

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Emergency Operations Center in the 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 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, and in accordance with Executive Order 104 issued by Governor Phil Murphy, and in accordance with Local Finance Notice No. 2020-21 issued September 24, 2020, for Remote Public Meetings held during a Declared 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, and front and back doors of City Hall, and on the City Website. City Clerk Pavlica also announced that a special public notice was published in the November 20, 2020 edition of the Bergen Record and the November 21, 2020 edition of the Herald News newspapers 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: Erin N. Delaney and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica

Also Present Telephonically: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Attorney Representative John Ferraro (for City Attorney Robert Ferraro), Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggittano, Insurance Risk Manager John Calandriello, HIF Program Manager Brandon Lodics from Connor, Strong and Buckelew, Allen Associates Vice President Rich Alessandrini and Councilmembers-Elect Romi Herrera and Pawel Maslag

STATEMENT READ BY CITY CLERK PAVLICA FOR STANDARD PROCEDURES  
FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING REMOTE MEETINGS

City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that pursuant to Local Finance Notice No. 2020-21, all participants are muted during the meeting and all members of the public wishing to make a comment during this Remote Meeting will be permitted to do so using the audio and/or video technology under which this Remote Meeting is being held. He announced that members of the public may submit written comments to the Mayor and City Council through City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica by either email to [apavlica@garfieldnj.org](mailto:apavlica@garfieldnj.org) or written letter to City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica at City Hall – 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026 and that written comments must be received by 12:00 Noon of the day of the Remote Meeting to be included in the Meeting. He announced that Public Comments will be read aloud along with the person's name and address during times designated during the Meeting for public participation, and that the Mayor and Council reserve the right to pass over duplicative written comments, however, each duplicative comment shall be noted for the record with content summarized.

City Clerk Pavlica announced that a member of the public wishing to speak during a Remote Meeting shall state their name and address for the record prior to making their comments and will be limited to 3 minutes. He announced that members of the public commenting during a Remote Meeting shall not act in any manner to disrupt the meeting and if such a member of the public becomes disruptive during the meeting, the individual chairing the Meeting shall mute, or direct the muting of, the disruptive member and warn that any continued disruption may result in the member being prevented from speaking during the Meeting or be removed from the Remote Meeting. He announced that disruptive conduct include, but is not limited to, sustained inappropriate behaviors such as shouting, interruption, and the use of profanity. He announced that any member who continues to be disruptive after receiving a warning may be muted while other members of the public are allowed to proceed with their comments, and if time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public are provided an opportunity to comment. He announced that should the individual remain disruptive, the individual may be muted or kept on mute for the remainder of the Remote Meeting or removed from the Meeting. He announced that the Mayor or Presiding Officer may impose any reasonable procedure or rule determined to effectively chair the meeting.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-048-00, from La Cambusa, LLC (Antonio Parlato, 113 Maitland Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 – who owns 100% of the shares of the Corporation) to STRYV LLC, (Gennaro J. Conforti III, 203 Memorial Parkway, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation), t/a Pesaro, located at 517 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026. Attorney Steve M. Kalebic, with Law Offices located at 167 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 was present via Zoom as was the applicant.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 20-266

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 7:10 P.M. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States; (Cares Act Coronavirus Relief Fund).
- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (Employees Health Benefits).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (Employee Health Benefits; quarantine of members of the Garfield Police Department potentially exposed to the Coronavirus).
- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (Employee Health Benefits; possible negotiations with Alpha Dog, the City website provider, for a more favorable rate).
- \* 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; (Planning Board Attorney Alyssa Cimino to temporarily assume the duties of Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney until a successor to Joseph Conte, Esq. can be appointed).

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 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Aloia and Calandriello

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 7:55 PM, Mayor Rigoglioso gave a Coronavirus Covid -19 update. Mayor Rigoglioso said that as of yesterday, Garfield had 20 new positive Covid cases, and from March, the City has had approximately 1,500 positive cases. He said that those numbers may seem high, but when you break down the numbers, the percentage is the same as any other Municipality in the surrounding area, give or take a percentage point or two.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The need to cut approximately \$500,000 from the Expense portion of the City Budget due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The State enacted Legislation for Coronavirus Relief Act borrowing and he recommends the introduction of an Ordinance tonight to borrow \$2 million at an interest rate of one half of one percent to keep the City out of a cash flow problem. Payments would need to begin to be made in 2022 and this is action other Municipalities throughout the State are taking. This is for money that the City is not collecting at the moment from taxpaying businesses and citizens most likely due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the money will be collected in due time, which will pay off the loan.
2. Proposed applications for Bergen County Community Development Block Grants including addressing drainage issues in the Market Street area, Fleischer's Brook Culvert Repair, and the repair of the Pedestrian Stairs from Schley Street to Cedar Street and from Schley Street to Palisade Avenue.
3. The Community Development Block Grant application which was denied for Covid Testing and Senior Meals Support. However, the City applied for reimbursement of \$19,307 to CARES Act funding and that application was approved.
4. The Federal TAP Grant application for the River Drive Improvement – Phase III.
5. The Taps Grant in regard to the Passaic Street Streetscape project and the Riverwalk from Passaic Street heading south towards the Borough of Wallington.
6. The plans for a virtual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Garfield Free Public Library at 500 Midland Avenue scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020.
7. The Holiday Home Decorating Contest to be judged on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.
8. The many people who need to be thanked in regard to food insecurity including Councilmembers-Elect Pawel Maslag and Romi Herrera, Mayor Rigoglioso, Deputy Mayor Joe Delaney, so a lot of good things have been happening this Thanksgiving Season and the public has a lot to be thankful for to have Councilmembers who care, to have the services of the Garfield Neighbor Network, Strangers Helping Strangers, the Garfield YMCA, the Garfield Boys and Girls Club and so many other good groups and volunteers.
9. His appointment letters for Municipal Court Judge Giuseppe Randazzo and Constable Sean Delahanty.
10. The proposed engagement of the services of a Municipal Court Debt Collection Service.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The grants for the River Drive Bikeway Improvement and the River Drive Road Widening Project.
2. The traffic count for Phase II of the Safe Routes to Schools Project on Cedar Street near Christopher Columbus School No. 8 and on Palisade Avenue near Abraham Lincoln School No. 6.
3. The written Report of the City Engineer dated November 19, 2020.

4. The water treatment system for Well 8C that removes Volatile Organic Compounds, which is a temporary system until the permanent system can be activated, and the probable need

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### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

for a \$600,000 Bond Ordinance to allocate money for this improvement. Well 8C, which is located near Dolphine Parkway, is an important well because it is a high producing well.

City Manager Duch reported on the following:

11. The resignation of Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney and Secretary Joseph Conte and the temporary appointment of Planning Board Attorney and Secretary Alyssa Cimino to handle Zoning Board of Adjustment matters until a new permanent appointment can be made regarding an Attorney and Secretary for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica reported that in a letter to him from City Manager Thomas J. Duch dated November 24, 2020, the City Manager appointed Giuseppe C. Randazzo, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge of the Garfield Municipal Court, for a term expiring January 18, 2024.

City Clerk Pavlica reported that in a letter to him from Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, dated November 17, 2020, the Mayor appointed Everett Garnto Jr. to the Garfield Housing Authority as the Mayor's Appointee, for a five year term, said term to expire October 19, 2025.

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 20-267

WHEREAS, Sean Delahanty, residing at 15 Spring Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 has requested to be appointed as a Constable, and a Class Two Officer and he has met the requirements of C. 200, laws of 1971 (NJS 40A:9-120 et. Seq.) and he has been recommended for appointment by City Manager Thomas Duch,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Sean Delahanty, residing at 15 Spring Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 is hereby appointed a Constable and a Class Two Officer for the year 2021.

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-268

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-048-007, from La Cambusa, LLC ( Antonio Parlato, 113 Maitland Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 – who owns 100% of the shares of the corporation) to STRYV LLC, (Gennaro J. Conforti III, 203 Memorial Parkway, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation), ) for licensed premise located at 517 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026 t/a Pesaro.

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid , and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term, and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted a background investigation and the applicant and premises are suitable for licensing, and

WHEREAS, a “Tax Clearance - Transfer Certificate” has been issued and has been received as required pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation,

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective November 25, 2020, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License, 0221-33-048-007, from La Cambusa, LLC ( Antonio Parlato, 113 Maitland Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 – who owns 100% of the shares of the corporation) to STRYV LLC, (Gennaro J. Conforti III, 203 Memorial Parkway, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 – who will own 100% of the shares of the corporation), for licensed premise located at 517 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026, t/a Pesaro and does hereby direct the City Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to STRYV, LLC, located at 517 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026, effective November 25, 2020”,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this license is transferred on the condition that no Go-Go, live entertainment or discotheque be used in connection with this license; (A fee of \$200.00 was collected for the State of New Jersey in connection with the person to person license transfer, and a fee of \$90.00 was collected for the City of Garfield in connection with the place to place license transfer).

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-269

WHEREAS, Felix A. Polonia, 377 MacArthur Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2261630, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at his address, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted an investigation and recommend approval of the application,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicapped Parking”, located on the west curb line of MacArthur Avenue commencing 265 feet south of the intersection of MacArthur Avenue and Arnot Street and run an additional 20 feet south from that point.

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

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-270

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 2020.

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	Q	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
176	25		CoreLogic	O/P	\$222.53

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-271

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 2020.

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.

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BLOCK	LOT	Q	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
13	42		CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,121.96
20.01	20.01		CoreLogic	O/P	\$290.97
35	13		CoreLogic	O/P	\$242.83
37	6.02		CoreLogic	O/P	\$191.30
43	32.02		CoreLogic	O/P	\$165.37
84	56		CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,623.13

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-272

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 2020.

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	Q	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
90	7		CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,873.21
115	66		CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,826.26
118	36		CoreLogic	O/P	\$2,049.37
176	25		CoreLogic	O/P	\$222.53
193	38		CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,740.90
198	33		CoreLogic	O/P	\$229.03
203.01	50.02	C0301	CoreLogic	O/P	\$1,779.85

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-273

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 2020.

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	Q	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
183	20		LERETA, LLC	O/P	\$1,831.07

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-274

WHEREAS the City of Garfield, New Jersey has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan;

WHEREAS a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee;

WHEREAS the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and

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WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the County Office of Emergency Management's website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that:

1. The Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional *Hazard Mitigation Plan*, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on **August 7, 2020** by the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the City of Garfield; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The City of Garfield departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the City of Garfield, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-275

COVID -19 SPECIAL EMERGENCY

Certification of Chief Financial Officer and Approval of Governing Body

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield has experienced COVID 19 related revenue loss during the budget year 2020, and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2020, c. 74 provides for the funding of these revenue losses through a COVID Special Emergency, and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for a special emergency under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-53, as amended by P.L.2020, c. 74, the City must, prior to December 1, make application to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to obtain an approval of the certification of the special emergency and the resulting deferred charge in advance of the close of budget year 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that there is an operational gap attributable to COVID -19 affected revenue loss which needs to be addressed prior to year-end;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield (by not less than a majority vote of the full governing body members affirmatively concurring), in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:4-53, as amended by P.L. 2020, c. 74, as follows:

1. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to submit an application to the Division Director on the prescribed form and shall certify that the deficits in revenue are directly attributable to COVID-19.

2. The Chief Financial Officer has submitted said certification to the governing body for approval (attached to this resolution).
  3. The City Council by approval of this resolution approves the certification made by the Chief Financial Officer related to COVID-19 Special Emergency.
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4. The City Council directs the Chief Financial Officer, the Auditor and Bond Counsel to prepare the Ordinance and Resolution for Special Emergency COVID-19 related revenue deficit pursuant to statute and regulations resulting from P.L.2020, c. 74.
5. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-276

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers as per instructions from the Chief Financial Officer:

Account Name	Account Number	Transfer From	Transfer To
Audit Services	0-01-20-135-135-000		8,000.00
Engineering O/E	0-01-20-165-165-020		35,000.00
Employee Group Insurance	0-01-23-225-225-001		13,000.00
Police S/W	0-01-25-240-240-011		85,000.00
Police O/E	0-01-25-240-240-063		80,000.00
Purchase of Police Vehicles and Equipment	0-01-25-241-41-001		61,000.00
Police Traffic Division	0-01-25-242-242-000		25,000.00
Volunteer Fire Company	0-01-25-255-255-063		175,000.00
Fire Safety/Inspectors	0-01-25-265-265-020		1,000.00
Solid Waste	0-01-26-305-305-000		60,000.00
Buildings and Grounds O/E	0-01-26-310-310-063		5,000.00
Public Health Services S/W	0-01-27-330-330-011		25,000.00
Communications	0-01-31-441-441-000		71,000.00
P.E.R.S	0-01-36-471-471-000		43,000.00
General Admin/City Manager S/W	0-01-20-100-100-011	40,000.00	
City Clerk O/E	0-01-20-120-120-063	7,000.00	
Finance Administration S/W	0-01-20-130-130-011	31,500.00	
Finance Administration O/E	0-01-20-130-130-063	20,000.00	
Revenue Administration S/W	0-01-20-145-145-011	5,000.00	
Revenue Administration O/E	0-01-20-145-145-063		

		10,000.00	
Taz Assessment O/E	0-01-20-150-150-063		
		21,000.00	
Planning Board O/E	0-01-21-180-180-063		
		7,000.00	
Zoning Board O/E	0-01-21-185-185-063		
		3,000.00	
UCC Enforcement/Building Dept. S/W	0-01-22-195-195-011		
		16,000.00	
Housing Inspection/Property Maint. S/W	0-01-22-200-200-010		
		65,000.00	
Housing Inspection/Property Maint. O/E	0-01-22-200-200-063		
		20,000.00	
Other Insurance Premiums	0-01-23-210-210-000		
		25,000.00	
Office of Emergency Management	0-01-25-252-252-010		
		2,500.00	
Fire Safety Inspectors S/W	0-01-25-265-265-010		
		40,000.00	
Department of Public Works O/E	0-01-26-290-290-063		
		10,000.00	
Recreation S/W	0-01-28-370-370-011		
		125,000.00	
Recreation O/E	0-01-28-370-370-063		
		129,000.00	
Celebration of Public Events	0-01-30-420-420-001		
		45,000.00	
Electricity	0-01-31-430-430-200		
		25,000.00	
Gasoline	0-01-31-460-460-207		
		20,000.00	
Municipal Court O/E	0-01-43-490-490-063		
		20,000.00	
Principal & Int/GSPT-Passaic River Park	0-01-45-938-000-000		26,273.00
Prin and Int. 1989 Green Trust Loan	0-01-45-939-000-000		
		26,273.00	
	-	713,273.00	713,273.00

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-277  
Resolution Re: Additional Item of Revenue – Chapter 159

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 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 thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$277,236 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior

Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations

CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund

\$277,236.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$277,236.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

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General Appropriations

- (a) Operations Excluded from Caps  
Public and Private Programs Offset with Revenues  
CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund \$277,236.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-278

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of Professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “fair and open process”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:

City Auditor	Municipal Prosecutor
City Bond Counsel	Municipal Public Defender
City Attorney	Labor Counsel/Special Counsel
City Tax Appraiser	City Architects (3)
City Planner	Grant Consultants (3)
Computer It Consultants (2)	Insurance Risk Manager Consultant
Video Recorder of Meeting	City Engineer

2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00PM on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 in the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall.
3. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the next meeting of the Garfield City Council after receipt of submissions.
4. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on

the City of Garfield website for a period of not less than ten (10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the City Attorney as well as to all professionals currently holding the positions described in this Resolution.

Regular Meeting November 24, 2020, Continued

RESOLUTIONS

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

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Joseph Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 20-279

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2258 to 2260 covering Trust Other Account and Dog Trust Fund totaling \$26,565.60 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$1,750.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,420,485.75 and Water Fund Current Fund totaling \$44,695.85 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$3,195,461.43 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$16,963.25 per attached Computer Lists, dated November 20, 2020, 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 fifteen (15) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

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

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:4-53(m) TO FUND A DEFICIT IN OPERATIONS OF THE CITY DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID-19 WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE EXPERIENCED BY THE CITY IN THE CURRENT 2020 FISCAL YEAR

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:4-53(m) TO FUND A DEFICIT IN OPERATIONS OF THE CITY DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID-19 WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE EXPERIENCED BY THE CITY IN THE CURRENT 2020 FISCAL YEAR” 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 December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the new Police Station 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 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Aloia and Calandriello

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Erin Delaney said that plastic film and plastic bags will again be accepted in the Recycling Collection Bins in the foyer of City Hall. She spoke on three proposed Ordinances for City Council consideration at a future meeting regarding regulations involving Food Trucks, Curbing, and Auto Bodies. She extended congratulations and a welcome to Romi Herrera and Pawel Maslag regarding their election to the City Council on November 3rd. She also extended congratulations to Mayor Richard Rigoglioso and Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney on their reelection to the City Council. She said that it was an honor to run with the four of them, and she thanked all the candidates who ran for City Council. She thanked the voters who had the faith in her, for her to continue serving the City, and she said that she looks forward to serving during the next four years. She encouraged everyone to participate in the Christmas Light Home Decorating Contest. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and told everyone to enjoy their families, and stay safe, happy and healthy.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney spoke on those who are recognized for going above and beyond. He asked everyone to think about how much everybody helped out and gave of themselves this year because of the Pandemic, including giving of their time and money. He said that it would be hard to single out individuals or a single business because so many have given so much of themselves in the City. He thanked everybody in the entire City for all that they have done this year. He said that the City Council Election is over and he would like to welcome Romi Herrera and Pawel Herrera, who is the first-ever Polish-born American citizen elected to the Garfield City Council. He spoke on Romi Herrera being the first Hispanic to be elected to the Garfield City Council. He said that it was a long election and a long count of the ballots. He congratulated Councilmember Erin Delaney on her election, who he said exhibited more courage and fortitude than anybody else during this Election. He thanked all the candidates who ran for election. He thanked all the City organizations who distributed so many Turkey Dinners for this Thanksgiving. He spoke on the Garfield Free Public Library planning to conduct a first-ever virtual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony this coming December 5th. He spoke on Thanksgiving being his favorite holiday because he was always taught to be grateful for all he has.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Rigoglioso thanked all of the organizations and service groups who have helped the community, including Strangers Helping Strangers, Garfield Neighbors, Garfield Police – Community Policing Division, the Garfield YMCA, Garfield Boys and Girls Club, and everybody who volunteers their time. He spoke on 500 meals being provided daily, and close to 200,000 meals being provided since March, which includes the Mashio’s Food Service meals. He spoke on Mashio’s providing quality meals, with schools being physically closed, to those 18 years old and younger. He said that with the Covid Pandemic, people get to see the good in everybody, and seeing what all these volunteers have been doing since March. He said that it is reported how other municipalities are struggling to get these services off the ground, and he said that it is a well-oiled machine that is off and running in Garfield. He said that this will continue into December and it is because of all the connections and partnerships that were established with farms and supermarkets that it has happened on a daily basis. He said that in this Season of Thanks, he is so grateful, and he wants to give thanks to all those people, and there are so many of them that are there on a regular basis. He expressed thanks to the Bergen County Freeholders and the Bergen County Executive, Jim Tedesco, for donating 150 Turkeys, and pounds and pounds of yams and sweet potatoes that were distributed throughout the City to residents and houses of worship. He spoke on publicly recognizing Judah Smith, last year, who helps out his neighbors and residents. He spoke on the election of his running mates, Romi Herrera and Pawel Maslag, and Joe Delaney and Erin Delaney, to the City Council. He thanked everybody who did run for Council and he spoke on how the next few years will be vital to the City’s economy. He said that City Officials have to continue to improve the City on a daily basis to move the City forward. He spoke on Frank Calandriello and Lou Aloia having been on the City Council for 24 years. He said that it takes a lot to serve the City of Garfield, and he said that the residents of Garfield will be forever grateful for their service. He said that he appreciated what they did for the City, and it takes a lot of fortitude to do what they did. He again thanked them for their service to the City of Garfield. He told everybody to be safe and to be smart because the second wave of the Covid Pandemic is happening. He told everybody to be careful with their family gatherings and to follow safety protocols. He told everybody to enjoy their holidays and to do the best to protect themselves and have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. He spoke on the kids in the Garfield Interact Club, the student arm of the Garfield Rotary Club at Garfield High School, preparing approximately 400 meals and needing drivers to help distribute the meals on Thanksgiving morning. He thanked Middle School Vice-Principals Kathy Mazzola and David Gray, and all the Middle School teachers, who donated 30 meals for some of the families in need in the City of Garfield. He concluded by again wishing everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Aloia and Calandriello