

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 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 March 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: Richard Rigoglioso

Councilmembers Present Telephonically: Joseph Delaney, Pawel Maslag, 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, Special Labor Counsel John Lavin and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

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 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 as of today, the City of Garfield has had 400 cases and 6 deaths for the month of March 2021. He said that March 11, 2021, was the recognized one year

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anniversary of the Coronavirus Pandemic. He said that during that time, Garfield has experienced 3,615 cases of the virus with 95 deaths. He said that now, things are turning around and people are being inoculated with vaccines at a record pace. He said that the average rate in Garfield is about the same throughout the State of New Jersey for municipalities the size of Garfield. He said that the average is going down. He spoke on the opening up of Schools, Sporting Events and Community Events. He said that he believes that the trend will continue in a good direction, but people should still wear their masks, keep their distance from others, and know with whom they are going out in public. He said that people should be careful because they do not want to see another spike in the numbers concerning the Coronavirus.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Water Rate Increase will be effective May 1, 2021.
2. The proposed Resolution regarding Licensing of Emergency Outdoor Dining.
3. All complaints regarding animals in the City of Garfield will be directed to Bergen County Animal Control.
4. The proposed Introduction of the 2021 Municipal Budget.

MINUTES

Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Regular	Meeting	-	December	8,	2020
Regular	Meeting	-	December	22,	2020
Organization	Meeting	-	January	1,	2021
Special	Meeting	-	January	8,	2021
Work	Session	-	January	12,	2021
Regular	Meeting	-	January	26,	2021
Work	Session	-	February	8,	2021
Regular	Meeting	-	February	23,	2021
Special	Meeting	-	March	2,	2021

Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

INTRODUCTION OF 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution No. 21-83

See

the

following

pages numbered _____

for Introduction of the Municipal Budget

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Resolution No. 21-84

RESOLUTION DECLARING SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AND ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Whereas, hate crimes motivated by anti-Asian sentiment have jumped 1,900% in New York City in 2020 and almost 3,000 reports of anti-Asian discrimination between March 19 and December 31, 2020 have been recorded by the Stop AAPI Hate;

Whereas, racially-motivated assaults and harassment targeting of Asian and Asian-American seniors have dramatically increased, including the recent attack and subsequent tragic death of 84-year-old Vicha Ratanapakdee in San Francisco on January 28, 2021; and

Whereas, in response to the xenophobic and inflammatory rhetoric about COVID-19 President Joseph Biden issued an Executive Order on January 26, 2021 during the first week of his administration;

Whereas, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield unanimously resolved and declared racism as a public health crisis to the residents of Garfield and unanimously request to pass a resolution to support measures at the municipal and state level to combat the insidious and persistent impact of racism.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council to:

1. Condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms.
2. Call on public officials in other municipalities and at the state level to condemn and denounce racism, xenophobia and intolerance in all forms and stand with us in solidarity with the Asian and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Communities.
3. Continue to promote and advocate for equality and equity through all policies approved by the Mayor and Council.
4. Recognize the dedication of Asian and Asian-American frontline medical workers, teachers, police and fire officers and essential workers. They along with their colleagues show up to work every day so that our society can still function. The strain of COVID is particularly heavy for Asian and Asian-American frontline and essential workers because they have been personally attacked for their ethnicity in the midst of providing their essential services to us.
5. Continue to advocate locally and through the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, New Jersey Conference of Mayors and all other appropriate associations for relevant policies that improve health in communities of color.
6. Support local, state regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism.
7. Further work to solidify alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis.
8. Support community efforts to amplify community efforts to be anti-racist and to combat discrimination and xenophobia while engaging actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live.
9. Promote and support policies and resources that prioritize the health of all people, such as bystander intervention programs like <https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>.
10. Encourage racial equity training among all community partners, vendors and contractors.
11. Call upon Bergen County Executive Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders to declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies in the County of Bergen.

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12. Call upon Governor Murphy, State Senate President Sweeney, and State Assembly Speaker Coughlin to also declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies of the State of New Jersey.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Murphy, Senator Nellie Pou, Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumter, Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly and Bergen County Executive Tedesco, for their review and potential action.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Pawel Malag

Mayor Rigoglioso read the following letter which will be released as a Press Release:

Consistent with diversity in the City of Garfield, it is our responsibility, as leaders to develop and support an unbiased environment that is truly welcoming for all residents. Please know that we are committed to all of you. The City of Garfield clearly affirms, in the words of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. that “injustice anywhere is a threat of justice everywhere.”

The Mayor, City Council and the City Manager stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander community across the United States. Violence and hate have no place in the City of Garfield. We publicly denounce the violent acts committed this past week in Atlanta, and towards the Asian community in the United States. Garfield’s Asian community makes up 2.3% of our total population. As the governing body, we must call attention to these issues. No matter the size of a community, we must always support every resident of Garfield.

We sign this resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis. We stand in solidarity with the Asian community and denounce racism, xenophobia, and intolerance in all forms. We urge all residents of Garfield to join us in solidarity with the Asian community, as we achieve social justice for all who live, work, and visit the City of Garfield

Resolution No. 21-85

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-012-007, from Garfield Restaurant Corp, t/a Déjà vu (Dimitri Kataroski, 31 Potter Road, Clifton, New Jersey 07013 - who owns 100% of the shares of the Corporation), to Déjà vu Restaurant, LLC, (Stojance Vanev, 17 Gramercy Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857, – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation and Monika Aleksoska, 726 Chestnut Street, New Milford, New Jersey 07646 – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 50 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey 07026.

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective March 24, 2021, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-012-007, to Déjà vu Restaurant, LLC, (Stojance Vanev, 17 Gramercy Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857, – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation and Monika Aleksoska, 726 Chestnut Street, New Milford, New Jersey 07646 – who will own 50% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 50 River Drive, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 t/a as Déjà Vu Restaurant 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 Déjà vu Restaurant, LLC located at 50 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026, effective March 24, 2021”.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-86

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-006-005, from Swami Yogi, Inc., t/a Swami Yog (Saraswati Patel, 241 Highland Avenue, Wood Ridge, NJ 07075 - who owns 34% of the shares of the Corporation, Guatam Patel, 189 14th Street, Wood Ridge, NJ 07075 who owns 34% of the Corporation, Dharmesh Patel, 61 Tenth Street, Wood Ridge, NJ 07075 – who owns 32% of the Corporation), to La Bella Pizzeria LLC, (Matilda Pere, 112 Semel Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 300 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026.

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective March 24, 2021, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-006-005 to La Bella Pizzeria LLC, (Matilda Pere, 112 Semel Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 300 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, t/a as La Bella Pizzeria 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 La Bella Pizzeria LLC located at 300 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, effective March 24, 2021”.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-87

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMERGENCY OUTDOOR CAFÉ ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield have previously created an Emergency Outdoor Café Ordinance under Chapter 151 Article III or the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes it is in the best interests of the City to extend the the provisions of this Ordinance through November 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the said ordinance permits an extension of the ordinance by the Mayor and Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, that the Emergency Outdoor Café Ordinance is hereby extended through November 30, 2021, with all of the other provisions of the said ordinance remaining in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 23rd day of March, 2021.

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-88

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Andrew J. Pavlica, City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Vehicle Sales Business for the year 2021 described in application, duly filed:

Dymora Auto LLC 381 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00
Sudol's Auto Sales 1 Belmont Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Kaytors Garage 379 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Mike's Auto Sales LLC 413 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Urbin Auto Sales 577 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Nahas Auto Center 376 Midland Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Payless Auto Wholesales 601 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00
M.J. Traders LTD 610 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Nays 2-
Councilmembers Joseph Delaney and Rigoglioso

(Sgd) Romi Herrera
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-89

WHEREAS, KJA Laundry, LLC, (Sonic Suds) 45 Outwater Lane, 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 KJA Laundry, LLC, (Sonic Suds) 45 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026 for the year 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-90

WHEREAS, NYC Linen, LLC, 18 Plauderville 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,

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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 NYC Linen LLC, 18 Plauderville Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026 for the year 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-91

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Skyler Reineke of 316 Semel Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective February 2, 2021,

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 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-92

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,

Regional/Risk Scirocco Group is hereby appointed Risk Manager Consultants.

