

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:25 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, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### GARFIELD ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION (GARF)

The City Council and Cabinet met with Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation (GARF) member Tana Raymond CONCERNING Feral Cat Colonies.

#### BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY QUESTION WORKSHEET

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Best Practices Inventory Question Worksheet as required by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The report from the DPW Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo that the DPW desperately needs two trucks and the list of equipment proposed to be purchased over the next five years.
2. The proposed White Collar Collective Bargaining Unit Salary Ordinance for City Council consideration at the Regular Meeting to be held later this evening.
3. The monitoring wells in regard to the Skultety Property located at 649-651 River Drive.
4. The proposed amendments to Chapter 164 of the City Code regulating the hours of placement of trash pickup at the curb.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The meeting at City Hall held last Thursday with representatives from PSE&G regarding the schedule of roads they want to repave curb to curb. They next want to pave the northwestern section of the City.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney reported on the following:

1. The curbing of the southwest intersection of Beech Street and Midland Avenue.
2. The broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cablevision.
3. Her request that the City Manager and City Clerk be in attendance for the next Feral Cat Colony Meeting.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney reported on the following:

1. The Outdoor Café application filed by La Fortaleza Restaurant located at 361 Midland Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 19-314

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 7:55 P.M. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* 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; (Supervision of Parks and Playgrounds Superintendent John Lord; alleged theft by a DPW Employee; alleged unprofessional correspondence from Tax Collectors Office regarding list of property owners within 200 feet of a land use application).

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Erin N. Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 8:25 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, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

#### COMMUNICATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica reported that in a letter to him from Mayor Rigoglioso, dated October 8, 2019, the Mayor made the following appointment to the Garfield Planning Board:

- \* Mr. Gioacchino LoBue, of 52 Prospect Street, from First Alternate of the Planning Board to Class IV Member, effective immediately, to succeed Richard Derrig, for the expired term, said term to expire January 1, 2022.
- \* Mr. Peter Santacroce, of 77 Irving Place, as First Alternate, to the Planning Board, effective immediately, for the unexpired term, to succeed Gioacchino LoBue, said term to expire January 1, 2020.
- \* Mr. Constantino Conte, as Second Alternate, to the Planning Board, effective immediately for the unexpired term, to succeed Peter Santacroce, said term to expire January 1, 2020.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-315

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Gustavo Espinoza of 25 Sommerset Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective June 3, 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. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 19-316

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Joseph J. Nunes of 108 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as a regular member, effective September 2, 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. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-317

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO CONTRACT WITH RICCIPLANNING FOR THE PREPARATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 290 RIVER DRIVE, (Block 50.01 Lot 1) GARFIELD, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has previously made a determination that the property known as 290 River Road, Block 50.01, Lot 1 (“the property”) is an area in need a redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield wishes to amend the redevelopment plan for the property to tailor an approach to meet the City’s redevelopment planning objectives; and

WHEREAS, RicciPlanning , 45 Bleeker Street, Newark, New Jersey, has submitted a proposal dated August 29, 2019 for planning services for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the City believes it is in its best interests to engage the services of RicciPlanning;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the proposal of RicciPlanning dated August 29, 2019 and to enter into an agreement for that purpose.

On call of roll, Ayes 53, Abstain 2 -  
Councilmembers Aloia and Calandriello

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 19-318

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO CONTRACT WITH ZUCCARO INC., TO PERFORM DEMOLITION RELATED SERVICES AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 261 RIVER ROAD

WHEREAS the City of Garfield received an estimate, attached hereto as Exhibit A, from Zuccaro Inc. to perform demolition related services at 261 River Road; and

WHEREAS the \$19,300 estimate is below the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and 18A:18A-3; and

WHEREAS this project is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorizes the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into a contract with Zuccaro Inc. to perform demolition related services at 261 River Road; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorizes the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into a contract with Zuccaro Inc. to perform demolition related services at 261 River Road for the amount of \$19,300.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 19-319

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VALVE MAINTENANCE TRAILER FROM E.H WACHS – A DIVISION OF ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

WHEREAS sealed bids were received for the purchase of a valve maintenance trailer; and

WHEREAS E.H WACHS – A DIVISION OF ILLINOIS TOOL WORK INC., 600 Knightsbridge Parkway Riverside, Lincolnshire, Illinois, submitted the lowest total bid for a sale price of \$71,009.50; and

WHEREAS this project is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorizes the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into contract with E.H WACHS for the purchase of a valve maintenance trailer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garfield approves the purchase of a valve maintenance trailer from E.H WACHS for the total price of \$71,009.50.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 19-320

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. FOR AN EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT 266 MIDLAND AVENUE

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WHEREAS, the City of Garfield solicited quotations for an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 266 Midland Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, three quotations were received with the lowest quotation being from D.S. Meyers Enterprises for a base amount of \$97,500 and an alternate bid item to mill and pave the roadway for an additional \$22,500, and;

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen will dictate if the additional bid item is required in connection with the restoration of the roadway

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED A CONTRACT for the emergency repair is hereby awarded with the understanding the maximum amount of the contract shall not exceed \$119,000. The actual amount of this contract may be decreased if the County of Bergen does not require milling and paving of the roadway section.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 19-321

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2198 to 2200 covering Trust Other and Dog Trust Fund totaling \$16,002.70 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$100.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$3,056,949.73 and the Water Fund totaling \$3,975.28 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$1,256,539.97 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$48,453.48 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 twenty five (25) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

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Bills

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Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2659) ENTITLED: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS AT VARIOUS PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$262,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, “ADOPTED ON JULY 23, 2013

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Calandriello moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2659) ENTITLED: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS AT VARIOUS PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$262,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, “ADOPTED ON JULY 23, 2013” 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 October 22, 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 Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 4, Abstain 1 – Councilmember Joseph Delaney

Councilmember Calandriello introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Calandriello moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY” 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 October 22, 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 Aloia, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 4, Abstain 1 – Councilmember Joseph Delaney

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Councilmember Erin N. Delaney said that she is the Acting Municipal Clerk in the Borough of Elmwood Park and she was meeting with the Elmwood Park Cablevision contact person, Marilyn

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Davis, who also had been in communication with Garfield City Manager Tom Duch and Garfield Councilmembers and other individuals regarding the broadcasting of Garfield City Council Meetings on Cablevision. She said that she had been sharing some ideas with this Cablevision contact and when discussion moved on to the proposed relocation of the Cable feed from Garfield High School to Garfield City Hall, which was thought to be a cheaper solution than installing a new feed, she asked her why Garfield could not do the same process as is done in Elmwood Park, which is free to the Elmwood Park residents and to the Borough. She said that how it works is that she, herself, uploads the video through their website and they have certain slots during the week when their meetings are aired. She said that they have three slots during the week when the meetings are televised. She said that essentially, the same thing could be done for Garfield, so she personally filled out an application and gave it to City Manager Duch this evening for him to sign, and it will be seen how this works out.

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Mr. Dennis Malicki, 54 Maitland Place, said that at the last Council Meeting he asked the Council several specific questions regarding the Passaic Street Building Project, which he said were completely ignored by certain Councilmembers and the City Manager. He said that it is continually stated that residents are encouraged to speak and state their opinions, yet the questions are ignored by City Officials or they either do not have the answers or they will affect the City Officials adversely. He said that since the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting when the scale of these meetings were made public, dozens of residents have spoken on record adversely to the size and density of these buildings and how it will affect their daily lives, and have asked City Officials to find a better way. He said that at that meeting, the Mayor stated in his summary that that is the first time he heard of the size and scope of this Project and stated that there will be discussions and compromises. He questioned if there has been any discussion with the residents or suggested compromise to the original application. He questioned if the complaints that these buildings do not fit into the Passaic Street community and cause hardships to its residents, has another developer been consulted, and if not, why? He said that he believes that there are Developers out there who would possibly entertain the thought of a much lesser density and buildings. He said that due to the enormity of this issue within the town, again, he suggests a Town Hall meeting for the purpose of transparency, and to answer the questions of the residents so that change may not appear so devastating to the area. He said that Councilmembers Aloia, Calandriello and Delaney have expressed their willingness to hold such a Town Hall meeting. He asked the Mayor and Council to vote or poll in public their approval for such a meeting, and if approved, he suggested it be held next Tuesday at 6:00 PM. He said that he would be willing to work with any Councilmember of their choice to work out the details and format of the meeting.

Ms. Dolores Capizzi, 107 Midland Avenue, spoke on how on the City Website there is a survey asking for input on the Passaic Street Redevelopment, but she said that there is still a part of Garfield's population who are not computer-savvy, and cannot afford computers. She said there are a lot of people who do not have computers. She said that in an effort to reach all of Garfield's citizens, she requests that, in addition to this survey, that the results of this survey be made public, without being edited, and a Town Hall meeting be held for everyone to come on-record, including people who cannot technically complete that survey. She said that gathering data is one thing, but having a physical communication exchange is good because sometimes people do not have the ability to express themselves in writing but communicate verbally much better. She said that in an effort to include everyone, she proposes a Town Hall meeting, to publicize it, and take that extra mile and get a bus to bring people to the meeting. She said that this is so that everyone can all come together as a community and strike a vision that pleases everyone.

Ms. Cynthia Hughes Ranieri, a taxpayer and owner of 14 William Street, questioned why in regard to the Commuter Parking regulations in her neighborhood, she is not able to receive a tag to allow her and her husband to park on the street during the day in front of the two-family home that they own. She said that she feels homeowners and residents should not be controlled in this way or punished for having a certain amount of visitors at a given time. She said that daily visitors of

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residents are receiving tickets and she spoke on how visitors have to put tags in their rearview mirrors and return them to the Police Department when their visitation is over. She spoke on the number of times that visitors have forgotten to return the tags. She spoke on how difficult it is for homeowners to park in front of their property to shovel snow, put out the garbage or perform landscaping, maintain the property or show the property to prospective tenants if they cannot even park there during the day. She spoke on the difficulty that elderly visitors experience with this system. She said that the system is very inconvenient, controlling, and physically punishing to visitors who are subjected to this and have to park blocks away. She said that the issuance of these tags are causing a hardship and that her family has been a part of Garfield for over 60 years. She suggested a four hour parking permit, because commuters will not park for only four hours. She read off the following list of questions: Why are landowners/homeowners/taxpayers/residents discriminated against over commuter parking; why were tags given up to 2016 with no problem; can these tags that tenants and residents have be sold for a monthly fee to commuters; how are property owners expected to maintain their properties if they cannot park their car on the street; what does parking in front of your property have to do with commuter parking; what happens if someone is terminally ill – do people have to worry about people not being able to park outside of their residence; is the City going to lower taxes of homeowners on these streets for inconvenience?

Ms. Elaine Giardino, 105 Marsellus Place, spoke on the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment. She spoke on Garfield having Five Wards and how her Family has lived in all Five Wards and continues to live in Garfield and have done so “before Garfield was Garfield”. She said many people have come to Garfield since then who care about our City. She spoke on the people needing a voice for what is being planned in her neighborhood. She said that everyone is affected by these ideas and what decisions might be made for Redevelopment in Garfield. She said that on multiple occasions, and in writing, City Officials have promised to listen, and that there will be compromises made regarding the proposed Redevelopment Plans in our City. She said that the time is here and the time is now. She said that it is time to address the citizens of Garfield and their questions about appropriate Redevelopment in a give-and-take discussion in a televised Town Hall meeting at a time most citizens can attend. She suggested at 6:00 PM and no later than October 22<sup>nd</sup>, so it is before a vote is made by the Planning Board on this issue. She said that the suggested high density and five and six story Project on Passaic Street must not go further until everyone has a voice. She said that the people want a Town Hall meeting scheduled now, a City-wide event, with robo-call, a newspaper announcement, so all residents know that they are invited to be there. She said that Redevelopment is happening all over our City and not just on Passaic Street. She said that many people are affected by Passaic Street because they live right near there. She said that everyone needs a say on how Redevelopment is being done. She said that the people would like to see Redevelopment in the most appropriate, responsible way that is not a detriment to the people who live around it, or the rest of the people in Garfield. She said that she understands that the City Council wants to respect all the citizens of Garfield. She said that whether you live in Garfield or not, is not the point. She said that things need to be done in a responsible way, for the citizens of Garfield who all need to be heard and given that opportunity to be heard, and for it to be done very fast. She spoke on dreamers and those who dream and would like to see happen, but the people have to be taken into consideration who live there who do not want skyscrapers next to two-family homes in an area that is no higher than three stories. She said that the neighborhood does not want the density that has been talked about, the huge number of individuals who will come and rent and not own. She said that she would like City Officials to work with them, to plan with, to be safe. She said that she wants to know that those proposed buildings are safe and that their homes and businesses around those buildings are safe and when handicapped individuals come to those buildings that they have wide enough sidewalks and wide enough parking spaces to be able to get in and out of those proposed buildings should they decide to live there. She said that there are a lot of things that need to be taken into consideration.

Mr. William Polcari, 5 Maitland Place, said that he agrees on the need for a Town Hall meeting because there is a need for more communication.

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Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, said that she would like a Town Hall meeting held before the Planning Board votes on the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment. She said that this Project would set a precedent for what is to come. She said that if the Project is approved for a six-story building, then six-story buildings will be up and down Passaic Street, which will affect the quality of life for the residents in and around that area and all of Garfield. She said that a Town Hall meeting is absolutely necessary in order to inform the public about this Redevelopment Plan to give the citizens an opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions before the Planning Board votes on this matter. She said that the public has been told that they will have adequate time to voice their opinions and City Officials pledged to work with them, and the Planning Board vote is happening now, and she said that the public does not see anyone listening to them. She said compromises are supposed to take place. She said that it is the City's responsibility to inform the public and the City should be transparent. She said that in the notice sent to the people within 200 feet of the proposed Project, she said that the Developer is requesting over 10 variances in the Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Edward Devine, 159 Market Street, spoke on the Passaic Street Redevelopment. He said that he supports the residents of this area whose neighborhood would be irreversibly changed. He spoke on the public having an opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions. He complained about the format of City Council Meetings.

Ms. Laurie Culvert, 54 Belmont Avenue, said that a Town Hall meeting is an excellent idea.

Mr. James Farias, 58 Somerset Street, spoke in favor of holding a Town Hall meeting.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, advocated giving the public the time to listen to what they have to say. She said that there should be a Town Hall meeting to hear the concerns and opinions of the residents. She said that there is a need for dialogue. She spoke on parking being a concern. She spoke on Developers making money on Redevelopment. She spoke on making Passaic Street into "Main Street USA".

Ms. Anna Diaz, 109 Marsellus Place, spoke in favor of a Town Hall meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

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

Councilmember Aloia spoke on the new Police Station being constructed at or near 411 Midland Avenue and spoke on how the signage that reads "Garfield Police Headquarters" is hard to read because it is blocked by an overhang and how that needs to be addressed. He said that in regard to the Redevelopment on Passaic Street, the Planning Board Meeting should be advertised as a Council Meeting so that a majority of the City Council could attend the Planning Board Meeting. He said that it is worthy to have additional conversations before any decisions get made. He spoke on the need to address the train tracks that run down the middle of Monroe Street and the train trestle that spans the Passaic River. He said that if there is a solution regarding the broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cablevision without cost to the City, he is in favor of that.

Councilmember Calandriello spoke on commuter parking in the area of Williams Street and on the possibility of using the old AmVets Post No. 13 Parking Lot located at or near 326 Outwater Lane and the corner of Walnut Street as a commuter parking lot to grant the homeowners some relief. He spoke in favor of a Town Hall meeting. He spoke on the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment and the 11 variances that are being sought by the applicant at the Planning Board Meeting. He spoke on the Redevelopment Study and Plan. He spoke on the Redevelopment application before the Planning Board. He spoke on the amount of parking being proposed in connection with the application. He spoke on the quality of life for the Passaic Street neighborhood. He spoke on doing Redevelopment correctly and responsibly over the years. He said that he would like to know what this Redeveloper is doing for the community because in the

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past, the City received over \$2 million for the Police Station from the Redevelopment at 950 River Drive, \$750,000 from the Vornado Redevelopment at 174 Passaic Street, and from other Redevelopments. He spoke on the Ordinance that was defeated that required off-street parking for new development. He spoke on the proposed broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cablevision. He spoke on antagonism at City Council Meetings. He spoke on his request for a written report concerning the missing water meter regarding the Schley Crossing Redevelopment at the south end of Walnut Street and the recent water leak that occurred at that location. He spoke on his request for a legal opinion from the City Attorney concerning alleged conflict of interests involving the Greater Bergen Community Action Partnership and the School System and involving the Mayor. He spoke on the City Street Fair that occurred on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> on Midland Avenue and he said that it was very nice and done very well and he complimented the City Events Planning Committee.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney said that she apologizes if she misrepresented the votes of Councilmembers Aloia and Calandriello concerning the recently defeated Parking Ordinance. She said that this defeated Ordinance would have limited parking for new construction of five or more dwelling units. She spoke on the proposed broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cablevision and said that the City should not spend money, when it can save money. She spoke on being fiscally responsible in regard to the City Budget. She spoke on proposed amendments to the City Handicapped Parking Permit Ordinance. She spoke on the need to correct the City Website regarding the telephone numbers and extensions that may be inaccurate. She spoke on the Hispanic Gala being held tomorrow night, the Friday Night Lights to Knock Out Opioid Abuse event to be held this coming Friday, the Pumpkin Patch to be held this coming Saturday, and the PBA Local No. 46 Dinner to be held next week.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney spoke on the residents of Williams Street and the surrounding area that requested parking tags due to commuters parking in the area. He said that it was the system that the neighborhood requested, but if there is a better solution, he would be in favor. He spoke on the train tracks that are being removed from the center of Monroe Street. He said that the City is the most transparent than it has ever been in its entire history. He spoke on Council Meetings being televised. He said that the Redeveloper of Passaic Street has already paid more than \$300,000 in fees in connection with the Schley Crossing Project. He spoke on the proposed Redevelopment of Passaic Street. He said that Redevelopment is not a bad thing. He spoke on City Officials historically sitting on the Planning Board and the Redevelopment Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Erin N. Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK