

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:50 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, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso
Councilmembers Absent: Frank J. Calandriello
Also Present: City Clerk/Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative John Ferraro (for City Attorney Robert Ferraro), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Clerk/ Deputy City Manager Andrew J. Pavlica reported on the following:

1. The proposed Capital Ordinance in the amount of \$1,200,000 regarding Phase I of the Water Meter Replacement Program.
2. The Police Department Swearing-In Ceremony scheduled to be held at the Council meeting to be held on September 10, 2019.
3. The Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield crosswalk request which is being processed by the Police Department Traffic Division.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reported on the following:

1. Financial Assistance for various organizations.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The written Report of the City Engineer dated August 27, 2019.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER CALANDRIELLO

At 7:00 PM, Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney reported on the following:

1. The proposed ordinance requiring new Construction Projects such as Redevelopment Projects, be responsible for off-street parking.
2. The Green Initiative joint session with Elmwood Park and Garfield scheduled to be held September 27, 2019.

PROPOSED GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT

The City Council and Cabinet met with the following School Officials regarding the proposed Garfield High School Athletic Complex Improvement and possible funding through the Bergen County Improvement Authority: Superintendent of Schools Anna Sciacca, School Business Administrator Dr. Giovanni Cusmano, Garfield High School Principal Dora D'Amico, Garfield High School Athletic Director Michael Alfonso and Board of Education Member Angel Quilles.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello 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 27, 2019 at 8:10 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

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

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

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Representative John Ferraro (for City Attorney Robert Ferraro), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

FACSIMILE CHECK PRESENTATION

Bergen County Freeholder Chairwoman Germaine Ortiz presented to City Officials an oversized facsimile check in the amount of \$515,000 from Bergen County Open Space Trust for Phase II of the River Walk Park.

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 Erin N. Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 8:25 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Regular Meeting. It was duly noted for the record.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-248

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 advises that Wayne Bartholomew of 351 Boulevard, Passaic, New Jersey 07055, has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 1 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-249

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 advises that Joseph Luterzo Jr. of 37 Spencer Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07055, has served as an active member of the Garfield Fire Department for a period of seven years and recommend that he be granted an exemption, and

WHEREAS, the records in the City Clerk's Office indicate that he has served for a period of seven years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the recommendation of Fire Company No. 1 is hereby approved and that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue an Exempt Firemen's Certificate to the above named individual.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-250

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Alba Rodriguez Toribio of 12 Willard Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective August 15, 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
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-251

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Johnny Joel Ducos of 20 Ascension Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 as a regular member, effective August 15, 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
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-252

WHEREAS, Cornelia J. Capers, 24 Farnham Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2117097, 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 south curb line of Farnham Avenue commencing 290 feet east of the intersection of Farnham Avenue and MacArthur Avenue and run an additional 20 feet east from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-253

WHEREAS, Sobeida Camacho, 6 Somerset Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2117125, 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 south curb line of Somerset Street commencing 54 feet east of the intersection of Somerset Street and River Drive and run an additional 20 feet east from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-254

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND ANALYTICAL TESTING IN CONNECTION WITH THE REMOVAL OF A RAILROAD SIDING AT HOBART PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield acquired a former railroad siding traveling immediately adjacent to Hobart Park, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desired to redevelop the former railroad siding into a walking trail, connecting to another trail, across Marsellus Place to the north, and;

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WHEREAS, a contractor (RFC Excavating) was hired to remove the railroad tracks and ties, grade the site and cover the path with wood mulch, and;

WHEREAS, sampling and laboratory testing prior to the work identified soil contaminants commonly associated with railroad tracks, namely polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and metals, present above New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Soil Remediation Standards, and;

WHEREAS, due to the contaminants present, the NJDEP requires specific investigation and reporting, ultimately resulting in a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) issuing a Response Action Outcome (RAO) for the site, and;

WHEREAS, environmental engineering services, including a Remedial Action Report, Deed Notice and RAO are required to finish the remediation in accordance with NJDEP requirements, and;

WHEREAS, the fees and costs associated with completing the project are summarized as follows:

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| 1. Boswell Engineering | \$30,600.00 |
| 2. Analytical Testing (Alpha Analytical) | \$ 1,480.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer and Alpha Analytical are hereby authorized to provide the services noted above for amounts stated.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-255

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN CONNECTION WITH THE WINDOW REPLACEMENT AND INTERIOR UPGRADES AT THE GARFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded an original contact to ZN Construction in the amount of \$244,000.00 per resolution #18-344, and;

WHEREAS, Resolution #19-110 approved Change Order #1 for an additional \$11,064.10, bringing this contract total to \$255,064.10.

WHEREAS, ZN Construction with Arcari & Iovino Architects, P.C. are now requesting a Change Order #2 for an increase of \$3,277.00 to the contract amount (to relocate a sump pump discharge line to existing stormwater system).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Change Order #2 is hereby approved to increase the contract amount by \$3,277.00 bringing the total contract amount to \$258,341.10.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-256

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM SURVEY AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAPPING FOR THE CITY'S EXISTING STORMWATER OUTFALL STRUCTURES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) promulgated regulations requiring municipalities to develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SP3), and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with their SP3, the NJDEP issued municipalities a Tier A New Jersey Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit, and;

WHEREAS, under the previously issued Tier A NJPDES Permit, the City of Garfield is required to survey their existing stormwater outfall structures utilizing global positioning systems (GPS) equipment, and;

WHEREAS, during the survey the City is also required to photograph the outfall structures, determine ownership (State, County, local or private) and assign a condition rating, and;

WHEREAS, upon the survey's completion the data must be organized and uploaded using Global Information Systems (GIS) software.

WHEREAS, using the GIS software, it is necessary to develop various attribute tables and data-layers thereby creating geodatabase mapping that includes the outfall structures, roadways, regulated waterways, parcel lines, etc.

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WHEREAS, the City Engineer has provided Garfield a proposal for the above services in the amount of \$ 4,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to provide the services noted above for amounts stated.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-257

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$2,700.00 which is now available from FM GLOBAL-Fire Prevention Grant 2019 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,700.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption FM GLOBAL-Fire Prevention Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from FM GLOBAL-Fire Prevention Grant, in the amount of \$2,700.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-258

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,500.00 which is now available from State of New Jersey (Memorial Day) Click It or Ticket Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption (Memorial Day) Click It or Ticket Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from State of New Jersey (Memorial Day) Click It or Ticket Grant, in the amount of \$5,500.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-259

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

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WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$7,233.72, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Alcohol Ed Rehab-DWI Fund 2019 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$7,233.72 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey Alcohol Ed Rehab-DWI Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey Alcohol Ed Rehab-DWI Fund, in the amount of \$7,233.72

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-260

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,500.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Distracted Driving Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey Distracted Driving Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey Distracted Driving Grant, in the amount of \$5,500.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-261

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$50,343.51, which is now available from State of New Jersey Clean Communities Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$50,343.51 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey Clean Communities Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Grant, in the amount of \$50,343.51.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-262

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,500.00, which is now available from State of New Jersey (2018)-Year End Drive Sober Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey (2018)-Year End Drive Sober Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey (2018)-Year End Drive Sober Grant, in the amount of \$5,500.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-263

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJS 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$20,000.00, which is now available from State of New Jersey (2018)-ROID Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey (2018)-ROID Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey (2018)-ROID Grant, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-264

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Refund due to overpayment for the year 2019.

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

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
120	172	Orange Coast Lender Services	O/P	\$2,927.64

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-265

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, Desires to collect all taxes and sewer charges that are now delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is directed to sell all municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2018 in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54-5-19, and as amended by Chapter 99, Public Laws of 1997:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Garfield, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, and as stated above, on October 3, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Louis G. Aloia
Erin N. Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 19-266

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bill No. 2195 covering Dog Trust Fund totaling \$43.20 and the Current Fund totaling \$218,867.90 and the Water Fund totaling \$36,524.32 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$225,202.69 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$2,800.00 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 seventeen (17) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following pages numbered _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS (PHASE I) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,200,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM WATER UTILITY CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE CITY

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS (PHASE I) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,200,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM WATER UTILITY CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE CITY” do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held September 10, 2019 at 8:00 PM in the City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Joseph Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 4, Nays 1 – Councilmember Aloia

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Dolores Capizzi, 107 Midland Avenue, spoke on water leaks in town and she spoke on the proposed joint project between the City and the Garfield Board of Education to improve the Garfield High School Athletic Fields at 500 Palisade Avenue and Semel Avenue. She questioned when a Special Needs Playground would be established in Twentieth Century Field off of Elizabeth Street. She advocated that the Garfield City Council participate in an initiative to save the Rain Forests burning in the Amazon River Basin in Brazil, and to plant wide-leaf trees. She spoke on sink holes in the streets in her neighborhood and how long it is taking the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to respond.

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, questioned attendance requirements for Planning Board Members and Redevelopment Agency Commissioners. She questioned when all the updates would be completed for the new City Website. She complained that the Agendas and Minutes of the Planning Board and Redevelopment Agency had not been posted yet for 2019 on the new Website. She said that the Redevelopment Project that is at the south end of Walnut Street could not be compared to the proposed 99 and 100 Passaic Street Redevelopment Project as at least one Councilmember had done, because they are completely different situations. She spoke on the proposed broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cablevision Public Access Channel 77.

Mr. James Farias, 58 Somerset Street, spoke on the flushing of fire hydrants. He spoke on the replacement of street trees. He complained about the condition of the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Passaic Street and complained about potholes in that area.

Mr. Daniel Golabek, 44 Godwin Avenue, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, is the Mayor of Elmwood Park, and he spoke on behalf of the Polish-American Soccer Association, and thanked the City of Garfield for being so generous and accommodating in allowing them to host their 29th Annual Soccer Tournament this past Saturday at Twentieth Century Field. He spoke on how in recent years the Soccer Tournament was held in Sussex County or Somerset County. He said that this year, the organizers thought they would bring the Tournament to an area of the State of New Jersey with large Polish communities such as Garfield and Wallington and hundreds attended. He thanked Councilmember Erin Delaney for setting up the initial meetings with Garfield City Officials to

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organize the event. He thanked the entire Governing Body for agreeing with the concept and he thanked Mayor Rigoglioso for attending the Tournament, along with Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney for attending and speaking and participating in what was supposed to be an honorary kickoff but turned into something more involved. He thanked City Manager Duch for his support and help. He said that the Polish-American Community is big in Garfield and it showed that the City cares about this community and in bringing the people of Garfield together.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia spoke on the Soccer Tournament of the Polish-American Soccer Association being a great moment for the City of Garfield. He spoke on Passaic Street being a County Road and how the Passaic Street Streetscape Project is progressing. He spoke on the planting of trees throughout the City of Garfield and how when sometimes a tree is removed, the homeowner does not want a replacement tree planted in front of their house. He spoke on how the City tries to plant as many trees as possible. He spoke on the City needing to get Agendas at least posted on the City Website to give the citizens adequate notice of meetings.

Councilmember Calandriello said that Garfield is proud of its fields in the City Park System. He said that it is good to see soccer being played every other night and to see the sports fields being utilized. He spoke on the need to get Minutes on the City Website. He spoke on how PSE & G paved the City roads after performing underground work and how City stormwater drains are sometimes blocked after the roads are paved. He spoke on the fires in the Amazon Rainforest and how the City of Garfield looks to plant the type of trees that do not grow too tall to interfere with utility wires or plant the type of trees that lift sidewalks. He spoke on the proposed acquisition of water meters to reduce the amount of unallocated water in the City Water System, since the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will soon be increasing enforcement of fines for 15% of unallocated water. He said that the City is fortunate to have its own Water Utility. He spoke on the major water leak that the City experienced at Columbus Avenue near the Garfield High School Stadium, which he said was an estimated \$100,000 emergency repair. He spoke on it being a great thing for representatives of the County of Bergen to present the City of Garfield with a check in the amount of \$515,000. He spoke on the lack of attendance by members of certain City Boards. He spoke on the attendance record of Councilmember Erin Delaney. He spoke on the removal in the past of a Commissioner of the Garfield Redevelopment Agency, due to missing three meetings in a row. He spoke on his desire to serve on the Planning Board or the Garfield Redevelopment Agency. He spoke on Council Meetings not being broadcast on Cablevision Public Access Channel 77. He spoke on Officials of the School System not cooperating in regard to the broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cable TV. He spoke on the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Football season beginning on September 7th. He spoke on a recent scrimmage of the Garfield High School Football Team in which the team performed well. He said that it was great to have the excitement of the Soccer Tournament this past weekend in Garfield.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney welcomed and thanked Mayor Golabek from the Borough of Elmwood Park for attending this evening's Garfield City Council Meeting. She spoke on hearing nothing but great things on this past weekend's Soccer Tournament in Garfield. She said that she was honored and privileged to set up the initial meeting to organize this event in Garfield. She said that she hopes the City continues to host Tournaments such as this one in the future. She spoke on sinkholes and potholes that need to be addressed, especially at the intersection of Banta Avenue and Midland Avenue. She spoke on a proposed Special Needs Park. She spoke on Elmwood Park Mayor Golabek coming up with an initiative to work with the City of Garfield to plant 222 new trees by 2022. She spoke on a joint tree planting ceremony between the two communities on September 27th. She spoke on her attendance at Planning Board Meetings. She spoke on her reach-out to the City Manager, the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator to set up a meeting in hopes of settling the broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cablevision Public Access Channel 77. She said that the meeting was to go over the Cable TV Franchise Agreement to attempt to come up with a solution to avoid spending \$10,000 to \$12,000 for a cable feed to City Hall. She said that it would be a shame on her part to not do everything in her power to save money for the taxpayer. She said that the meeting was held last week, the Franchise agreement was looked over in detail, and in reviewing this contract, it is the City's feed and the City owns it. She

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said that the City is given one feed at no cost and one of the solutions that was discussed was relocating that free feed from the High School to City Hall. She said that it appears that Cablevision would be responsible for the cost of relocating that feed and making sure that the equipment is up-to-date and up to broadcast standards. She said that if for some reason the plan does not work, and there are no other options, she would be willing to spend that money. She said that she would like to make every effort to save that money before making that decision. She spoke on Planning Board Minutes needing to be posted on the new City Website. She wished everyone to have a great Labor Day. She spoke on a controversial vote regarding Redevelopment recently and how she has heard what the public had to say and she is proposing an Ordinance to address parking issues in regard to new Development Projects. She spoke on proposed speed tables to slow traffic at the Walnut Street/Schley Crossing Redevelopment.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney spoke on holding Quality of Life Meetings over the years. He spoke on the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator being in attendance at tonight's Work Session to discuss developing a funding plan to address improving the Athletic Facilities at Garfield High School. He spoke on the fields being substandard and how the Elected Officials have to do something. He said that if the fields are improved, property values go up, and it makes Garfield a better place in which to live. He spoke on having a great attendance record at Redevelopment Agency Meetings. He spoke on the Resolution that was voted upon months ago regarding the recording and broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cable TV. He spoke on the Margaret Muscarelle Child Development Center being located on Walnut Street near the Schley Crossing Redevelopment that enrolls Preschool Children and he compared that to James Madison School No. Ten being located on Passaic Street and Marsellus Place near the 99 and 100 Passaic Street Redevelopment that enrolls Elementary School Children. He said that there is a difference and he does care about Nursery School children. He spoke on the years that Frank Calandriello sat on the Planning Board as Mayor. He spoke on coming up with solutions regarding Council Meetings being broadcast on Cable TV. He spoke on the Soccer Tournament that was held this past weekend in Garfield and the involvement of the family of Mayor Golabek in regard to soccer. He wished everyone to have a Happy Labor Day.

Mayor Rigoglioso thanked the Polish-American Soccer Federation for choosing Garfield to host its Tournament this past weekend. He spoke on all the teams that participated. He said that it was amazing to witness in Twentieth Century Field. He spoke on how a month earlier, the City hosted a Youth Soccer Tournament and how there were about a hundred teams participating. He spoke on how the City parks are utilized. He spoke on it is owed to the citizens and students of Garfield to have a High School Athletic Sports Complex of which everyone can be proud. He spoke on the limitations regarding the use of the current Garfield High School Stadium Athletic Facilities. He spoke on how embarrassed citizens feel when they have to attend events at the Garfield High School Stadium Athletic Facilities. He said that the City Council owes it to the City residents to do something to address this. He said that the time is now and it might be the last opportunity to do something. He said that the City Council has to figure out a way to come together and put feelings aside and how the little things hold everyone back from the big things. He spoke on attempting to resolve the broadcasting of City Council Meetings on Cable TV and taking the initiative. He spoke on appointments to the Planning Board and the Garfield Redevelopment Agency. He spoke on people needing to drive carefully with School opening soon. He told everyone to enjoy their Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin N. Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Calandriello duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5