Tax Serv is hereby appointed Collectors of Municipal Court Debt.

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, 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-93

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CODE96 MANAGED SERVICES AS THE IT COMPUTER CONSULTANT FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield have previously requested proposals for an IT Computer Consultant for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has received and reviewed the proposals submitted; and

WHEREAS, the City deems the proposal submitted by CODE96 Managed Services to be the best suited for the needs of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with CODE96 Managed Services to serve as

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the IT Computer Consultant for the City for a period of one year, upon such terms as are set forth on the attached proposal of CODE96 Managed Services.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 23rd day of March, 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-94

WHEREAS, Marija Tupanceska, on behalf of her grandmother, Ljuba Tupanceska, 65 Wessington Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2329752, 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 west curb line of Wessington Avenue commencing 66 feet north of the intersection of Wessington Avenue and Belmont Avenue and run an additional 20 feet north 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 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-95

WHEREAS, Chyrisse D. Williams, 86 Plauderville Avenue Apt. 3, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1968200, 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 south curb line of Plauderville Avenue commencing 162 feet east of the intersection of Plauderville Avenue and Wood Street 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 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-96

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS FOR PASSENGERS ON THE NJT 161 LINE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8 € the following described locations are designated as bus stops:

GARFIELD COUNTY ROADS

1. Along Midland Avenue (CR 67), northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:
 - a. Passaic Street – (near side)
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Passaic Street and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom (location 33100).
2. Along Midland Avenue (CR 67), southbound, on the westerly side thereof at:
 - a. Between Passaic Street and Palisades Avenue – (mid-block)
Beginning 40 feet south of the southerly curb line of Passaic Street and extending 135 feet southerly therefrom (location 11994).

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3. Along River Drive, (CR 507), northbound, on the easterly side thereof at:
 - a. Midland Avenue – (near side)
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Midland Avenue and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom (location 11998).

That the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop locations and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-97

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PLANNING REPORT FOR PROPOSED ZONES FOR THE CULTIVATION AND FOR THE DISPENSING OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has recently approved the use of Cannabis in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield had previously banned the sale of cannabis products in every zone in the City; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to determine possible areas in the City that would be appropriately zoned for the cultivation or the dispensing of Cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, TOPOLOGY has submitted the attached proposal, dated March 8, 2021 for the completion of the said study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with TOPOLOGY, in accordance with the attached proposal, in order to obtain a planning report to determine recommended zones in the City for the cultivation or the dispensing of Cannabis products.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-98

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DMR ARCHITECTS FOR AN INVESTIGATIVE STUDY FOR 30-38 PLAUDERVILLE AVENUE TO DETERMINE IF IT MEETS THE STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, NON CONDEMNATION

WHEREAS The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield believe that the property known as 30-38 Plauderville Avenue, Block 147.02, Lots 1, 5, and 7 may be an area in need of redevelopment, non-condemnation; and

WHEREAS The City of Garfield wishes to engage the services of a planning consultant to undertake an Investigative Study to make a determination for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The City has received and reviewed the attached proposal for the said Investigative Study from DMR Architects, which the City deems reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DMR Architects, in accordance with the attached proposal, in order to obtain the said investigative study

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-99

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DMR ARCHITECTS FOR AN INVESTIGATIVE STUDY FOR 844-858 RIVER DRIVE TO DETERMINE IF IT MEETS THE STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, NON-CONDEMNATION

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WHEREAS The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield believe that the property known as 844-858 River Drive, Block 200, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21 may be an area in need of redevelopment, non-condemnation; and

WHEREAS The City of Garfield wishes to engage the services of a planning consultant to undertake an Investigative Study to make a determination for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The City has received and reviewed the attached proposal for the said Investigative Study from DMR Architects, which the City deems reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DMR Architects, in accordance with the attached proposal, in order to obtain the said investigative study

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DMR ARCHITECTS FOR AN INVESTIGATIVE STUDY FOR 933 RIVER DRIVE TO DETERMINE IF IT MEETS THE STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, NON-CONDEMNATION

WHEREAS The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield believe that the property known as 933 River Drive, Block 140, Lots 91.01 & 100.01 may be an area in need of redevelopment, non-condemnation; and

WHEREAS The City of Garfield wishes to engage the services of a planning consultant to undertake an Investigative Study to make a determination for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The City has received and reviewed the attached proposal for the said Investigative Study from DMR Architects, which the City deems reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with DMR Architects, in accordance with the attached proposal, in order to obtain the said investigative study

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-101

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the services of Burgis Associates are hereby engaged to update the Housing Element and the Fair Share Plan related to the Affordable Housing Matters in the City Master Plan pursuant to the attached proposal.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-102

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GARFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$39,200.00 has been proposed by the Garfield Boys & Girls Club for COVID-19 Round 2 for Personnel – To implement literacy, mathematic and additional learning loss programs to support youth who are experiencing hardship in their academics located at 490 Midland Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-103

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GARFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$20,000.00 has been proposed by the Garfield Boys & Girls Club for COVID-19 Round 2 for Construction – Add ventilation in the Boys & Girls restrooms and air handler improvements to circulate/purify air in program rooms located at 490 Midland Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-104

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GARFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$12,348.00 has been proposed by the Garfield Boys & Girls Club for COVID-19 Round 2 for Equipment – Purchases mobile temperate kiosks at entrances and water bottle fill stations to replace water foundations located at 490 Midland Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-105

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FILING OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GARFIELD YMCA FOR COVID-19 PHASE 2

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$44,000.00 has been proposed by the Garfield YMCA for COVID-19 for touchless showers and sinks in the Garfield YMCA facility located at 33 Outwater Lane, and;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and;
WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and;
WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development Funds,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the Aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-106

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant totaling \$21,010.78 has been proposed by the City of Garfield for COVID-19 response support for supplies to administer COVID-19 vaccines for seniors in the municipality of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-107

WHEREAS, The Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L.2007, Chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, There is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility(with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility.

WHEREAS, Whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

NOW THEREFOE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City of Garfield hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L.2007, Chapter 311, in 2020 in the amount of \$43,973.94. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026 and shall be maintained for no less that five years from this date.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

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Resolution No. 21-108

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO KEY-TECH FOR PROVIDING CORE SAMPLING AND TESTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRAND STREET PROJECT SECTION I & II, CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, Key-Tech has recently completed bituminous concrete coring and testing services, and;

WHEREAS, this service was necessary in connection with the requirements of the NJDOT as part of the Local Aid funding

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Key-Tech is hereby authorized payment in the total amount of \$1,415.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-109

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS OF TWO BROTHERS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE GARFIELD POLICE HEADQUARTERS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (“Garfield”) put out for a bid a project located in the City of Garfield known as Garfield Police Headquarters (the “Project”) as required by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, and

WHEREAS, Two Brothers Contracting, Inc. (“TBC”) was the lowest responsible bidder and therefore was awarded the contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Garfield and TBC have been engaged in a business relationship with TBC performing work as the prime contractor on the Project pursuant to a certain written agreement dated October 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, TBC performed the work under the contract through the use of various subcontractors; and

WHEREAS, certain disputes have arisen between Garfield and TBC with regard to the Project; and

WHEREAS, Garfield and TBC wish to settle and resolve all present and future disputes arising out of the Project in a manner that will obviate the need for further dispute resolution or litigation and will preclude the bringing of any future case, proceeding or action of any kind against each other; and

WHEREAS, as part of the settlement reached by and between Garfield and TBC, and in an effort to facilitate the overall resolution and closeout of the Project, Garfield has agreed to make certain payments to various subcontractors who performed work on the Project on behalf of TBC as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the payments to subcontractors that Garfield has agreed to make represent said subcontractors’ final payment, as negotiated, under their respective contracts with TBC, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, payments made by Garfield hereunder shall be delivered to and held in escrow by Garfield’s counsel, Lavin & Associates, P.C., pending full execution of the attached closeout documents and releases by and between Garfield, TBC and the various subcontractors and suppliers named in the attached closeout documents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above recitals shall be deemed a part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Garfield does hereby:

- a. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit A concerning Atlantic Building Supply, Inc., and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Atlantic Building Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$250.00;
- b. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit B concerning Beach Electric Company, Inc., and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Beach Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$9,994.17;

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- c. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit C concerning Bell'Arte, Inc., and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Bell'Arte, Inc., in the amount of \$3,750.00;
- d. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit D concerning Ceilco Painting, LLC, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Ceilco Painting, LLC, in the amount of \$3,000.00;
- e. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit E concerning City Gates, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to City Gates, in the amount of \$804.12;
- f. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit F concerning Dansan Co., Inc., and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Dansan Co., Inc., in the amount of \$12,427.00;
- g. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit G concerning Eastern Contractor Services, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Eastern Contractor Services, in the amount of \$3,000.00;
- h. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit H concerning Integrity Floors Company, Inc., and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Integrity Floors Company, Inc., in the amount of \$4,242.13;
- i. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit I concerning ISIGN, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to ISIGN, in the amount of \$1,200.00;
- j. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit J concerning JHDS Structural Steel Fabricators, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to JHDS Structural Steel Fabricators, in the amount of \$15,000.00;
- k. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit K concerning King Mechanical Installations, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to King Mechanical Installations, in the amount of \$2,579.26;
- l. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit L concerning Midway Glass, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Midway Glass, in the amount of \$10,000.00;
- m. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit M concerning National Plumbing & Heating, Inc., and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to National Plumbing & Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$8,000.00;
- n. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit N concerning Sealing Concepts, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial

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- o. Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Sealing Concepts, in the amount of \$790.00;
- p. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit O concerning Techniobras, USA, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Construction Global Resources, in the amount of \$16,228.97;
- q. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit P concerning United Prisons Equipment, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to United Prisons Equipment, in the amount of \$443.50; and
- r. approve the Final Waiver and Discharge of Liens in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit Q concerning Yuhan Heating & Cooling, and authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield to generate, execute, and release a check payable to Yuhan Heating & Cooling, in the amount of \$7,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the aforesaid payments are to be released to Lavin & Associates, P.C., and held in escrow pending the full execution of a settlement agreement and release by and between Garfield and TBC with regard to the Project; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is to take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera
 Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-110

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BIDDING FOR A PERMANENT TREATMENT SYSTEM AT WELL 8C

BE IT RESOLVED, City Clerk and Boswell Engineering are hereby authorized and directed to advertise for the receipt of bids for a permanent treatment system at Well 8C.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera
 Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-111

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

Account Name	Account Number	Transfer From	Transfer To
City Clerk S/W	0-01-20-120-120-011		34,000.00
Revenue Administration S/W	0-01-20-145-145-011		23,000.00
Revenue Administration O/E	0-01-20-145-145-063		1,500.00
Finance Administration	0-01-20-130-130-011		10,000.00
Audit Services	0-01-20-135-135-000		20,000.00
Employees Group Insurance	0-01-23-225-225-001		4,000.00
Municipal Court O/E	0-01-43-490-490-063		3,000.00
Building & Grounds	0-01-26-310-310-063		
		23,500.00	
Tax Assessment O/E	0-01-20-150-150-063		
		5,000.00	
Police S/W	0-01-25-240-240-011		

67,000.00

95,500.00	95,500.00
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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-112

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
2-6-64	Yannuzzi, Ann & Perrotta, Franco	O/P SEWER	\$320.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-113

Resolution Re: Utilization of Three Year Average Method to Determine Anticipated Revenues
WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services requires a resolution by Municipalities that desire to utilize a three year average to determine the maximum amount of revenue permitted to be anticipated in the annual budget as otherwise provided under NJSA 40A:4-26; and
WHEREAS, the City incurred certain revenue shortfalls during 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, it is beneficial for the City to utilize a tree year average of revenues to be anticipated in the 2021 budget for Fees and Permits, Municipal Court and Uniform Construction Code; and
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that it approves the utilization of the three year average method for the following revenues to be anticipated in the 2021 budget:

	<u>Anticipated in 2021 Budget</u>
Fees and Permits	\$ 262,000
Municipal Court Fines & Costs	\$1,100,000
Uniform Construction Code	\$ 384,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-114

Resolution Re: Cancelling Special Emergency Authorization – COVID-19
WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted an ordinance providing for a special emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) to fund a deficit in operations directly attributable to COVID-19; and
WHEREAS, this ordinance authorized a special emergency appropriation of \$2,000,000, consisting of \$1,500,000 in the Current Fund and \$500,000 in the Water Utility Fund; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, the special emergency appropriation for COVID-19 may not exceed the actual deficit in revenues and/or appropriations; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that the special emergency appropriation balance of \$1,375,000, consisting of \$875,000 in the Current Fund and \$500,000 in the Water Utility Fund be hereby cancelled, as of December 31, 2020.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Romi Herrera

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the

Following pages numbered _____

For

Temporary

Capital

Budget

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 21-116

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2269 to 2271 covering Dog Trust Fund and Trust Other totaling \$14,318.40 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$44,225.21 and Current Fund totaling \$3,518,294.12 and Water Fund Reserve Fund \$48,779.83 and Water Fund totaling \$34,391.55 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$3,307.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$13,587.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated March 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 thirty five (35) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

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the

following pages numbered _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

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Ordinance No. 2865

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 proceeded with the public hearing on February 23, 2021, at which meeting the Ordinance was tabled, and the City Council can now proceed with the 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.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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 proceeded with the public hearing on February 23, 2021, at which meeting the Ordinance was tabled, and the City Council can now proceed with the 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.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting to be held on April 27, 2021. Mayor Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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 proceeded with the public hearing on February 23, 2021, at which meeting the Ordinance was tabled, and the City Council can now proceed with the 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 moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting to be held on April 27, 2021. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Ordinance No. 2866

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 23, 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 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.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2867

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 23, 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 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.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE

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WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$375,000 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.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN, 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 \$375,000 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” 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 April 27, 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 Herrera, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF BARRIER-FREE IMPROVEMENTS THE GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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 Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF BARRIER-FREE IMPROVEMENTS THE GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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” 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 April 27, 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 Herrera, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK” 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 April 27, 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 Herrera, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND AMEND ARTICLE III CHAPTER 73 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,” MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 73-28 THEREOF, ENTITLED “CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED,” AND CHAPTER 73-29 THEREOF, ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND AMEND ARTICLE III CHAPTER 73 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,” MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 73-28 THEREOF, ENTITLED “CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED,” AND CHAPTER 73-29 THEREOF, ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES” 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 April 27, 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 Herrera, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

“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.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “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” 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 April 27, 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 Herrera, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Herrera introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCES

“AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 39 ARTICLE X SECTION 71 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “CITY CLERK AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 39 ARTICLE X SECTION 71 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “CITY CLERK AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER” 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 April 27, 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 Maslag, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

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City Clerk Pavlica read the following statements and questions that were received via email:

From Kathi Viola, Garfield Prevention Coalition Coordinator
The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources
A program of Children’s Aid and Family Services
22-08 Route 208 South
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Hello Mayor and Council Members;

I understand a plan is under review to explore the potential of a legal cannabis (marijuana) cultivation facility within the City of Garfield. I am concerned as Coordinator of the Garfield Prevention Coalition with the safety of such an endeavor as it relates to our youth. With the legalization of marijuana for medical use the perception of harm by youth decreased. The recent legislation regarding cannabis use for adults over 21 again the perception of harm of marijuana use drops, encouraging more youth toward experimentation.

As you make this decision, I would encourage you to look at both the pros and cons. Yes, it may be an income for the City by tax revenues, however the ripple effects may eliminate that income by increased expenses for the city. As legalized marijuana use has been enacted in several states—14 states plus Washington DC have legalization and 12 additional states have legal medical marijuana HIDTA has created reports following data trends post legalization. I have included the most recent from California and Colorado and they have greatest longitudinal data.

NJ is covered under the NY/NJ HIDTA area and we are considered a high-density drug trafficking region. This is what qualifies a geographic area as a HIDTA. To qualify for consideration as a HIDTA, an area must meet the following criteria:

- The area is a significant center of illegal drug production, manufacturing, importation, or distribution;
- State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies have committed resources to respond to the drug trafficking problem in the area, thereby indicating a determination to respond aggressively to the problem;
- Drug-related activities in the area are having a significant harmful impact in the area and in other areas of the country; and
- A significant increase in allocation of Federal resources is necessary to respond adequately to drug related activities in the area.

The 2020 Colorado HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas)

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<https://www.thenmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RMHIDTA-Marijuana-Report-2020-2.pdf>
Information on marijuana begins on page 22.

Marijuana's Impact on California, California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, 2020
<https://www.thenmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CA-MJ-IMPACT-REPORT-2020-FINAL-.pdf>

Please read pages 27 and 31 on youth perception of harm and usage.

This is the 2020 HIDTA report that covers Washington State and is broader in scope.

<http://mfiles.org/docs/2020NWHIDTAThreatAssessment.pdf>

Information on marijuana on pages 13-18 and covers legal and illegal seizures and other data related to ripple effects of legalized marijuana.

If you are so inclined, I have attached information on an upcoming webinar discussing the legalization of cannabis.

Additionally, if you decide not to move forward with this plan, I would encourage you to consider a renewal of the ban on establishments selling legalized cannabis within the city limits. The new legislation allows until August of 2021 to enact this type of city ordinance, and if not it cannot be reviewed for 5 years. I would be disappointed if we lost this window of opportunity to safeguard the health and safety of Garfield residents—especially our youth.

And one more point for consideration is environmental as the cultivation of marijuana is a high consumption of water resources. This article provides information on marijuana's carbon footprint.

Indoor-Grown Weed Is Spewing Carbon Into the Atmosphere

Most legal marijuana is grown in a controlled environment. A study just quantified how much damage that's doing to the planet.

Read in WIRED: <https://apple.news/Abtu9cySHTgyiOzHK6TCPaw>

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these concepts.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Viola

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The following calls were received telephonically during the conduct of this meeting:

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, complained about the audio of this meeting and the format of Council Meetings. She questioned when the City Council would be holding meetings in City Hall again, instead of holding virtual meetings due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. She questioned if meetings were held with City Officials and representatives of the Bergen County Animal Shelter since the last Council Meeting. She claimed that the recently enacted Animal Control Ordinance is heading towards animal cruelty. She spoke on Feral Cat Colonies. She questioned if the City Administration was planning to perform Housing Inspections during the day, rather than at night, to enforce regulations prohibiting Illegal Apartments.

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Ms. Joanne Stoddard, 89 Jewell Street, complained that when Three Way Stop Signs were recently installed at the intersection of Jewell Street and Semel Avenue, four on-street parking spaces were taken away, because State regulations say that there is no parking within 50 feet of a Stop Sign. She asked if there were State regulations to allow No Parking within 25 of a Stop Sign in certain circumstances.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on a copy of an Ordinance from the Borough of Lodi that was obtained regarding Auto Body Shops that will be reviewed by City Attorney Ferraro for consideration in the City of Garfield. He spoke on Emergency Outdoor Dining Licenses for Restaurants in the City of Garfield. He spoke on the need for a Used Car Lot at the intersection of Jewell Street and Semel Avenue to follow City regulations and not take on-street parking away from residents in the area. He spoke on the need to reduce speeding in Garfield through the installation of Four Way Stop Signs. He spoke on the need to enforce littering laws in Garfield. He spoke on this coming Sunday being Palm Sunday and he wished everybody a Blessed Holy Week. He spoke on the Events Planning Committee and the Recreation Department conducting a successful Scavenger Hunt this past Saturday, and he spoke on an Easter Bunny Drive-By Event this coming Saturday Morning at the Recreation Center at 466 Midland Avenue. He concluded by wishing everybody a Happy and Holy Easter.

Councilmember Herrera spoke on the City Council Resolution adopted this evening against hatred towards the Asian Community. He remarked that Garfield is a diverse community and that there is a need to bring people together. He spoke on the United States being a Nation of Immigrants and he spoke on the Garfield City Council's proposed endorsement of President Joseph Biden's Immigration Legislation Proposals. He said that he hopes that better times are coming for Garfield. He thanked everyone who expressed sympathy to him and the Herrera Family on the passing of his brother, Luis. He thanked Governor Phil Murphy for publicly mentioning the passing of his brother during recent public remarks.

Councilmember Maslag spoke on the recent Scavenger Hunt that was held this past weekend. He spoke on standing in solidarity with the Asian Community against hate crimes directed towards them, which he said has been growing since last March when the Coronavirus Pandemic started. He spoke on the remarks by Kathi Viola regarding cannabis. He spoke on the Mayor and Council not meeting together in City Hall yet due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. He spoke on Garfield Public Health Nurse Darleen Revielle who advises the City on proper procedure and protocol regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic and he thanked her for all she does in regard to vaccinations, getting different services for Garfield residents, and other services she coordinates during the Pandemic.

Deputy Mayor Erin Delahanty spoke on meetings recently held with Department Heads looking for cuts in the 2021 Municipal Budget. She spoke on finding perhaps almost \$100,000 in proposed cuts from the Budget during those Department Head meetings. She thanked the Department Heads for their flexibility in finding cuts in each of their Departments. She spoke on having a responsibility to look for Budget cuts in these trying times. She spoke on the need to cut back on overtime. She spoke on the need for Garfield to be a Clean Community and she spoke on a proposed City-wide Spring Clean Up to be placed on the City Calendar. She said kudos to the Events Planning Committee for all that they do, including this past weekend's Scavenger Hunt. She spoke on the City receiving Stimulus Money and the need for guidance from the State of New Jersey to spend the money correctly. She spoke on the need to make up lost revenue in the City Budget and to support local businesses. She spoke on proposed Infrastructure Improvements. She spoke on services provided by the Bergen County Animal Shelter. She spoke on it being the beginning stages in regard to options to be considered concerning cannabis in the City of Garfield. She spoke on today being National Puppy Day and she spoke on her puppy "Stevie".

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Mayor Rigoglioso said that in regard to Council Meetings at City Hall, there is no timeframe for the opening of City Hall, and when the Municipal Court is allowed to open by the State and the County, that will be the guideline. He said that the City Attorney is speaking to representatives of the Bergen County Animal Shelter in regard to the Trap, Neuter and Release Program. He spoke on the Unlawful Dwellings Inspector being moved from being a nighttime inspector to a daytime inspector. He said that the City Attorney will look into the legality of having no parking 25 feet in front of a Stop Sign, instead of no parking 50 feet in front of a Stop Sign. He spoke on lifting the prohibition of Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB) in the City of Garfield. He spoke on a proposed Carnival in town from April 28, 2021 to May 2, 2021, adhering to Center For Disease Control guidelines. He spoke on the Township of Saddle Brook having a Food Truck Rally which to him means he does not see why Garfield could not have a Carnival. He thanked the Events Planning Committee for conducting a Scavenger Hunt this past weekend, which he said was a big success. He spoke on the need to install Stop Signs throughout town to reduce incidents of speeding. He spoke on looking to improve the Quality of Life in town especially in regard to garbage and litter. He said that people should take pride in the town. He said that everyone should chip in, because the weather is changing, and people are going to be outside. He said that people have been locked in their homes for a year, and now they are getting the vaccine, and they will want to get out, and there is a need to work together. He spoke on Greater Bergen installing planters to beautify Passaic Street. He spoke on Bergen County Commissioner Tracy Zur securing a thousand hot meals for needy residents in the City of Garfield which were used to feed senior citizens in the City Housing Authority and veterans in Veterans Housing. He spoke on Department Head Budget Meetings looking for Budget cuts to keep every employee working. He spoke on Easter coming up and on the Easter Bunny Drive-By Event to be held soon at the Recreation Center. He spoke on positive things happening in the City of Garfield. He spoke on Redevelopment, the 2021 Municipal Budget, and the removal of the train tracks that run down the middle of Monroe Street from Pierre Avenue to the Passaic River. He spoke on the next phase of the park along the Passaic River. He spoke on improvements to the Jewell Street Playground, and on the installation of basketball courts in town. He said that there are a lot of positives going on and he wanted to thank City Manager Duch for staying on track and getting this all going on, as well as dealing with the Pandemic. He told everyone to stay safe and to keep the City of Garfield moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK