

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:10 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, and City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The City Council and Cabinet met with Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo regarding the need for various equipment for the Department of Public Works. The City Council and Cabinet met with Dolores Capizzi of 107 Midland Avenue concerning the relocation of her roof drain after roadway improvements in front of her house.

#### ARRIVAL OF LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:20 PM, Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. Emergency Sewer Repairs at 266 Midland Avenue and 475 Lanza Avenue.
2. The proposed resolution concerning the Meridia Transit Crossing Bond Release.
3. The Plauderville Avenue Train Station Parking Report provided by Lieutenant Michael Marsh of the Police Department.
4. The proposed resolution awarding a contract for the Grand Street Improvement.
5. The City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Friday, December 6, 2019.
6. Next Spring the Recreation Department is considering a new Easter Egg Hunt similar to the way the Pumpkin Festival is conducted.
7. The proposed roof repair for the Recreation Center located at 466 Midland Avenue.
8. The New Jersey Forestry Service approved the City Tree Inventory Plan to December 31, 2025.
9. The audit of the Summer Food Program.
10. The Recreation Soccer Program.
11. The Recreation Tennis Program.
12. The grant application for the new Senior Bus.
13. The various certifications that Recreation Director Christopher O'Reilly is pursuing.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. Yesterday's scheduling conflicts in Twentieth Century Field involving the High School Cross Country Team and the practice of the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Football Team.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

14. The Special Joint Meeting between the City Council and the Board of Education concerning the proposed High School Athletic Fields Project to be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in the Middle School at 175 Lanza Avenue at 4:00 PM.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney reported on the following:

1. The Sustainable New Jersey Grant.

Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo reported on the following:

1. The streets that will be closed on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM while construction is taking place.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The AmVets parking lot that is scheduled to be paved at 324 Outwater Lane.
2. The Gas Line Services work to be performed in the Garwood Court area.

ARRIVAL OF INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RIGGITANO

At 7:15 PM, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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Councilmember Erin N. Delaney reported on the following:

2. The meeting she had with Police Lieutenant Michael Marsh and Patrolman David Pikul regarding handicapped parking spaces.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 19-322

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 7:20 P.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 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; (possible "no confidence" vote by the White Collar Employees in connection with the Labor Union representing them in collective bargaining negotiations).
- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed purchase of the "Skultety Property" at 646-651 River Drive).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (safety of the artificial turf of the soccer field in Belmont Oval off Spring Street and a proposed settlement with "Field Turf").

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- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (LaPierre vs Garfield Workers Compensation case; hearing officer for Christopher Pagan vs the City).
- \* 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; (the proposed hiring of additional personnel in the Department of Public Works and in the Police Department).

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello  
Louis G. Aloia

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:00 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Calandriello 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 22, 2019 at 8:05 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

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

### PRESENTATIONS

Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association President Tommy Simpson congratulated Fire Official Gerald Walis on being named as 2019 Fire Official of the Year and presented him with a plaque. Garfield Fire Inspector Ronald Svrcek spoke on why he nominated Gerald Walis for Fire Official of the Year.

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-323

WHEREAS, Garfield Fire Official Gerald Walis was named the 2019 Fire Official of the Year by the Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association at their Awards Dinner held on October 9, 2019, at Seasons Restaurant in Washington Township, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, "Jerry" Walis has been Garfield Fire Official for 32 years, has held various positions in the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, including as Fire Chief, and has begun new Fire Prevention Education Programs for children and the elderly, over his decades as Fire Official, and

WHEREAS, "Jerry" has developed a Fire Prevention Program that has reduced the amount of commercial fires throughout the City through strict enforcement of the Fire Code, and under his tenure, residential structure fires have also decreased through a Dwelling Inspection Program that calls for all citizens that rent a dwelling to have a fire inspection prior to occupancy, and

WHEREAS, "Jerry" has taken on the task of pushing for strict regulations and penalties in dealing with Illegal Apartments and occupancies, a False Alarm Penalty Program to penalize repeat false alarm offenders, and a Knox Box ordinance for specific structures in the City allowing for easier access during fire emergencies for the Fire Department, and he has advocated for many similar Fire Prevention Programs over the many years, and

WHEREAS, through "Jerry's" hard work and dedication, civilian and firefighter injuries and deaths have been immensely reduced and eliminated, countless unknown properties have been saved, property values in the City protected; and there are few greater tributes to offer about a person's life than to commend them for saving lives, for enhancing and protecting the quality of life of his fellow human beings, and for making a true difference in the world around them,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that GERALD "JERRY" WALIS is hereby CONGRATULATED AND COMMENDED on being justly named as "2019 FIRE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR" and for exhibiting an exemplary concern for the life, safety and property of the people of the City of Garfield, which has made a positive difference in their lives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City of Garfield and that a CERTIFIED and exact copy of this approved Resolution also be included in the personnel jacket of Fire Official Gerald Walis.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

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At this time, a framed copy of Resolution No. 19-323 was presented to Fire Official Gerald Walis. City Manager Duch and each member of the Mayor and City Council offered words of Congratulations to Fire Official Walis.

Resolution No. 19-324

WHEREAS, Praise Church is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of their present building located at the corner of Main Street and Banta Avenue, and

WHEREAS, Praise Church was founded in the mid – 1950's by Eastern European immigrants fleeing the ravages of war and seeking a new life in New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, after meeting in homes and various locations in Garfield for more than a decade, the decision was made to purchase the property at 145 Main Street and the existing building was demolished and construction began, and

WHEREAS, the Church edifice was completed in the Spring of 1969 and Memorial Day weekend was chosen to officially dedicate the new Church edifice, and

WHEREAS, during the following years, the founding pastor, Reverend Anthony Czubkowski, saved his Church and community and helped sponsor more Eastern European immigrants as they moved to the United States, and

WHEREAS, in December 1986, his son, Reverend John Czubkowski, took over, and during his 33 years as Senior Pastor, the Church has become much more ethnically diverse, and in 2001, Reverend John Czubkowski was also elected to serve as Bishop over 61 churches in the northeastern New Jersey region of the Assemblies of God, and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1992 and for a span of 20 years, the Church ran a K4-8th Grade parochial school known as Northeastern Christian Academy at one time, the last remaining parochial school in Garfield.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of PRAISE CHURCH'S present church building, CONGRATULATIONS are hereby publicly extended to the members and leaders of PRAISE CHURCH, as they now recall with pride and gratitude the many milestones of the past as they prepare in faith for the blessings and challenges of the journey yet ahead.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 19-325

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$378,811 in 2019 Community Development Block Grant funds for Monroe Street Roadway Resurfacing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Thomas J. Duch, City Manager of the City of Garfield, to be a signatory to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Thomas J. Duch, City Manager to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the City of Garfield is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreements; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 19-326

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO D. S. MEYER ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. FOR AN EMERGENCY SEWER PROBLEM AT 475 LANZA AND REPAIR OF CMP PIPE AT PROSPECT AND LANZA

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield solicited quotations for emergency sewer repairs at two locations on Lanza Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, three quotations were received with the lowest quotation being from D.S. Meyer Enterprises for an amount of \$25,395

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED a contract for the emergency repairs is hereby awarded to D.S. Meyer Enterprises in the amount of \$25,395.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 19-327

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO KM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO GRAND STREET, SECTIONS 1 AND 2

WHEREAS, this project was publicly bid and bids were received on October 11, 2019 at 11 AM, and;

WHEREAS, six bids were received with the lowest bid being received from KM Construction Corp., 14 Cordier Street, Irvington, N.J. in the total amount of \$889,538.75, and;

WHEREAS, the bid was determined to be responsive to the bid requirements

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, KM Construction Corp. is hereby awarded a contract for the Improvements at Grand Street, Sections 1 and 2, in the low bid amount of \$889,538.75.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 19-328

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO GRAND STREET, SECTIONS 1 AND 2

WHEREAS the City of Garfield received the following bids to perform the improvements to Grand Street, Sections 1 and 2.

- KM Construction Corp., 14 Cordier Street, Irvington, NJ - \$889,538.75
- Pacific Construction LLC, 531 U.. Highway 22E, Whitehouse Station, NJ - \$949,307.96
- Reggio Construction Inc., 1575 West Street, Fort Lee, NJ - \$989,352.05
- Your Way Construction Inc., 404 Coit Street, Irvington, NJ - \$1,049,963.56
- John Garcia Construction Co. Inc. – 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ - \$1,069,323.35

WHEREAS KM Construction Corp. was the lowest qualified bidder;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield authorize the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into an agreement with the KM Construction Corp. to perform improvements to Grand Street, Sections 1 and 2 for the total price of \$889,538.75

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 19-329

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF DPW VEHICLES BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield and the Borough of Paramus seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the City of Garfield will provide labor and maintenance services on vehicles owned by the Borough of Paramus; and

WHEREAS, both of the parties to such an Agreement are authorized by law to enter into an agreement with one another to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the “Interlocal Services Act” N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the City of Garfield and the Borough of Paramus recognize that the implementation of an Interlocal Agreement to provide labor and maintenance services is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective municipalities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the execution of a Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost of same shall be as set forth in the agreement, which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize the execution of an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus, subject to the approval of the City of Garfield Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall take effect upon the execution of same and adoption of Resolutions by both parties as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the copy of the Agreement be maintained on file and open to public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 19-330

RESOLUTON AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF MERIDIA TRANSIT CROSSING GARFIELD LLC’S PERFORMANCE BOND

WHEREAS, MERIDIA TRANSIT CROSSING GARFIELD LLC (“MERIDIA”) completed the site plan and site improvements entitled Meridia Transit Crossing, Garfield Residences, Block:119-03, Lot 52

WHEREAS, MERIDIA posted a performance bond in the amount of \$1,098,000 (the “Bond”).

WHEREAS the City Engineer has confirmed satisfactory completion of the project and has recommended the release of the Bond.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of City of Garfield authorize the appropriate City officials to release the Meridia’s Bond in sum of \$1,098,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 3,  
Nays 1 - Councilmember Calandriello,  
Abstain 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 19-331

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that a 9:00 P.M. curfew is hereby established for the nights of October 30, 2019 and October 31, 2019 for all individuals under 18 years of age, unless they are escorted by an adult, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Department is hereby authorized to enforce this curfew, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to immediately forward a certified and exact copy of this approved resolution to the Police Chief.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 19-332

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2201 to 2202 covering Dog Trust Fund and Dedicated Penalty Trust Fire Department totaling \$716.67 and the Current Fund totaling \$231,035.88 and the Water Fund Reserve totaling \$282.25 and the Water Fund totaling \$12,873.39 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 twenty seven (27) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

See

the

following pages numbered \_\_\_\_\_

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Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2822

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, October 8, 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 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.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2823

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, October 8, 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 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.

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

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

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Contino Ranieri, a taxpayer and owner of 14 William Street, spoke on the Commuter Parking regulations in effect in the neighborhood of his house. He said that he wanted to know if the City Council was going to do something to change this Commuter Parking Ordinance and he said that it is discriminatory that a landlord cannot park in front of his house. He said that he would like the

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Ordinance changed so that it allows for on-street parking for residents and landlords. He spoke on what happens when someone visits the tenants of the house he owns on Williams Street. He questioned how he could shovel snow if he has to park three blocks away to bring a snow blower in. He suggested a parking garage be constructed at the Plauderville Train Station with a second floor to allow for other parking opportunities for commuters. He suggested that the Ordinance be changed to limit on-street parking in the neighborhood to four hours.

Ms. Elaine Giardino, 109 Marsellus Place, spoke on the proposed Passaic Street Redevelopment. She said that, at the last meeting, there was a contingent of citizens who requested a Town Hall meeting so that the discussion of Redevelopment in the City of Garfield could be held for all citizens to understand what the plans are, and what is going on in a very broad way, and especially in regard to Passaic Street. She said that a majority of the Council had agreed to a Town Hall meeting, but the meeting never happened. She said that what affects there are, around the Train Station, affects other areas of Garfield, as well. She said that the issues are what citizens should understand and address. She spoke on her understanding that Councilmember Erin Delaney and Mayor Rigoglioso could not actively participate in a Town Hall meeting because they sit on the Planning Board, but she said that that should not prohibit a Town Hall meeting from occurring. She said that she spoke to City Attorney Ferraro and City Manager Duch after the last Council Meeting, and she is still pushing very hard for the citizens of Garfield to be aware of what is happening, in terms of Redevelopment in the City. She said that she is asking that a decision by the Planning Board be postponed, until all the citizens of Garfield have been given an opportunity to understand what is really happening, and be able to ask questions, if they so choose. She said that their opinions are important. She said that it is very informative to hear what is happening in the different areas, and it is important to other people. She said that there are many people who do not know what is happening in Garfield, and that they have a right to know, and they want to know. She spoke on people who represent those who are unable to attend Council Meetings to speak on Redevelopment. She said that there are numerous people who have asked others to speak on their behalf and to represent them. She spoke on people who do not attend because they speak other languages or who do not speak well in public or who work multiple jobs or have other reasons why they cannot attend Government Meetings. She said that these people should have a right to participate in these meetings as citizens and taxpayers. She said that she is requesting that the City Council hold a Town Hall meeting for the citizens of Garfield, and to tell what the City is asking, and to invite individuals to come, and for the City to put out a "Robo-Call", and to advertise the Town Hall meeting, and to put out snacks to the people who come, and to allow people to ask questions and hear what is really going on.

Ms. Joan Banez, 20 Hepworth Place, complained that at meetings of the Mayor and City Council, not all the questions from the citizens are addressed and answered. She said that the audience would appreciate it if the Councilmembers said that they heard the question, but do not have the answer, but will find out. She said that some recognition would be appreciated by anyone who does come up and addresses the Council. She spoke on the proposal that Garfield City Council Meetings be broadcast on a shared Cable TV channel. She asked for details in regard to this proposal and how the public will know about it. She questioned if it will be Channel 76 or Channel 77. She spoke on the new Dog Park at the Hobart Place Playground, and on how nice that it is being used, and how nice it was to see it be worked on, and finally come to fruition. She questioned if there ever was a Grand Opening Ceremony or any announcement of it being opened to the public. She wanted to know if there was an article in the newspaper about the new Dog Park, and if so, when, and if not, when will there be an article in the newspaper. She said that the Mayor addresses the general public in the written periodical called "Generations for Garfield" and she wanted to know why the Mayor did not mention the Dog Park in this newsletter.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Aloia said that "Robo-Calls" are put out for significant matters and he recommends that the City assume the cost to put out the announcement of a Town Hall meeting and a City

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Council Joint Meeting with the Board of Education via Nixtle or “Robo-Call”. He said that this would generate more input, from more people, whether the Council agrees or disagrees, the issue is that there is a need for a conversation with the public. He said that without conversation, there is a lack of solutions. He said that he disagrees with the policy of limiting the public to three minutes to address the Mayor and City Council because sometimes there are issues that cannot be resolved within three minutes. He spoke on the Resolution adopted this evening concerning the release of a Performance Bond. He spoke on the calculation of the water loss at the Schley Crossing Redevelopment at the south end of Walnut Street. He spoke on knowing the period of time, the water pressure, the flow, and the size of the pipe, and how the volume of water, should be something that is able to be calculated. He said that the Developer may or may not have caused the issue, but the Mayor and City Council has to answer to the taxpayers. He said that he hopes that everybody has a safe Halloween. He spoke on the Dog Park and said that he will show up for any picture promoting the Dog Park being open to the public. He praised the Department of Public Works and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, the people from which the City purchased the Dog Park equipment, and the outside contractors who contributed to the creation and the opening of the Dog Park in the Hobart Place Playground. He said that it really came out nice and that there were other people from other towns who have come to take pictures of the new Garfield Dog Park. He said that the City did a fine job in creating a place for people to go with their pets. He spoke on commuter parking in the William Street area and he said that he does not see landlords being added to the Commuter Parking Ordinance. He spoke on landlords owning multiple pieces of property in Garfield.

City Manager Duch said that all the Commuter Parking questions that were submitted at the last meeting of the Mayor and City Council, were given to Police Lieutenant Michael Marsh for his response, which will be reviewed by the City Council, and the response will be provided to Mr. Ranieri after that.

Councilmember Calandriello asked City Manager Duch that he and Lieutenant Marsh sit down with Mr. Ranieri to discuss the Commuter Parking matter. He said that he was still in support of the Town Hall meeting which will not happen before this coming Thursday’s Planning Board Meeting. He said that City Officials need an open dialogue with the public. He spoke in favor of having a Grand Opening Ceremony for the new Dog Park in the Hobart Place Playground. He said that Councilmember Aloia gave a lot of effort in regard to the Dog Park and that he should be properly recognized. He spoke on the broadcasting of Council Meetings on Cable TV. He spoke on the proposal that there be a specific time slot for the broadcasting of Garfield Council Meetings between the hours of 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. He said that he likes it better when the Council Meetings are on a re-occurring loop. He spoke on the proposed Parking Ordinance which was defeated at the last Council Meeting and he spoke on how he and the other Council Members voted on the Ordinance. He spoke on when Redevelopment began in the City of Garfield, when he was coming in as Mayor, and Lou Aloia was leaving as Mayor, and how they went down to Trenton, New Jersey, and appeared before the State of New Jersey Local Finance Board, with the City Attorneys and City Manager Joseph Migliaccio, and were approved for Redevelopment, on the first request before the Board. He spoke on how everything was in order and this was how far back that Redevelopment was considered and started and that was early 2000. He spoke on the Vornado/New Bridgeland Warehouse LLC Redevelopment at 174 Passaic Street and the engineering report from 2007. He said that what was clear, was there was a plan, and the plan was for food establishments, stores, parking, trees, and it was done with a lot of discussion and a lot of work with the community. He spoke on how the City Officials listened to the public who attended the meetings. He spoke on those City Officials who were involved back then and the records that he has in regard to Redevelopment. He said that 2008 was the Great Recession, and what was done was that the Project was done in phases because of the economy. He said that in 2015, the jobs came back, and the economy was flourishing again. He said that all City Officials can grab a piece of the glory of what was accomplished because it is something of which to be proud, as is the Garden State Paper Redevelopment at 950 River Drive. He spoke on serving the public as Mayor and on the Planning Board and on the Redevelopment Agency, as is allowed by State Statute. He spoke on Vornado contributing \$800,000 to the City and other Redevelopers contributing funds, too. He wished a

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“Happy Halloween” for the children. He spoke on this past Friday’s Garfield High School Football game against Waldwick which Garfield lost 37-0. He congratulated Waldwick High School on qualifying for the State Playoffs. He also spoke on how well the Garfield Junior Boilermakers Football Team was doing this season.

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney said that in regard to the proposed Town Hall meeting, she said that she said that she would be willing and open to holding that meeting, however, the City Attorney advised her that she may not sit at a Town Hall meeting to discuss an application before the Planning Board. She spoke on Garfield being approved for the broadcasting of City Council Meetings on Wednesdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Cablevision. She suggested that when everything gets finalized that it is announced at the beginning of Council Meetings when the meetings will be broadcast on Cable TV. She suggested also announcing it on the City Website and via other means. She said that the City can also apply for a second time slot for free. She said that with the viewing of Council Meetings being available on the City Website, and on Verizon and on Cablevision, no one should be able to say that they do not have access to viewing City Council Meetings. She said that saving between \$10,000 and \$12,000 pays for about half of the cost of the City Independence Day Fireworks Show. She said that a lot more citizens appreciate that Fireworks Display than they do, on going on Channel 77, to watch Council Meetings. She said that she is more than happy with the solution that was come up with as a team to get Council Meetings also displayed on Wednesdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. She said that if someone is not available to watch the meetings on TV at that time, they can record it, they can go on the City Website, and she is fully satisfied with the solution that she worked so very hard to bring. She spoke on the “soft opening” of the Dog Park in the Hobart Place Playground. She spoke on coming up with a date convenient to all for a Grand Opening for the Dog Park. She said that she is so proud of that Dog Park and she commends Councilmember Aloia for all the work he put in, along with the City DPW and other City Officials. She spoke on perhaps utilizing Parliamentary Procedure in regard to Council Meetings and in regard to voting on items during a roll call vote. She spoke on proposed amendments to the City Handicapped Parking Permit Ordinance and on looking at the Ordinances of Passaic and Kearny in regard to this issue. She spoke on the Parking Ordinance that was defeated at the last Council Meeting and she said that she is open to suggestions and debates. She said that she would like to revisit the Ordinance in the near future. She spoke on Special Needs Soccer being held on Saturdays here in the City in connection with the Recreation Department. She spoke on the Garfield YMCA holding a Halloween Ball, she spoke on Trunk or Treat being held tomorrow by the Garfield Elks at 7:00 PM, and the Boys and Girls Club holding one on October 29th at 6:00 PM. She spoke on Steve’s Burgers being honored last Thursday at the Garfield PBA Local No. 46 Dinner. She said that according to YELP, Steve’s Burgers is rated as one of the Top 20 Burger Spots in the entire nation and that they are right here in Garfield.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney said that he did state repeatedly that he was in favor of a Town Hall meeting regarding Redevelopment, however, the audience shouted him down with chants of “Town Hall Meeting” at the end of the last meeting, and he changed his mind because he could see nothing productive being accomplished out of a Town Hall meeting if people are going to act the same way as that at the meeting. He said that he felt the audience did not treat him with respect when it was time for his comments and nobody listened to him. He thanked City Manager Duch for the lengthy written report on the water meter and water leak situation at the Schley Crossing Redevelopment at the south end of Walnut Street. He said that he is sure that it took a lot of time away from the City Manager’s usual duties to compile that report and he said that he appreciated it. He praised Councilmember Erin Delaney for taking her own time to find a solution regarding adding the broadcasting of City Council Meetings on Cablevision. He said that he did not hear anybody say, “Nice Job” in regard to her efforts. He spoke on the proposed Grand Opening of the new Dog Park in the Hobart Place Playground. He spoke on being at the Garfield High School football game at Waldwick, and he said that he was at the prior week’s football game in Garfield, and he said that if anybody went to both of those games, they would see the difference in the condition of both of those fields, and they would be on board with the need for the proposed Garfield Athletic Field Complex Improvement Project. He said that it is up to the City Officials to get the Garfield Athletic Fields improved. He spoke on the history of Redevelopment in the City of Garfield. He thanked the Recreation Department for a great Fall Festival held two weeks ago in which hundreds

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of kids got pumpkins and free hay rides. He said that it was a really nice night and the way that the City is able to pay for such community events like that is through monies received through Redevelopment. He said that is why Redevelopment is so important to the City and he said that events like that is what brings the whole City together. He said that the time limit for speakers has been a rule of conduct for Council Meetings going back several Mayors. He wished everybody a "Happy Halloween".

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on the three minute time limit for people to address the Mayor and Council and how it is already past 9:30 PM at night right now. He spoke on how he sits with other Mayors from other towns and how they all have time rules for their meetings. He spoke on how some towns do not give responses to comments and questions at their governing body meetings, they get back to the citizens after the meeting. He spoke on Garfield City Officials being more than reasonable regarding the rules of conduct at Council Meetings. He spoke on how many important issues came up that needed to be addressed in the City and the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Dog Park was "put on the back burner". He said that the Dog Park is a great thing and he is very proud of the Dog Park and all the people using it, and he said that he did fail to mention it in his newsletters to the community. He said that there were other important issues happening in the City, and he would like to have an official Grand Opening Ceremony for the Dog Park. He spoke on Police Lieutenant Michael Marsh taking another look at on-street parking regulations in Garfield, including examining the Fort Lee Parking Ordinance. He said that Redevelopment is an emotional issue and he spoke on how, at the last Council Meeting, Deputy Mayor Delaney tried to talk, and he, as the Mayor tried to talk, but they were shouted down when people started yelling and standing, and the meeting ended abruptly. He said that if the Council and the public cannot talk responsibly, he and the Council will just end the meeting. He said that everybody should give respect to everybody, and listen to each other, and there should be no reason for anybody to be shouted down. He said that it was embarrassing. He said that everybody can disagree, and he does get it that it gets emotional, but that conduct was uncalled for, and the City Council is going to move on from that. He said that Redevelopment is something that he wants for Passaic Street, and he asked where everybody was fifteen years or so ago, when Passaic Street started to turn for the worst. He spoke on Absentee Landlords who let their properties deteriorate. He said that people should have been coming to Council Meetings fifteen or more years ago asking the City Council why they are not doing something to fix Passaic Street. He spoke on a \$500,000 grant from the National Neighborhood Preservation Program where the City receives \$125,000 a year just for the improvement of Passaic Street, and to bring pride to Passaic Street. He said that there is more crime on Passaic Street than anywhere else in Garfield and it is time to stop and move forward and figure out what is best. He said that in regard to a Town Hall meeting, the City Attorney has advised him that he cannot participate in a Town Hall meeting about an application before the Planning Board because he sits on the Planning Board as Mayor pursuant to State Statute and he cannot hear any testimony other than what is given at the Planning Board Meeting. He said that he would like to be a part of a Town Hall meeting because he has a lot to say, but unfortunately, he cannot be part of it. He wished everybody a "Happy and Safe Halloween". He wished the Garfield High School Boilermakers Football Team a lot of luck in their next few games.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin N. Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK