

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 8, 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 December 4, 2020 edition of the Bergen Record and 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: Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney and Joseph Delaney

Councilmembers Absent: Louis G. Aloia

Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica

Also Present Telephonically: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, City Auditor Dieter Lerch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano 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.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE

Mayor Rigoglioso said that as of the last update, Garfield has had 26 new positive Covid cases, and 2 deaths from Covid. He spoke on the Coronavirus Covid-19 vaccine which will be distributed nationally very soon. He said that in Garfield, it would be distributed through the City's Health Department and administered by nurses. He said that everything is being discussed and it is in the planning stages until everything is finalized. He said that part of the discussion includes, if it is voluntary, if it is to be administered first to First Responders before City residents, and there are still some guidelines that have to be put in place by the State of New Jersey. He said to keep everybody in your thoughts and prayers, wear masks, wash your hands and keep social distancing from each other. He said that it is everybody's responsibility to stay healthy for your family and friends.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The decline in revenues anticipated in the 2020 Municipal Budget and the need to adopt tonight a Coronavirus Relief Act Ordinance for a Special Emergency Appropriation of \$2,000,000 which he believes needs four affirmative votes of the City Council for adoption.
2. The Resolution to accept Grant funding for the Special Needs Playground in Twentieth Century Field.
3. The need for Planning Board Attorney and Secretary Alyssa Cimino to temporarily assume the duties of Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney and Secretary since Joseph Conte had to step down from that position.
4. The meetings he has scheduled to have tomorrow with Employee Labor Union Representatives to explain the proposed changes in Employee Health Benefits Coverage.
5. The subsidies for Recreation Youth Organizations that were given to those that have actually conducted programs and had student participation. For those who have not, there will be no subsidy.
6. The appreciation extended to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department for helping out for about two weeks with law enforcement coverage in the City of Garfield while members of the Garfield Police Department had to be quarantined due to Covid exposure.
7. The proposed engagement of a Municipal Court Debt Collection Service.
8. The upgrade in lighting of which the City is entitled from PSE&G for River Drive.
9. The Quality of Life Meeting that was held yesterday and the proposed remote payment of fines and several proposed Ordinances for City Council consideration in 2021.
10. The deadline for submission of Coronavirus related expenses in connection with the CARES Act was 5:00 PM yesterday, and the City submitted claims before the deadline.
11. Fire Company No. Three's "Drive-By" Santa visit scheduled to be held Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM.
12. City Hall employees will be recorded standing in front of City Hall to sing Happy Holidays songs for posting on the City Website.

Councilmember Frank J. Calandriello reported on the following:

1. The Green Acres grant for \$160,000.

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2. The \$9,000 grant regarding the 2020 Federal Census in Garfield.
3. The proposed Resolution for \$267,457.60 of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund money returning to the City of Garfield.
4. The two recent vehicle accidents involving the Police Department Smart Cars.
5. The proposed application for an additional 13 apartments at 99 Passaic Street.

City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell reported on the following:

1. The permanent PFAA Treatment System for Well 8C near Dolphine Parkway and the need to introduce Bond Ordinances to fund this improvement at the beginning of 2021.
2. The 2020 Road Improvement Program.
3. Proposed Bergen County Community Development Block Grant applications for: The Monroe Street/Midland Avenue Improvement; Belmont Oval Turf Field Replacement; and supplemental funding for the Federal Project to improve Passaic Street.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 20-280

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Ryan Geraghty of 67 Steinberg Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective March 3, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-281

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted Francisco Bermudez of 22 Steinberg Avenue, Apt 2, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective November 3, 2020,

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. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-282

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021, to Mrs. Rose Ann Merendino, wife of deceased Joseph Merendino, who resides at 8212 Mira Lago Lane, Apt 317, Fort Worth, Texas, 76179 pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1716 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW AND DEPENDENT OF JOSEPH MERENDINO, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on February 19, 1980.

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On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-283

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021, to Mrs. Arlin Sabat, wife of deceased Edward Sabat, who resides at 111 Falmouth Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1177 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD FROM INJURIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on May 25, 1955.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-284

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021, to Mrs. Linda Yondolino, wife of deceased Nicholas A. Yondolino, who resides at 662 Upper Mountain Road, Pine Bush, New York 12566, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1839 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW AND DEPENDENT OF NICHOLAS YONDOLINO, IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on October 2, 1984.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-285

Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown  
Whereas, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve impaired drivers; and  
Whereas, impaired driving crashes killed 10,551 people in the United States in 2018; and  
Whereas, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$44 Billion a year; and  
Whereas, during the past five years New Jersey's roadways experienced 36,049 crashes and 648 fatalities involving impaired drivers; and  
Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and  
Whereas, the year end holiday season is traditionally a time for social gatherings which include alcohol; and  
Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown; and  
Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 4, 2020 through January 1, 2021; and  
Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;  
Therefore, be is resolved that the City of Garfield declares it's support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown from December 4, 2020 through January 1, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 20-286

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$160,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

Project #0221-19-054  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Field Playground

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that Thomas J. Duch or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GARFIELD THAT:

1. The City Manager Thomas J. Duch of the City of Garfield is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as 20<sup>th</sup> Century Field Playground;
2. The applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$160,000;
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-287

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS 1, 2, 3, 4 & FINAL IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS “IMPROVEMENTS TO GRAND STREET, RIVER DRIVE TO PIERRE AVENUE”

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to KM Construction Corp. to install streetscape, replace water mains, replace lead water services and resurface Grand Street between River Road and Pierre Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, additional water main improvements were required and are summarized in Change Order No.’s 1, 2 and 3, and;

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 4 & Final reflects final as-built quantities, and;

WHEREAS, the initial contract amount was \$889,538.75, and;

WHEREAS, the final contract amount, pursuant to Change Orders 1, 2, 3, 4 & Final, is \$847,232.55

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Change Orders 1, 2, 3 and 4 & Final are hereby approved reducing the original contract amount by \$44,453.04.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-288

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT 475 LANZA AVENUE

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WHEREAS, the City of Garfield retained D.S. Meyer to perform an emergency sewer repair involving replacing a broken Cray Bell at 475 Lanza Avenue  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment of \$3,000.00 is hereby approved to DS Meyer Enterprises, LLC for repair work noted above.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-289

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$9,000.00 which is now available from County of Bergen for the 2020 Census and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$9,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption County of Bergen for the 2020 Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from County of Bergen for the 2020 Census, in the amount of \$9,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$5,500.00 which is now available from State of New Jersey DWI-Click It or Ticket Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey DWI-Click It or Ticket Grant; and

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

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-291

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$48,755.05 which is now available from The State of New Jersey Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$48,755.05 is hereby appropriated under the caption The State of New Jersey Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from The State of New Jersey Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant, in the amount of \$48,755.05.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-292

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$1,800.00 which is now available from Spencer Savings Bank Covid-19 First Responder Grant and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,800.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Spencer Savings Bank Covid-19 First Responder Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds from Spencer Savings Bank Covid-19 First Responder Grant, in the amount of \$1,800.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmember Aloia

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 20-293

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 \$267,457.60 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

\$267,457.60

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$267,457.60 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 \$267,457.60

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 4, (Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Absent 1 - Councilmembers Aloia Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-294

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to carry out the following directives for the year 2021:

1. Charge 8% interest per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.
2. Charge 18% interest on tax title liens as per R.S. 54:4-67.
3. Allow a grace period of ten days before charging interest, as provided by R.S. 54:4-67, except that if the office of the Tax Collector is closed on the tenth day following the due date for a tax payment, then the grace period shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.
4. Allow no discount for pre-payment of taxes.
5. Charge an additional end of year penalty of 6% as provided by R.S. 54:4-67 on all delinquencies of unpaid taxes, interest, and other municipal charges, when the total exceeds \$10,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, (Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Absent 1 - Councilmembers Aloia Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 20-295

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZIG THE CITY ENGINEER TO CONDUCT A SITE INVESTIGATION ON BLOCK 220, LOT 9.01

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is desirous of acquiring the above referenced tract, and;  
WHEREAS, the City Engineer has performed a Preliminary Assessment study and compiled those findings in a Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR), and;  
WHEREAS, the PAR recommends additional soil sampling as part of a Site Investigative study  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Engineer is hereby authorized to perform the necessary services for a Site Investigative study and compile those findings in a Site Investigative Letter Report (SI) at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

On call of roll, Ayes 4, (Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Absent 1 - Councilmembers Aloia Joseph Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 20-296

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2261 to 2262 covering Police ICE Trust Account and Dog Trust Fund totaling \$2,318.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$2,807,811.33 and Water Fund Current Fund totaling \$19,320.95 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$163,822.44 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$1,484.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated December 4, 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

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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 nineteen (19) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

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

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, November 24, 2020; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of 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 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.

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 Erin N. Delaney moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting scheduled to be held December 22, 2020. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

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

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Calandriello said that however he votes, it is his vote, and he should not endure personal attacks. He said that he does not have any family working for the City of Garfield. He spoke on the house in which he lives, that he said he built, and worked very hard for, and for which he pays about \$17,000 a year in property taxes. He spoke on the need to not bully people. He said that all City accounts that are identified as “The City of Garfield” should be audited. He spoke on the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation Trust Fund and the Events Planning Committee account. He spoke on requesting information on an application for 13 additional apartments to the 105 apartment Redevelopment Project at 99 Passaic Street. He spoke on his request for information regarding a newer Program and newer vehicles, such as Police Smart Cars. He spoke on how he is looking forward to the next Council Meeting, which will be his last meeting as a Garfield City Councilman.

Councilmember Erin Delaney said that she does not control anyone and does not believe that she has bullied anyone. She spoke on the lack of support by all Councilmembers for the Covid-19 Special Emergency Bond and if Councilmember Aloia does not support this Ordinance at the next meeting, expect City taxes to need to increase, which the City Council is trying to avoid. She thanked City Attorney Bob Ferraro for forwarding her the proposed Ordinance for which she requested, and hopefully will be introduced in January. She spoke on a proposed Ordinance regarding hours of operation of Auto Body Shops. She spoke on complaints regarding Garbage Pickup times, and the need to change that in the specifications the next time the City has this service go out to bid. She spoke on the City Noise Ordinance. She spoke on the Property Maintenance Ordinance. She spoke on Recycling. She spoke on the proposed collection of plastic bags and film in the vestibule of City Hall. She spoke on recycling containers at the DPW Yard. She said that the Covid-19 Ordinance is a huge opportunity and it would be a shame if it did not pass at the next meeting. She spoke on the other Municipalities who have adopted similar Ordinances. She wished everyone “Happy Holidays”.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Delaney said that the reason that the State of New Jersey made this Special Emergency Appropriations Ordinance available to Municipalities such as Garfield is because they

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

realize the situation that all municipalities are in right now throughout the State. He said that the Ordinance allows the City to borrow the \$2 million at an interest rate of one half of one percent, and it makes more sense to do that, than to use City Surplus, because the Surplus money gathers more money for the taxpayers, by letting it earn more interest in the bank. He said that that is why other Municipalities are taking advantage of this Ordinance. He asked City Clerk Pavlica to check with Councilmember Aloia to see if he can attend the next Council Meeting because the adoption of this Ordinance is so important. He said that it is a sad time throughout the United States and in Garfield, and he spoke on the passing of Garfield citizens Frank Parenti and Diane Urgovitch. He spoke on Councilmembers-Elect Romi Herrera and Pawel Maslag attending and observing the past few Council Meetings.

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on his disappointment that the Special Emergency Appropriations Ordinance was not adopted tonight. He spoke on the proposed application for 13 additional apartment units at the Redevelopment Project at 99 Passaic Street. He spoke on vehicle accidents involving City Police Cars, especially Smart Cars. He spoke on the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic and the vaccine that is coming soon. He advised people to not drop their guard. He spoke on how the legalization of marijuana might affect City employees, and the need to be certain that employees are not impaired and jeopardizing themselves, the public and City property. He said that the City should impose regulations to address this new issue. He said that the Holiday Season is here and that there are a lot of families and businesses that are struggling, and there are a lot of families in need of help, food, Christmas gifts, holiday decorations and other things. He spoke on the collection of coats for those in need. He spoke on the efforts of different organizations to help, such as Garfield Neighbors, Strangers Helping Strangers, and other organizations. He spoke on an event to help Autistic and Special Needs Residents that was held this past weekend, which he said was a huge success. He said because of this Pandemic, it does not seem like the usual Holiday Season, but everybody has to do their part to provide some cheer and Holiday spirit in Garfield, and this Pandemic cannot be allowed to ruin the Holidays. He spoke about Family and traditions that everyone will look back upon later in their lives. He spoke about reaching out to people during the Pandemic. He spoke about the social and emotional affect of the Pandemic on people, and how it takes an emotional toll. He told everyone to do their best, hang in there, stay strong and move on. He told everyone to stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,  
Absent 1 - Councilmembers Aloia

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK