase of its curriculum.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-235

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERMANENT TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR WELL 1A

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has secured approvals to install a permanent water treatment system at Well 1A, and;

WHEREAS, additional inspection services are required to complete the project

RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED the City Engineer is hereby authorized to perform the additional services for a fee not to exceed \$10,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-236

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PERFORM ADDITONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERMANENT TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR WELL 8C

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has secured approvals to operate a temporary treatment system at Well 8C, and;

WHEREAS, this temporary system may remain operational for a maximum period of 24 months while a permanent system can be designed, permitted, installed and activated, and;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer was directed to prepare detailed plans and specifications to secure permits and approvals for the permanent system, and;

WHEREAS, additional services are required to provide the detailed submission to NJDEP

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Engineer is hereby authorized to perform the additional services for a fee not to exceed \$30,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-237

A RESOLTUION AUTHORIZING THE BIDDING OF THE GARFIELD WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE I

BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer and City Clerk are hereby authorized to bid the Garfield Water Meter Replacement Program – Phase I.

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

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-238

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STREETScape & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT (PHASE I)

FEDERAL PROJECT NO. TAP-0401(300)CON

WHEREAS the City of Garfield has requested proposals for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for the Garfield Neighborhood Revitalization Streetscape & Pedestrian Safety Project (Phase I), which proposals were due on February 26, 2019; and,

WHEREAS only one proposal was received by the City; and,

WHEREAS it has been determined that the Consultant who submitted the proposal has failed to provide the required proof and documentation that they are an NJ DOT approved consultant, as was required in the Request for Proposals and therefore the proposal was rejected by the Mayor and Council; and,

WHEREAS the City of Garfield requested proposals for a second time, which proposals were due on July 2, 2019; and,

WHEREAS no proposals were received by the City of Garfield: and,

WHEREAS the City of Garfield has requested proposals for a third time, which proposals were due August 6, 2019; and,

WHEREAS the City has received two (2) proposals foe the requested services; and,

WHEREAS the proposals have been reviewed by a Committee comprised of the City Manager, City Clerk and City Engineer's office on a Qualifications Based Selection process as required for this Federally funded project; and,

WHEREAS Gannett Fleming, Piscataway, New Jersey achieved the higher ranking of the two firms which submitted proposals; and,

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS the review committee has determined the proposal from Gannett Fleming was complete and responsive to the Request for Proposals; and,
 WHEREAS the City Engineer contacted Gannett Fleming and negotiated a lower contract amount based on a reduction of the anticipated man hours necessary to successfully complete this project; and,
 WHEREAS the review Committee has recommended to the Mayor and Council a contract be entered into with Gannett Fleming to provide the requested Construction Engineering and Inspection services for this project, based on the revised proposal dated August 12, 2019;
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Contract for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Garfield Neighborhood Streetscape & Pedestrian Safety Project (Phase I) Federal Project No. TAP-0401(300)CON, is hereby awarded to Gannett Fleming in accordance with their original proposal dated August 6, 2019 as revised on August 12, 2019.

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-239
 WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Overpayment of Tax Court Judgment allowed 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
16	6	Janata, LaCap & Hazen, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff	TCJ	\$ 2,522.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-240
 WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Overpayment of Tax Court Judgment allowed 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
16	6	Janata, LaCap & Hazen, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff	TCJ	\$ 3,856.50

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-241
 WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Overpayment of Tax Court Judgment allowed 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 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
83	5	McKurdy, Riskin, Olson & DellaPelle P.C.	TCJ	\$ 3,558.53

On call of roll, Ayes 5 (Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
 Frank J. Calandriello

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-242

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Overpayment of Tax Court Judgment allowed 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 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
83	5	McKurdy, Riskin, Olson & DellaPelle P.C.	TCJ	\$ 6,463.28

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-243

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer, and the City Treasurer have identified (1) check that was processed for deposit and;

Whereas, a check identified as Jose Gonzalez Jr. & Karen Rivera, Check #303 in the amount of \$50.00 has bounced and;

Whereas, a replacement check has not been issued and it is desirous for the treasurer to remove as outstanding deposit and;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Department of Public Works, CFO, and Treasurer are hereby authorized to remove from the bank reconciliation said bad check and also to remove an aggregate amount of \$50.00 from the deposit portion of the bank reconciliation identified as Spencer Savings Bank, Current Account #800741811.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-244

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer, and the City Treasurer have identified (1) check that was processed for deposit and;

Whereas, a check identified as Carmen M. Rodriguez, Check #1001 in the amount of \$50.00 has bounced and;

Whereas, a replacement check has not been issued and it is desirous for the treasurer to remove as outstanding deposit and;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Department of Public Works, CFO, and Treasurer are hereby authorized to remove from the bank reconciliation said bad check and also to remove an aggregate amount of \$50.00 from the deposit portion of the bank reconciliation identified as Spencer Savings Bank, Current Account #800741811.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No. 19-245

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garfield authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Garfield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the duration of the contracts between the City of Garfield and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Frank J. Calandriello

Resolution No 19-246

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING TO ASSESS AN AREA OF CONCERN NOTED AND REPORTED TO NJDEP AT 649-651 RIVER DRIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is in negotiations to acquire 649-651River Drive (Block 110-01, Lot 64.02 & 66), and;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to conduct additional environmental testing as part of their due diligence prior to proceeding further with this transaction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Engineer is hereby authorized to perform additional testing in order to assess the impacts of a currently open Environmental Area of concern as reported to NJDEP for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 19-247

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2186 to 2194 covering Dog Trust Fund and Community Policing Trust Fund and Dedicated Penalty Trust Fire Dept totaling \$81,665.65 and the Trust Other totaling \$87,424.00 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$101.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,709,057.85 and the Water Fund totaling \$880,495.14 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$840,350.65 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$220,822.96 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 seven (47) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following pages numbered _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

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Ordinance No. 2816

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2019; 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 99-100 PASSAIC STREET WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

Ms. Dolores Capizzi, 107 Midland Avenue, spoke on the Planning Board Resolution endorsing this Redevelopment Ordinance and the way it was memorialized at the most recent Planning Board Meeting. She spoke on the Planning Board Agenda of that meeting. She claimed that the Planning Board Resolution was memorialized at the Work Session of the Planning Board, rather than at their Regular Meeting. She asked that the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment mentioned in this Ordinance not be a high rise building. She questioned why a “high density developer” was chosen for this project instead of other developers, and she spoke on the negative affect on the neighborhood if this “Passaic Street High Rise Project” is a failure.

Mr. James Farias, 58 Somerset Street, asked if anyone on the City Council would want a six story building in their front yard or back yard. He said that the project will bring more traffic to the neighborhood. He spoke on the need for more police officers due to the Project. He said that he is fine with three story buildings, but not six story buildings in the neighborhood. He said that there are a lot more people who would be at this meeting who cannot attend because they are working and have kids and families.

Mr. William Polcari, 5 Emanuel Place, spoke on the proposed apartments being luxury apartments and how that was supposed to be the case in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey and the apartments allegedly became filled with low-income people. He said that the idea behind this Project might be good if it was toned down below 100 units and he questioned where people would park their cars. He questioned if upper mobile clientele would be attracted to the Project considering how close the train tracks are to the Project.

Monsignor William Reilly, 99 Marsellus Place, the Pastor of Most Holy Name Roman Catholic Church, spoke on how people are constantly driving and walking up and down Passaic Street, in contrast to those who say people do not do that. He said that people need to open their eyes to see that it is not what you think it is, it is what it really is. He questioned how many parking spaces are there on Passaic Street between Marsellus Place and the Railroad Trestle. He said that there are apartment houses, homes, and there are only sixteen parking spaces, including on the west side of Midland Avenue. He said that this proposal says that each dwelling unit would be entitled to one parking space. He questioned if people believe that those who would be residents would have only one car. He said that the City Parking Permit Program allows up to five vehicles per residence and he questioned where they are going to be located. He said that this Project is a “pie-in-the-sky” and it is a dream and it is not real. He said that it is offensive to those who live in the area and want to save “South Garfield”. He said that there is no need for apartments of that size. He said that he once lived on the ninth floor of a housing project in Newark, New Jersey for nine years. He said that he knows what high rises are like and what they produce. He said that this Project is somewhat different since it is trying to attract people who would want to commute to jobs in New York City as opposed to those who are already here. He spoke on sixteen parking spaces and three intersections on Passaic Street between Midland Avenue, the railroad and Marsellus Place, and he questioned how people are going to live. He said that he has been in Garfield for eighteen years and his problem has been parking lots between schools, his parishioners being ticketed for where they park, and now this proposal. He asked that the Mayor and City Council think about the negative effects

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that this proposal would have on the community. He asked the Council to care for those who are already here, rather than those who we do not even know who they are, because they have not moved into the community, yet.

Mr. Michael Denistran, 104 Palisade Avenue, said that this Project is not “common sense”. He spoke on how Allendale, New Jersey, wanted to put up a three story building near a train station. He said that Allendale Fire Officials came to the aid of the people because the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Officials said that that project did not have enough square footage to put a fire lane around the building. He said that the proposed Passaic Street Project is by-passing safety and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He said that Wyckoff, New Jersey uses common sense and does not put up three to six story buildings. He said that this Project is all about greed and how much money can be brought into town. He said that this is not about what the neighborhood wants. He spoke on how this Project will affect traffic and the infrastructure. He spoke on how freight trains travel through the area and how this Project is putting people in close proximity to danger. He asked the City Council to not to vote for this.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, said that people are not in favor of this Project. She said that it is a heavily populated area that is very dense. She said that Redevelopment is a good thing but you have to be careful where you put it. She spoke on the “Sketchy Property/Schley Crossing” Redevelopment at the south end of Walnut Street. She spoke on how that project was supposed to be like a “Transit Community” and people would take the train from the Plauderville Train Station to New York City and how that was not happening and people were not walking to the Train Station. She said that the same thing would happen with this proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment. She questioned who would pay \$2,000 a month in rent to live on Passaic Street and open up their windows and smell the Solid Waste Transfer Station at 19-35 Atlantic Street in the Summer. She said that that is a disgrace and not a good location. She said that there are other places where Redevelopment could be done, but not in that area of Passaic Street. She spoke on the need to speak to the people and to hear their concerns. She said that this Project is the wrong thing to do and she encourage the Mayor and City Council to not to vote in favor of it tonight.

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, spoke on the Mayor claiming that he had meetings with area residents, including different groups. She said that if this proposal was presented in any other town, this would have been defeated at the onset. She said that she knows that there will be other opportunities for the public to speak but she said that she is losing faith because “no one is listening” now, and she questioned why would anyone listen to the citizens later on. She said that this is the time to reject the plan, not at another meeting. She said that this plan should have gone through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She said that no one is explaining the future that is planned for Passaic Street and the rest of Garfield. She said that she has not heard anyone say that they do not want change. She said that people want change if it is done the right way. She said that 105 dwelling units on one half acre of land is not the right way. She spoke on an Elementary School being one block away from the Project and she has not heard any concerns that there is a School nearby on a major street such as Passaic Street with a lot of traffic. She said that this Project will bring in 105 to possibly 210 cars to the neighborhood with an Elementary School less than one block away. She repeated that this is not being done the right way. She agrees with the Mayor’s vision for Garfield to build a better community. She said that a community is built with neighborhoods and ownership, not rentals.

Mr. Jesus Rodriquez, 149 Midland Avenue, spoke on parking in the area. He spoke on Abraham Lincoln School No. Six and James Madison School No. Ten being in the area. He spoke on the Solid Waste Transfer Station at 19-35 Atlantic Street being in the area. He spoke on how the Transfer Station should be condemned for Redevelopment. He said that there are too many people on Passaic Street and not enough parking.

Ms. Maryann Waxmonsky, 206 Spencer Place, questioned where people are going to park. She said that people will park on Spencer Place. She said that the area is too congested. She said that when she comes home from work at night, she sometimes has to park two blocks away from her home. She said that no one in the area is against Redevelopment. She said that people are life-long

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residents in the area, who do not intend to move out, but they will be forced to move out. She advocated that the City Council do something, but do the right thing for the people who live there, who have given everything to the City their whole lives.

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 Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Nays 2 -
Councilmembers Aloia and Calandriello

Ordinance No. 2817

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2019; 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 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

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 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 Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2818

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2019; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, 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 \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR 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.

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

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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 Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2819

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2019; 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 201-20 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED, "RECEPTACLES FOR LITTER", AND CHAPTER 201-21 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED, "ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS"

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

Ms. Jennifer Lopez, 128 Willard Street, asked questions relating to the proposed 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 Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2820

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 13, 2019; 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 CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 239 OF THE GARFIELD CITY CODE, TO BE ENTITLED "PLASTIC BAG AND STRAW REGULATIONS"

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

Mr. Edward Devine, 159 Market Street, said that he would also like Styrofoam banned from the City.

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 Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, spoke on how Councilmembers need to be able to handle criticism. She spoke on the Schley Crossing Redevelopment Project at the south end of Walnut Street and she said that it was beautiful and cannot compare with the proposed Redevelopment Project at 99 Passaic Street and 100 Passaic Street. She said that there will be a traffic problem on Passaic Street because of the proposed Project. She complained that all questions were not answered during the Public Hearing of tonight's Redevelopment Ordinance. She spoke on the number of residential units she can fit on her property on Spring Street if the same density was applied to her property of the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment. She complimented the appearance of an apartment building being constructed near the intersection of Monroe Street and Pierre Avenue. She spoke on the Head Start Program at 535 Midland Avenue.

EXIT OF DEPUTY MAYOR JOSEPH DELANEY

At 9:45 PM, Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney left the meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

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Ms. Mariggi Lopez, 354 Semel Avenue, spoke on Hispanic Heritage Month being commemorated from September 15th to October 15th. She spoke on the Hispanic Alliance of Garfield holding their annual Gala on Wednesday, October 9th at the Royal Manor Restaurant at 454 Midland Avenue at which Councilmember Louis Aloia, Board of Education Member Dr. Kenneth Conte, Police Sergeant Francisco Sanchez, Garfield Teacher Andrea Espinosa and Luis "Papo" Corniel will be publicly recognized and honored. She spoke on Garfield High School Student Ashley Costile being presented a Miss Dominican Republic Award.

Ms. Dolores Capizzi, 107 Midland Avenue, claimed that her cooking pots were stained after Garfield tap water was boiled in her pots for tea. She displayed her pots. She spoke on her request for a streetlight at the dead end of Hepworth Place by the train tracks. She complained that New Jersey Transit Railroad was not keeping their property clean. She complained about groundhogs and rats on the railroad property. She complained about broken railroad ties. She spoke on the need for streets to be repaired. She spoke on the need to serve the people. She spoke on a tradition of service and on the need to listen to the people.

Ms. Tracy Dolci, 561 Midland Avenue, spoke on her son going to the polls to vote on Election Day and being told he had applied for an absentee/vote by mail ballot when he did not request one.

Mr. Sal D'Angelo, 22 Cherry Street, complained about high grass and abandoned cars at a property located at 116 Farnham Avenue. He complained about parking in Garfield.

Ms. Rose Ratkowski, 476 Harrison Avenue, Lodi, spoke on the fatal car accident that happened recently in front of her home and she complained about speeding on Harrison Avenue.

Ms. Laurie Calvert, 54 Belmont Avenue, complained that Harrison Avenue is a speedway. She proposed better Police enforcement of speeding and traffic laws in the area.

Mr. Edward Devine, 159 Market Street, complimented the new City Website. He spoke about time limits for speakers. He spoke on the treatment of a speaker regarding the proposed Redevelopment on Passaic Street. He spoke on the need to address Fleischer's Brook and the debate over whether maintenance and repairs of culverts and bridges over the brook are the responsibility of the County or the City. He spoke on the Riverfront Park. He spoke on the damage to the dead end of Morris Avenue. He spoke on the need for bigger signs that say, "Do Not Block Driveway" and "Do Not Block Intersection" at the intersection of Outwater Lane and Jewell Street. He complained about the outdoor storage of tractor trailer trucks on a property at the intersection of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane. He spoke on the need for a plaque on the statue of General Casimir Pulaski in the Riverfront Park near the intersection of River Drive and Ann Street to identify who it is a statue of. He questioned whatever happened to the money that was donated for a plaque. He complained about the Municipal Court Judge imposing what he claimed were insufficient fines to

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those found guilty of owning illegal apartments. He complained about the water control system that is used for the in ground sprinkler system for the Riverfront Park. He said that it appears that someone is making adjustments to the system because the cover was not placed back over the system and he claimed that valves, hoses and gauges are exposed to the elements.

Mr. Jennifer Lopez, 128 Willard Street, complained about traffic and speeders near the intersection of Willard Street and Pierre Avenue and she requested speed bumps in the area.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, complained about the performance of the City Health Inspector, Halina Dabrowska, and her claim that someone was cited by her for owning a cat and a dog, when they do not own a pet. She spoke on the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation. She spoke on the Trap, Neuter and Release Program regarding feral cats. She claimed that people who live in the City of Passaic are voting in the City of Garfield.

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, complained about Garfield City Council Meetings not being regularly broadcast on Cable TV on public access Channel 77. She spoke on Garfield receiving Franchise Fees from Cable TV providers and utilities. She spoke on City Council Meetings being available for viewing on the City Website but she claimed that citizens do not have access to it because they do not have technology in their homes. She spoke on people who do not have the Internet in their homes. She questioned when all the information would be migrated from the old City Website to the new City Website. She spoke on the Head Start Program administered by the Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership. She questioned if there is a conflict of interest if Greater Bergen is also the developer of the proposed Redevelopment at 99 Passaic Street and 100 Passaic Street. She said that it is unsettling.

Mr. Edward Devine, 159 Passaic Street, spoke on the need for Council Meetings to be broadcast on Cablevision Channel 77. He asked questions on proposed meetings with the Board of Education to cause this to happen. He spoke on the cable TV line to the High School at 500 Palisade Avenue and on a proposed cable TV line to City Hall for approximately \$10,000. He spoke on allocations in the City Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

City Manager Duch answered questions and explained issues that were raised by the public this evening.

Councilmember Aloia spoke on the completion of the “Dog Park” in the Hobart Place Playground. He said that the members of the Department of Public Works, Rick Cangialosi and Animal Control Humane Officer Phil Amato deserve a notable thank you for all the effort they have put in because it was a lot of work. He spoke on the cost for the acquisition of a Fire Truck and said that the cost of human life is more expensive, as would be lawsuits. He spoke on the quality of City Water. He spoke on people not utilizing available garbage cans. He spoke on litter. He spoke on flooding issues near the Head Start School at 535 Midland Avenue. He spoke on what caused years of delays for the Schley Crossing Redevelopment Project at the south end of Walnut Street, including the “Great Recession” of 2008. He spoke on people allegedly voting fraudulently. He publicly thanked the Hispanic Alliance of Garfield for honoring him at a Gala on October 9th.

Councilmember Calandriello said that when he was on the Planning Board that whatever they voted upon, including Resolutions, were voted upon at the Regular Public Meetings, not during the Work Sessions. He said that it is the right thing to do, especially when it is a controversial item. He spoke on Cablevision and Verizon airing Garfield City Council Meetings. He said that his goal is to have a Cable TV feed at both the High School and City Hall. He said that there is money in the City Budget to spend about \$10,000 to establish a Cable TV feed to City Hall. He spoke on the Franchise Fees that the City has received over the years from Cable TV and other utilities. He spoke the vote that took place recently that was not successful in allocating \$10,000 for a Cable TV feed to City Hall. He spoke on the need for addressing the area around Fleischer’s Brook. He

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spoke on the Redevelopment Projects at 950 River Drive, at 174 Passaic Street, and at Outwater Lane and River Drive, which he called "Smart Redevelopment". He said that in the past, if there was opposition to a Redevelopment Proposal like there is, in regard to the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment, City Officials would pause to reconsider the Proposal. He said that he does not work for redevelopers, he works for the residents. He said that Redevelopers have a vision for dollars. He said that his vision is for quality of life and doing the right thing for this town. He spoke on fines levied for illegal apartments and how the City Council cannot interfere with the Municipal Court. He spoke on Property Maintenance issues on Farnham Avenue. He spoke on Absentee/Vote by Mail Ballots. He spoke on the format of Council Meetings. He spoke on "free rent" to Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership and he asked for a written legal opinion on if there is a conflict of interest regarding Greater Bergen being a Redeveloper. He spoke on the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment having an exceptional number of units. He spoke on the Schley Crossing Redevelopment being 75 units on 2.14 acres with 146 parking spots. He said that the property is now for sale. He said that this Project was better than the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment. He said that it has been said that certain Councilmembers did not want this Schley Crossing Redevelopment, but that was not the case. He spoke on negotiating for a good Redevelopment at that site. He spoke on certain Councilmembers proposing eliminating the Garfield Redevelopment Agency. He spoke on a proposed merger of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He said that he wants what is right for the City of Garfield. He said that the Garfield Redevelopment Agency carried the City through the Great Recession. He spoke on "Smart Redevelopment". He spoke on Redevelopment at the old "Garden State Paper" site at 950 River Drive contributing over \$2 million for a new City Police Station and the Redevelopment at the "Vornado" site at 174 Passaic Street contributing about \$750,000 for infrastructure and City Hall improvements. He spoke on "Smart Redevelopment" being the "Right Redevelopment". He congratulated the Hispanic Alliance of Garfield for honoring Councilmember Louis Aloia. He congratulated the Police Department for running a successful "National Night Out" event at Twentieth Century Field on Tuesday, August 6th. He said that it was well-attended. He spoke on the Garfield Junior Boilermakers starting up and preparing for another football season again.

Councilmember Erin Delaney congratulated all the honorees regarding the Gala to be held by the Hispanic Alliance of Garfield. She spoke on Planning Board Resolutions being memorialized at a Work Session. She spoke on pots being stained after boiling water. She spoke on voter fraud and Absentee/Vote by Mail Ballots. She spoke on illegal apartments and fines imposed by the Court. She spoke on setting up meetings with the Board of Education regarding the Cable TV feed to the High School and paying for a Cable TV feed to City Hall. She spoke on the Festiva Italiana being conducted by Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church from Thursday, August 15th to Sunday, August 18th. She spoke on the Summer Concert scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 21st, and on Garfield Restaurant Week to be held from Sunday, August 18th to Thursday, August 22nd. She spoke on the Resolution adopted this evening concerning the Clinical Agreement with Seton Hall University. She spoke on the City Street Fair scheduled to be held Sunday, September 29th. She spoke on how successful National Night out was on Tuesday, August 6th at Twentieth Century Field. She congratulated Fire Company No. One on their new Firetruck which will be purchased in the near future.

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on Health Department inspections at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 19-35 Atlantic Street. He spoke on stepped up enforcement regarding alleged speeding on Harrison Avenue and on other streets in town. He spoke on the Head Start Program that is run by Great Bergen Community Action Partnership. He spoke on Greater Bergen's role in the Passaic Street Redevelopment. He congratulated the honorees of the Gala to be hosted by the Hispanic Alliance of Garfield. He spoke on the Multi-Cultural Festival hosted by Friendship Baptist Church located on Gaston Avenue. He spoke on a new Church in town on Midland Avenue called, "Change Makers". He spoke on "My Doc" which is a new medical clinic at 174 Passaic Street. He spoke on "New Jersey Sugar-Free" which is an initiative, and a 501 C3 Organization, which goes around New Jersey trying to change the unhealthy drinking habits of students. He said that they would like Garfield to be the first town in Bergen County to change beverages in soda machines and give them healthier choices.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 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

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK