

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:20 PM in the Council Chamber in Garfield City Hall located at 111 Outwater Lane, 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 February 20, 2021 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.

Councilmembers Present: Joseph Delaney, Pawel Maslag and Richard Rigoglioso

Councilmembers Absent: Romi Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Also Present: City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen

Also Present Telephonically: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, City Engineer Carl O'Brien and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggiano

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 Richard Rigoglioso reported that, today, 23 residents of Garfield tested positive for the Covid-19 Virus, and for the month of February, 309 residents tested positive for the Covid-19 Virus. He said that year to date, Garfield has had 3,058 residents who have tested positive for the Covid-19 Virus and have had 89 deaths. He said that over 28 million U.S. residents have tested

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positive for the Covid-19 Virus and over 500,000 U.S. residents have passed away from the Virus. He said that there is a light at the end of the tunnel since there are now vaccines to inoculate people to protect them from the Virus. He said that the City of Garfield had received 100 vaccines which were administered to senior citizens in the Housing Authority, and City Officials thought that the City would be receiving more vaccines on a regular basis. He said that all of Bergen County only receives 2,000 vaccines a week, and Garfield, and about five other Municipalities, were to receive about 100 vaccines a week, but those vaccines have been assigned by Bergen County to New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus. He suggested that any Garfield resident seeking a vaccine should try CVS or Rite Aid Pharmacies or the local hospitals.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported that the City of Garfield has requested to be a “Vaccination Center” for the State of New Jersey, but the City has not received a commitment from any level of government for vaccines. He said that that includes the County and the State and there even was a reach out to Federal representatives without success. He said that the City will continue to pursue that proposal that Garfield be a “Vaccination Center”. City Manager Duch remarked that the County of Bergen receives 2,000 vaccines a week and that there are 70 Municipalities in Bergen County. He said that those Municipalities have a population of almost 900,000 people who are getting those 2,000 vaccines a week.

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Resolution No. 21-51

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, on January 27, 2021, former Garfield City Councilwoman Constance “Connie” Kasica-Giacomarro, and

WHEREAS, “Connie” Kasica-Giacomarro served proudly as a Garfield City Councilmember from 2000-2004, was the past Board Secretary to the Bergen County Technical Schools, was a member of the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board, was a past Executive Aide to Bergen County Freeholder Director Jerry O’Connor, and was the founder of “Connie’s Spray Park” at the corner of Jewell Street and Division Avenue, and

WHEREAS, her passing touched with sorrow, the people of the City of Garfield, and its Governing Body,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, and on behalf of the people of Garfield, that profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy are hereby expressed to the family and friends of CONSTANCE “CONNIE” KASICA-GIACOMARRO in their hour of bereavement over the tremendous loss endured by her passing.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-52

WHEREAS, there currently is a vacancy in the position of Fourth Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Alban Gaba of 60 Center Court is hereby appointed, effective immediately, as Fourth Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two year term, said term to expire January 1, 2023.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-53

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following are appointed to the Emergency Management Council:

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Michael Marsh	Emergency Management Coordinator
Sam Garofalo	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Claire Follari	Deputy Coordinator
Ronald Polonkay	Assistant Coordinator
Richard Rigoglioso	Mayor
Richard Cangialosi	Department of Public Works
Halina Dabrowska	Health Inspector
Raymond Kovach	Police Department
Kyle Kovacs	Fire Department
Alan Tani	Fire Department - HazMat
Thomas Duch	City Manager
Robert Pavlick	Red Cross
David Strangeckiak	HUMC EMS
David Pikul	Police Department – Traffic
Katie Sobko	North Jersey Media Group

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-54

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Kacper Szuberski of 227 Division Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective January 27, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 1 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-55

**RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL UNIT PAY TO PLAY LAW**

Whereas, pursuant to the a previously adopted resolution, the qualified evaluation committee 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” pursuant to the provisions of the new Jersey Local Pay to Play Law; and

Whereas, a legal notice and statement of criteria for submission of qualifications were prepared and issued by the City which solicited submissions by the various professionals no later than December 29, 2020; and

Whereas, pursuant to the aforesaid notice statements of professional qualifications were, in fact submitted; and

Whereas, contracts with these professional may be entered into by the City of Garfield without the necessity of competitive bidding since these contracts are professional services which are exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5(1); and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey,

Edward Arcari of the firm Arcari Iovino Architects PC; DMR Architects; Daniel Dressel Architects; and H2M Associates are hereby appointed as City Architects for the City of Garfield for a fee to be determined based on each individual project awarded.

Be It Further Resolved, that the appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year and each appointment is subject to confirmation by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist in the appropriate accounts for these purposes.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

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Resolution No. 21-56

WHEREAS, Nael E. Constant, 81 Grand Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2257745, 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 north curb line of Grand Street commencing 66 feet east of the intersection of Grand Street and Palisade Avenue and run an additional 20 feet east 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 Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-57

WHEREAS, Yudelka Rivera, on behalf of her daughter, Mariely Rivera, 73 Grand Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2327595, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her 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 north curb line of Grand Street commencing 60 feet west of the intersection of Grand Street and Palisade Avenue and run an additional 20 feet west 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 Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-58

WHEREAS, Jupiter North LLC, DBA Time to Wash, 69 River Drive, filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2021 and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to Jupiter North LLC, DBA Time to Wash, 69 River Drive for the year 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-59

WHEREAS, EZ Laundromat, LLC 251 Midland Avenue, filed an application for a laundromat license for the year 2021 and

WHEREAS, the local inspectors CERTIFY that they have conformed with provisions of Ordinance No. 1288,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue a license to EZ Laundromat, LLC, 251 Midland Avenue for the year 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-60

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted a resolution implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), in 2001 to Section 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986 and:

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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and has forwarded a certified list(s) to the Mayor and Council; certified by the Fire Department Chief(s) and to disclose all Volunteer Fire Department recipients who have met the minimum requirements to receive such funds and;  
WHEREAS, a certified list containing the names of the recipients are attached to this resolution in which the auditors have recommended in the audit that this list be available for review in the form of a resolution;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, has certified funds are available in the 2021 appropriation, and has further audited the documents submitted by the Volunteer Fire Department and has determined that the documents meet the intent of the 2020 audit requirements.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-61

Resolution: Adopt City "Procedure for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects."

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides opportunities for Local Public Agencies (LPA), such as the City of Garfield, to receive Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP or federal aid) funds through New Jersey Department of Transportation; and  
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is presently the recipient of federal aid funds through a project awarded under the TAP Transportation Alternatives Program; and  
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, as an LPA, is responsible for administering federal aid funded projects in compliance with all federal aid requirements established by the FHWA; and  
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, through its Stewardship Agreement with FHWA, is responsible for ensuring that the City of Garfield is adequately staffed and suitably equipped to undertake federal aid projects and ensure that federal requirements are met; and  
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, as required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, has developed a Policy outlining the required procedures for the Administration of Federally Funded Transportation Projects administered through the New Jersey Department of Transportation;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 23rd day of February, 2021, by the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the City of Garfield adopts the policy entitled "City of Garfield, Procedure for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects", dated November 2020.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-62

NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT RESOLUTION CERTIFYING 50% CASH MATCHING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield on behalf of the Garfield Public Library has been awarded a New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant in the amount of \$130,404; and  
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act project requires proof of the required 50% cash matchings funds in the amount of \$130,404 on or before March 1, 2021 by resolution, bond ordinance or bank statement; and  
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has agreed to provide the 50% cash match on behalf of the Garfield Public Library for its project entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act because of its benefits for our residents and it is in the best interests of the City of Garfield.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GARFIELD:

1. The City of Garfield hereby certifies that it has the required Library Construction Bond Grant 50% cash matching funds in the amount of \$130,404 in its FY-2021 Budget as Capital Improvement Funds for the Garfield Public Library Project entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act with a total project cost of \$260,808.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

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Resolution No. 21-63

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT AWARD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield on behalf of the Garfield Public Library has been awarded a New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant in the amount of \$130,404 for renovations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield are desirous of accepting the LCBA Grant Award in the amount of \$130,404; and

WHEREAS, these funds may only be used to finance costs of the project; and

WHEREAS, an application for such funds may not be filed nor funds accepted and spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

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

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby accept the New Jersey LCBA Grant Award in the amount of \$130,404 for renovations to the Garfield Public Library.
2. The LCBA Grant funds shall only be used to finance the costs of the renovations to the Garfield Public Library building pursuant to Section 1.5 of the LCB Grant Agreement.
3. The City Manager of the City of Garfield is hereby authorized to execute the LCBA Grant Agreement, and any amendments or documents related thereto, between the New Jersey State Library as Grantor and the City of Garfield as Grantee.
4. Upon receipt of the fully executed LCBA Grant Agreement from the New Jersey State Library, the expenditure of funds is hereby authorized pursuant to the terms of the LCBA Grant Agreement.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-64

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield has directed the City Manager and Clerk to conduct research to determine whether the Borough could purchase electricity at a discounted fee below PSE&G standard rates; and

WHEREAS, after conducting their due diligence, the City Manager and Clerk have determined that it would be in the City of Garfield's best financial interest to retain the services of EP&G as an independent electricity advisory firm.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby direct the City Manager and Clerk with the assistance of the Chief Financial Officer and City Attorney to negotiate and enter into an Agreement, with the services of EP&G, for the purchase of discounted electricity from licensed suppliers, with Contract Terms not exceeding Statutory Term Limits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certified True Copy of this resolution be tendered to Thomas J. Duch, City Manager; Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk; Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer; EP&G Company; and Robert Ferraro, City Attorney.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-65

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE 213-225 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey for the sum of \$350,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to purchase certain real property known as 213-225 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the said property is located within the area of River Drive in which the City wishes to acquire as part of its River Walk project; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to pursue funding toward this purchase from outside agencies;

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NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase the said property for the sum of \$350,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE 263 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey for the sum of \$450,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to purchase certain real property known as 263 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the said property is located within the area of River Drive in which the City wishes to acquire as part of its River Walk project; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to pursue funding toward this purchase from outside agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase the said property for the sum of \$450,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES FOR EMERGENCY WATER REPAIR WORK ON WASHINGTON PLACE NEAR PASSAIC STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield retained D.S. Meyer to perform emergency water repair work on Washington Place near Passaic Street in the amount of \$25,800 and;

WHEREAS, the work included to installation of a fire hydrant and an insertion valve, and;

WHEREAS, during the performance of the work, it was determined a water shutdown for the work would require the installation of an additional insertion valve. Additionally, the contractor was required to remain onsite until all of the extra work could be completed and the excavation could be properly stabilized, and;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer monitored the work and certified the additional work was properly performed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment of an additional \$19,800 is hereby approved to DS Meyer for the extra work performed during the emergency repair work noted above.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MICHAEL NIH OF 81 GRAND STREET FOR DAMAGES ASSOCIATED WUITH SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT IN FRONT OF HIS HOME

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield authorized the replacement of sidewalk at 81 Grand Street as part of a City funded project, and;

WHEREAS, there was damage to a roof leader requiring a repair, and;

WHEREAS, Michael Nih coordinated the repair and has requested reimbursement of monies spent on the repair, and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has reviewed this request and recommends reimbursement to the homeowner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment is hereby authorized to Michael Nih in the amount of \$121.70

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

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Resolution No. 21-69

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS TO WIDEN BELMONT OVAL FIELD TO 180' AND COORDINATE THE REPLACEMENT OF TURF FOR THE WIDENED FIELD VIA A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROCURE PROCESS

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield received a CDBG grant to provide for the replacement of the turf at Belmont Oval Field, and;

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering was authorized, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-148, to secure a proposal, coordinate the procurement process via the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Program and oversee the construction at a fee of \$25,000, and;

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of widening the field from 165' to 180' which will require the site work portion of the project to be publicly bid

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Boswell Engineering is hereby authorized to prepare the bid documents for and additional fee of \$25,000 to publicly bid the site work portion of the project and inspect the improvement. Boswell Engineering will also coordinate the turf replacement/installation of the field in the widened play area pursuant to the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Program.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION, NJDEP REPORTING, AND ANALYTICAL TESTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS ALONG MONROE STREET BETWEEN PIERRE AVENUE AND RIVER DRIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield plans to resurface the asphalt pavement on Monroe Street, and;

WHEREAS, an inactive railroad line travels along Monroe Street from Pierre Avenue to River Drive, and;

WHEREAS, the railroad tracks, ties and ballast should be removed prior to the repaving so as to achieve an even grade and prevent deterioration of the new asphalt, and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), considers the track removal to be a linear construction project (LCP) because certain contaminants may be encountered during the work, and;

WHEREAS, the contaminants that may be encountered include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), and heavy metals, often found along railroad tracks, and;

WHEREAS, because of the contaminants, the City has certain material handling, investigation and reporting obligations with the NJDEP, including a Materials Management Plan, Construction Oversight, a Final Linear Construction Report and a Notice In Lieu of Deed Notice, and;

WHEREAS, the City must retain the services of an NJDEP Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) to perform these services, and;

WHEREAS, services required to complete the remediation are summarized as follows:

Boswell Engineering	\$20,500.00
Analytical Testing	\$ 8,000.00
NJDEP Fees	\$ 1,450.00
Total	\$29,950.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Boswell Engineering, is hereby authorized to provide remediation services in the amount of \$29,950.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

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Resolution No. 21-71

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21-032 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Garfield at a meeting held January 26, 2021, authorizing Change Order No.1 in connection with the 2018 Road Improvement Program in the amount of \$22,303.41, and  
 WHEREAS, it is desirous to rescind Resolution No. 21-032,  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that Resolution No. 21-032 is hereby rescinded.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
 Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
 Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-72

Authority N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 Dedication by Rider Resolution requesting permission by Dedication by rider for “Donations for Park Benches”  
 Whereas, permission is required of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a city when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and  
 Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-29 provides the City of Garfield ,County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, for receipt of general donations for park benches and;  
 Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated by the City of Garfield Donations, are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:  
 Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Mayor and Council, City of Garfield, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:  
 The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to accept donations for acquisition of park benches and appropriate the same in the dedicated trust fund.  
 The Clerk in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
 Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
 Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-73

WHEREAS, Garofalo Brothers & Garofalo Recycling is the owner of real property known on the Tax Map of the City of Garfield as Block 34.02, Lot 41, commonly known as 19 Atlantic Avenue, and Block 48.02, Lot 16.01, commonly known as 31 Atlantic Avenue, in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, and has filed real property tax appeals for the year(s) 2019, and 2020, bearing Docket No. 7185-2019, and 3574-2020; and  
 WHEREAS, Robert McNerney, the appraisal expert retained by the City of Garfield, and/or James Tighe, the Tax Assessor and the City Special Litigation Counsel, Lavin & Associates, P.C., have recommended that the appeals be settled; and  
 WHEREAS, said properties were assessed for the year(s) as follows:  
 Block 34.02, Lot 41 (Street Address- 19 Atlantic Avenue):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2019 Original Assessment	\$539,800.00	\$660,200.00	\$1,200,000.00
2020 Original Assessment	\$539,800.00	\$660,200.00	\$1,200,000.00

Block 48.02, Lot 16.01 (Street Address- 31 Atlantic Avenue):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2019 Original Assessment	\$518,300.00	\$231,700.00	\$750,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to enter into a

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settlement of the real property tax appeals in accordance with the following terms. In exchange for the taxpayer withdrawing the above appeals, the City of Garfield shall reduce the properties' 2021 assessments as follows:

Block 34.02, Lot 41 (Street Address- 19 Atlantic Avenue):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2021 Assessment	\$539,800.00	\$460,200.00	\$1,000,000.00

Block 48.02, Lot 16.01 (Street Address- 31 Atlantic Avenue):

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
2021 Assessment	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$600,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no interest be paid on any refund or credit due the taxpayer provided it is paid within the statutory time period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Special Litigation Counsel is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation of Settlement consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-74

WHEREAS the Receiver of Sewer reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a refund due to sewer over payment for the year 2021.

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 Sewer for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

SEWER ACCT #	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
5-16-138	EVTIMOVSKI, JOVAN	O/P SEWER	\$40.00
5-16-137	EVTIMOVSKI, JOVAN	O/P SEWER	\$12.50
4-12-178	EVTIMOVSKI, JOVAN	O/P SEWER	\$12.50
3-11-156	EVTIMOVSKI, JOVAN	O/P SEWER	\$40.00
3-11-73	EVTIMOVSKI, JOVAN	O/P SEWER	\$40.00

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-75

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, Suite 1, 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

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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, 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, Suite 1, 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, Suite 1, 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).

FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 20-268 is hereby rescinded.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 -  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-76

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21-77

See

the

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

For

Temporary

Capital

Budget

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 21-78

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2266 to 2268 covering Dog Trust Fund and Trust Other totaling \$92,337.82 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$57,255.04 and Current Fund totaling \$3,314,951.13 and Water Fund Reserve Fund \$47,044.83 and Water Fund totaling \$30,684.20 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$186,325.23 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$21,969.89 and Trust Other Police OT totaling \$2,375.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated February 19, 2021, 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 fifty nine (59) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

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

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Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$580,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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

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 Joseph Delaney moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting to be held on March 23, 2021. Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2854

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND ARTICLE V CHAPTER 80 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAM

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

Ms. Tana M. Raymond, 93 Spring Street, spoke and asked questions about the ordinance.

There being no further objections, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2855

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 164 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, CHAPTER 341 ENTITLED “GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE

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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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2856

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 242 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES” PERTAINING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE VIOLATIONS

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2857

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 201 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, CHAPTER 201 ENTITLED “LITTERING”

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

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Ordinance No. 2858

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO ADD ARTICLE IX CHAPTER 226 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING"

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2859

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 280 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, CHAPTER 341 ENTITLED "SNOW REMOVAL"

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2860

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND AND REVISE ORDINANCE NUMBER 1268 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND PARKING", MORE PARTICULARLY THE SECTION DESIGNATING STOP SIGN INTERSECTIONS"

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 329 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLE SALES BUSINESSES” SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 329-12 ENTITLED “PARKING REGULATIONS”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a public hearing on same and asked if there were any objections.

Mr. Charles Rabolli, 95 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, New Jersey spoke against the adoption of the ordinance.

There being no further objections, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting to be held on March 23, 2021. Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 214 OF THE GARFIELD CITY CODE, TO BE ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS”

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 Maslag moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting to be held on March 23, 2021. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2861

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE CITY CHAPTER 287, ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS", MORE SPECIFICALLY ADDING ARTICLE VI ENTITLED "CURB REPAIRS PERFORMED BY THE CITY"

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2862

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE KALAMA SITE (BLOCK 50.01, LOT 1) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1ET SEQ.

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2863

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 260 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "SANITATION," TO ADOPT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE SANITARY CODE

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Ordinance No. 2864

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 26, 2021; 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 TO AMEND AND REVISE ORDINANCE NUMBER CHAPTER 150 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "FOOD HANDLERS, MOBILE"

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 Joseph Delaney 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 – Councilmembers Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Councilmember Maslag introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REHABILITATION OF JEWELL STREET PLAYGROUND IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 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

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Maslag moved that this ordinance entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REHABILITATION OF JEWELL STREET PLAYGROUND IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 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

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NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” 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 March 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM in City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember 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 – Councilmember Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

Councilmember Maslag introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 333-14 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONNECT TO CITY WATER MAIN,” TO ADD A CONNECTION FOR 2 INCH WATER TAP LINES

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Maslag moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 333-14 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONNECT TO CITY WATER MAIN,” TO ADD A CONNECTION FOR 2 INCH WATER TAP LINES” 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 March 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM in City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember 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 – Councilmember Herrera and Erin N. Delaney

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, spoke and asked questions regarding the Ordinance adopted this evening to delete the Feral Cats, “Trap, Neuter and Return Program”.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on the Ordinances acted upon tonight including the Ordinance regarding the Feral Cats “Trap, Neuter and Return Program”. He spoke on the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation. He spoke on the proposed Ordinances regulating Auto Body Shops. He spoke on how long it takes to address issues and how it has been three years that Auto Body Shop issues have been discussed. He spoke on the Ordinance regarding Snow Emergency Routes and how it was a topic brought up approximately ten years ago. He spoke on the proposed resurfacing of Belmont Oval with a new turf off Spring Street. He spoke on how the City will make the Soccer Field in that park into a regulation sized Soccer Field.

Councilmember Maslag spoke on the Coronavirus Covid-19 Vaccine and he spoke on how infection rates are going down across the country, including in Garfield. He spoke on the Soccer Field being made into a regulation sized Soccer Field in Belmont Oval. He spoke on the Ordinance regarding the Feral Cats “Trap, Neuter and Return Program”. He spoke on quality of life issues. He spoke on the program whereby if someone makes a donation, a park bench could be dedicated in memory of a person they hold dear. He spoke on the incredible strides in the development of the City River Walk. He spoke on how the Garfield Free Public Library qualified for Bond money from the State of New Jersey.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on the disappointment that the City has only received 100 Coronavirus Covid-19 vaccines so far. He spoke on herd immunity. He spoke on how it might take until September to get sufficient people vaccinated across the country. He spoke on snow removal by the Department of Public Works and how it is illegal for citizens to save parking spots with a chair or a cabinet or a garbage can. He spoke on how the City gave everybody nine days before the DPW started to remove items put out by residents to save parking spaces. He spoke on how people have put out all sorts of items to save parking spots including barbeque sets and kitchen tables. He spoke on Feral Cats issues and meetings with GARF and Bergen County Officials to develop a Trap, Neuter and Return Program and how nobody followed the Plan. He said that certain GARF members failed to follow the Plan. He said that if this was important, the procedures that were put in place would have been followed. He spoke on quality of life issues. He spoke on how Cat Colonies were supposed to be limited to 7 registered cats and how there were sometimes 15 registered cats in a Feral Cat Colony. He spoke on how a Plan was developed, and how only one registered Cat Colony, out of 40 known Cat Colonies, followed the Plan. He said that the Program is not working. He spoke on meeting with County Officials on March 9th to develop a plan on how to handle the Feral Cats issue. He said that the Feral Cat Colony Program is not working in the City of Garfield, and City Officials did not fail the Feral Cat Colonies Program, those running the Feral Cat Colonies failed the Program. He said that they needed to follow the procedures and guidelines, and to take control, and they did not take control. He spoke on the Covid-19 Pandemic and food insecurities in the City of Garfield. He spoke on the proposed Ordinances regulating garage owners and Auto Body Shops. He said that there is a need to take care of your neighborhood and move forward and improve the quality of life. He spoke on the City Council scheduling a Special Meeting for next Tuesday at 6:00 PM. He spoke on the Garfield Planning and Events Advisory Committee and the proposed scheduling of a Carnival, perhaps in April, if the Center for Disease Control and New Jersey State virus guidelines are slowly lifted. He said that it is time to slowly open up the City of Garfield. He said that the infection rate of the Coronavirus is slowly going down. He spoke on the Garfield School System's Plan to reopen Schools in March with a hybrid remote and in-person learning system. He spoke on the hope that the Schools could reopen full-time in September.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Maslag moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Absent 2 –  
Councilmembers Herrera and Erin Delaney