

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:05 PM in the Emergency Operations Center in Police Headquarters located at 411 Midland Avenue, 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 under guidelines set forth by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in an email dated March 12, 2020 for the conduct of Public Meetings under a Health Emergency. City Clerk Pavlica announced 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 and on the City Website. City Clerk Pavlica also announced that, although not required, a special public notice was also published in the May 22, 2020 edition of the Bergen Record newspaper advising of this meeting being held remotely, and the public was also directed to the City Website for guidance in order to listen and watch and participate. City Clerk Pavlica advised that these actions have been taken to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Garfield due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Councilmembers Present: Richard Rigoglioso

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

City Officials Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica

City Officials Also Present Telephonically: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, City Auditor Dieter Lerch and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano

#### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso said that as of today, 824 Garfield residents have contracted the Coronavirus and there have been 55 deaths in the City of Garfield due to the Coronavirus. He asked that the families of these deceased residents be kept in our prayers. He said that it seems that Governor Phil Murphy is slowly, gradually opening up the State of New Jersey. He said that during this past Memorial Day Weekend, so many people went down the Shore, that the numbers will be looked at again in fourteen days, and hopefully there will not be a spike in the number of cases. He said that if there is not a spike in the number of cases, more and more businesses will open up, but if there is a spike in cases, the Governor may reinstate some restrictions. He said that the next businesses expected to be opened up are small businesses, restaurants, hair salons and houses of worship.

#### LEASE OF TEMPORARY POLICE STATION

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on the Lease of the Temporary Police Station at 160 Belmont Avenue. He said that since the Police Department has been in the Temporary Police Station, as the new Police Station was being constructed at 411 Midland Avenue, all the bills, including those to move into 160 Belmont Avenue, totals close to \$2 million. He said that that included the cost of the lease and the enhancements made to the building to make it appropriate for Police Department use, moving expenses, utilities, etc. He said that the landlord is looking to sell the building for \$2.4 million or \$2.5 million, and the landlord's appraisal came in at \$2,700,000, while the City's appraisal came in about \$ 2,425,000. He said that the owner is willing to sell the building to the City at the City's appraisal price. Mayor Rigoglioso said that he would like a Bond Ordinance prepared for consideration at the next Council Meeting, so that the City can purchase the property.

#### REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Bergen County Community Development Committee elected him as its Chairman. He and Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney said that the most recent meeting was held telephonically and it ran smoothly. Deputy Mayor Delaney said that each municipality had to provide a five year plan, and Garfield's five year plan was mostly for infrastructure which included paving programs, curb and sidewalk improvements, ADA improvements, storm sewer and sanitary sewer improvements, and Senior Center improvements. He said that this year, Garfield was approved for \$495,000 in grants which included \$195,000 for Belmont

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Oval Field Turf Improvements, \$175,000 for Monroe Street Improvements, \$35,000 for the Boys and Girls Club, and \$90,000 for the Garfield YMCA Roof Replacement Project.

2. The Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Education scheduled to be held Friday, May 29, 2020 at 4:00 PM at the Garfield Middle School to cut the 2020-2021 School Board Budget that was defeated at the polls on May 12, 2020.
3. The proposed Outdoor Dining Ordinance to grant relief and accommodate Restaurants during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 PM, the connection was unexpectedly terminated and the meeting was abruptly adjourned.

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK