

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 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 April 24, 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, Special Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Carl O'Brien, City Auditor Dieter Lerch 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 for the month of April 2021, the City of Garfield has had 433 cases of residents testing positive for the Coronavirus with 2 deaths. He said that since March of last year, Garfield has experienced 4,932 cases of the virus with 98 deaths. He said that in the

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last three weeks, the numbers in Garfield have been going down, which he said is a credit to Garfield residents for following CDC guidelines, wearing a mask, watching where they stand and social distancing themselves from other people, and washing their hands. He encouraged people to continue to follow the CDC guidelines and to get vaccinated, get tested and to keep in mind that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. He said that Governor Phil Murphy will be opening up New Jersey even more, especially for graduations, dances, and things will be opening up thanks to the hard work of those following the guidelines. He spoke on the City of Garfield offering free Covid-19 testing, by Fire House No. Three, next to the City Health Center on Elizabeth Street.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The proposed request for proposals for Vehicle Maintenance Service.
2. The Hearing on the 2021 Municipal Budget scheduled to be held this evening; and the proposed Amendment to the 2021 Municipal Budget to reduce the Amount to be Raised by Taxation in the introduced Budget by \$214,937, which essentially reduces it by one tax point.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Pavlica reported that in a letter to him from Mayor Rigoglioso, dated March 31, 2021, the Mayor made the following appointment to the Garfield Library Board of Trustees:

- \* Jazzmine Paz, 14 Lizette Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a Regular Member of the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees, to succeed Pawel Maslag, for a term to expire December 17, 2025.

MINUTES

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

Work	Session	-	March	9,	2021
Regular	Meeting	-	March	23,	2021
Work	Session	-	April	8,	2021

Councilmember Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a Public Hearing on the 2021 Municipal Budget and asked is there were anyone who would like to speak for or against the Budget or ask any questions. There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the Public Hearing closed.

AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution No. 21-118

Resolution RE: Resolution to Amend 2021 Budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2021 was approved on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2021 be made:

AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

General Revenues	From	To
3 Miscellaneous Revenues – Section G: Special Items of Revenue		
Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Other Special Items		
Host Community Fees (BCUA)	\$50,000	\$65,000
Sewer Fees	\$1,250,000	\$1,265,000
Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Other Special Items	\$2,175,000	\$2,205,000
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget		
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$26,137,412	\$25,922,412
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes or Support of Municipal Bud:	\$27,059,651	\$26,844,651
7. Total General Revenues	<u>\$39,711,040</u>	<u>\$39,526,040</u>
General Appropriations	From	To
(A) Operations – within “CAPS”		
Financial Administration		
Other Expenses		
ADP Services	\$ 70,000	\$ 55,000
Engineering Services		
Other Expenses	\$ 70,000	\$ 50,000
Public Buildings and Grounds		
Other Expenses	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,000
Fire Department		
Other Expenses	\$ 650,000	\$ 550,000
Total Operations (8A) – within “CAPS”	\$28,115,341	\$27,930,341
Detail		
Other Expenses	\$14,533,865	\$14,348,865
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes – within “CA”	\$31,735,675	\$31,550,675
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations	\$37,711,040	\$37,526,040
9. Total General Appropriations	<u>\$39,711,040</u>	<u>\$39,526,040</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be filled forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2021 local municipals budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-9, be published in The Record in the issue of May 1, 2021 and that said publication contain notice of a public hearing on said amendment to be held at City Hall on May 25, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21-119

WHEREAS, the struggle for acceptance, simple human dignity, and equality under the law for LGBTQ+ people is evidenced by the dedicated advocates and allies who endeavor to create a more inclusive society; and,

WHEREAS, June marks the fifty first anniversary of the first Pride Parade, which came one year after the Stonewall Uprising, and,

WHEREAS, the decades since have been one of struggle and celebration for the LGBTQ+ community; despite increased support and acceptance, LGBTQ+ young people still face many challenges; without accepting families they are 140 percent more likely to experience homelessness and nearly five times more likely to attempt suicide; and,

WHEREAS, the Garfield City Council recognizes the urgency of its charge to foster a responsive, caring, and inclusive culture where all feel valued, supported, and hopeful; that includes people from all walks of life who should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, or violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that it does hereby proclaim JUNE 2021 as LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH in the City of Garfield and urges all to respect and honor our diverse community, and to build a culture of inclusivity and equity, not only during LGBTQ+ Pride Month but during the other eleven months of the year as well.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-120

A resolution of the Governing Body of the Garfield Mayor and Council establishing a volunteer LGBTQ+ (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer or Questioning) liaison for the City to reach out to members of the LGBTQ+ community, advocate for policies and procedures that support the LGBTQ+ community and complement the work of the City of Garfield LGBTQ+ liaison officer.

Whereas, the City of Garfield values diversity and seeks to be an inclusive and welcoming place for residents and employees; and

Whereas, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), founded in 1980, has become the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) Americans; and

Whereas, HRC advocates for the rights of LGBTQ+ people in the areas of hate crimes, federal and state legislation, coming out, marriage equality, and workplace issues; and

Whereas, in 2012 HRC announced the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) which is the first nationwide evaluation of municipal laws affecting the LGBTQ+ community and examines the laws, policies, and services of municipalities from every state in the country and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of LGBTQ+ people who live and work in those cities; and

Whereas, the City Council recognizes that LGBTQ+ people are not equally protected under state law and seeks to rectify that at the city level as much as possible; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to establish a volunteer LGBTQ+ liaison, Andrea Espinosa, 248 Pierre Avenue, for the City to reach out to the LGBTQ+ community, advocate for policies and procedures that support the LGBTQ+ community including city employees and the Human Resources Office, and complement the work of Garfield Police Department's LGBTQ+ liaison officer; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council hereby establishes a volunteer City LGBTQ+ liaison.

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Council shall appoint a city employee to serve as City LGBTQ+ liaison in order to:

- a. reach out to the LGBTQ+ community in Garfield
- b. advocate for policies and procedures that support the LGBTQ+ community
- c. complement the duties of the Garfield Police Department LGBTQ+ liaison officer

Be it further resolved that annually, the City LGBTQ+ liaison shall provide information and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21-121

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 1 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Michael J. Alfonso, of 383 Mac Arthur Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective March 24, 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 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-122

Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on “Green” issues, the Mayor and Council wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wants to begin the process of focusing on “Green” issues by starting with audits of municipality facilities and operations first.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield has appropriated “seed money” in their 2021 budget to begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with energy audits of the City’s facilities to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, solar power, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the City moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of eleven members who shall be residents or employees of the City of Garfield, appointed annually, but whose initial term of appointment shall be through December 31, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the GTA through December 31, 2021 are established as follows:

**Mission**

The City of Garfield Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Mayor and Council on ways to improve municipal operations with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

**Goals**

Submit a report and recommendations to the Mayor and Council by October 1, 2021 to include:

1. An audit of municipal facilities
2. An evaluation of municipal fleet vehicles
3. A report of suggested best practices for “greener” municipal operations

**Objectives**

1. Collaborate with City employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the GTA.
2. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the following persons are hereby appointed to the GTA for the remainder of 2021 and are eligible to serve until replaced though an updated resolution or ordinance:

**FIRST NAME LAST NAME AND ADDRESS**

Erin N. Delaney	226 Market Street, Garfield, NJ 07026 - <b>Chairperson</b>
Yvette Delaney	15 Garden Court North, Garfield, NJ 07026
Darleen Reveille	60 Elizabeth Street, Garfield, NJ 07026
Mary Jo Jennings	500 Midland Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Joan D'Amico	500 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Thomas Duch	111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026
Shannon Doherty-Lyons	
Kathi Viola	
Al Mc Daniel	
Richard Rigoglioso	13 Summit Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
Daniel Golabek	466 Midland Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
Joseph D'Angeli	
Tracy Falone	

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-123

WHEREAS, Zorka Scafidi, 86 Morris Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2218359, 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 Morris Avenue commencing 200 feet west of the intersection of Morris Avenue and Ray Street and continue 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 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-124

WHEREAS, Yomary Garcia, on behalf of Luis Espinal, 27 Hartmann Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2365059, 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 Hartmann Avenue commencing 32 feet west of the intersection of Hartmann Avenue and Shaw Street and continue 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 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-125

WHEREAS, Antoinette Scaravelloni, 128 Farnham Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P1929793, has filed application for a handicapped parking sign to be placed at her address, and

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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 east curb line of Farnham Avenue commencing 200 feet north of the intersection of Farnham Avenue and Clark Street and continue 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) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-126

WHEREAS, Aleksanda Risteski, 592 Palisade Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2213032, 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 east curb line of Palisade Avenue commencing 118 feet south of the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Semel Avenue and continue an additional 20 feet south from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-127

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RONALD P. MONDELLO, ESQ. SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there is one (1) Tax Court case pending before the tax court in which there exists a conflict of interest with the City’s special Tax Counsel Lavin & Associates, P.C.;

WHEREAS, there is also a conflict of interest with the City Attorney’s office in these matters; and

WHEREAS, the City requires the appointment of special tax counsel for these limited matters;

WHEREAS, the matters requiring the appointment of special tax counsel is as follows, KEN-DAN, INC. v. CITY OF GARFIELD, Docket No. 004589-2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services contract with Ronald P. Mondello, Esq. as discussed herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ronald P. Mondello, Esq. shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$125.00, per hour to be billed by the one-tenth of an hour for his services as special counsel to handle the foregoing matters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause to be published, notice of the Award of Professional Services contract as required by the New Jersey local public contracts law.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-128

WHEREAS, OCNYS Strategic Equities LLC, (Lanza Laundromat) 418 Lanza 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 OCNYS Strategic Equities LLC, (Lanza Laundromat) 418 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-129

WHEREAS, Truly Clean Dry Cleaners, 195 Palisade 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 Truly Clean Dry Cleaners, 195 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 for the year 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-130

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$195,274.00 in 2020 Community Development Block Grant funds for

Belmont Field Turf Replacement  
Belmont Avenue, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Thomas J. Duch, to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Thomas J. Duch to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the City of Garfield is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-131

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$175,000.00 in 2020 Community Development Block Grant funds for

Monroe Street Road Improvements  
Monroe Street, Garfield

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Thomas J. Duch, to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Thomas J. Duch to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the City of Garfield is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-132

Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSE&G for \$10,000

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

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WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by PSEG;

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Garfield has determined that the City of Garfield should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Garfield, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSEG.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-133

Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Funded by PSEG for \$2,000

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and  
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by PSEG;

THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Garfield has determined that the City of Garfield should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Garfield, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by PSEG.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-134

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARIS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY (PSE&G), TO CONDUCT SOIL BORINGS ON VARIOUS ROADWAYS IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, PARS Environmental, Inc. has requested a Garfield City Council Resolution authorizing PARS Environmental to collect soil borings for PSE&G at 21 various locations in the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, the samples will be collected using a Geoprobe to install the soil borings, which will be taken in the public Right-of-Way, create a hole that is approximately 4 inches in diameter and 5 feet deep, the hole will be backfilled, and the asphalt will be repaired immediately after the soil boring has been installed, and

WHEREAS, the 21 locations are listed on the attachment to this Resolution and are near the following addresses: 575 Harrison Avenue, 108 High Street, 134 Krakow Street, 431 MacArthur Avenue, 1 Wendy Terrace, 44 Krakow Street, 297 Arnot Street, Arnot Street near the intersection of Harrison Avenue, Leonard Street near the intersection of Harrison Avenue, 305 Harrison Avenue, 361 Harrison Avenue, 241 Malcom Avenue, 162 Gaston Avenue, 171 Malcom Avenue, 93 Gaston Avenue, 215 MacArthur Avenue, 85 Malcom Avenue, 189 Harrison Avenue, 51 Garfield Avenue and 2 Clark Street,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that PARS Environmental, Inc. is hereby authorized to conduct soil boring and sampling of soil within the Right-of-Way of the locations listed in the attached and listed above, subject to the following conditions:

1. PARS Environmental, Inc. shall hold the City harmless from any actions concerning their operation and appropriate permits are secured.
2. Copies of all test results shall be forwarded to the City Clerk at the time this information is transmitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

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3. At the conclusion of this operation, the location shall be fully restored with either asphalt or concrete, depending on location, and subject to the approval of the City Engineer.
4. PARS Environmental, Inc. will contact the Garfield Police Department to arrange traffic control.
5. PARS Environmental, Inc. shall be responsible for the maintenance of these locations until proper closure is completed.
6. All proposed work will be conducted at no cost to the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-135

Garfield River to Rail Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) Plan

WHEREAS, a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program (NRTC) planning grant has been awarded to Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc. (GBCA) to create a comprehensive community-engaged neighborhood revitalization plan for the River to Rail Neighborhood District in the First Ward of the City of Garfield, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRTC planning guidelines, GBCA has created a 10-year neighborhood plan encompassing strategies with input considered from community surveys, focus groups, community needs assessments, and feedback from community partners, and

WHEREAS, when the plan is accepted by the State of New Jersey, revitalization projects proposed for the River to Rail Neighborhood District will be eligible to receive significant investment toward successful implementation, and

WHEREAS, successful submission of the neighborhood plan and acceptance into the NRTC Program is in the best interest of the residents and business owners of the River to Rail Neighborhood District, and the City of Garfield as a whole, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-136

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers hereby authorize the right to execute a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen for the ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-137

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers hereby authorize the right to execute a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen for the County Road Resurfacing Program.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-138

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MONTANA CONSTRUCTION FOR 1” WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS AT ELIZABETH STREET, MACARTHUR AVENUE, AND MALCOLM AVENUE IN GARFIELD

WHEREAS, emergency services were required to install 1’ water service connections along Elizabeth Street and MacArthur and Malcolm Avenues, and;

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WHEREAS, Montana Construction provided the services at this location for a fee of \$33,948.82 and;

WHEREAS, services were successfully completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment is hereby authorized to Montana Construction for \$33,948.82.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-139

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Refund due to overpayment for the year 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 Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	Q	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
190	6		Corelogic	O/P	\$1,433.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DETERMINING THAT THE PROPERTY GENERALLY KNOWN AS 933 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 140, LOTS 91.01 AND 100.01 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD QUALIFY AND IS DETERMINED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (the "City") has identified certain Property, located at 933 River Drive, also known as Block 140, Lots 91.01 and 100.01 as delineated on the tax map attached hereto and made part of this resolution (the "Property"), to be considered for designation as an area "in need of redevelopment", pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, before an area may be declared in need of redevelopment, it is legally necessary for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Planning Board of a given municipality to undertake a preliminary study to determine whether the Property meets the criteria for determining as a redevelopment area pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2020, the City adopted a Resolution No. 20-220, authorizing and directing the City Planning Board (the "Board") to examine whether the Property can be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment (specifically a non-condemnation redevelopment area) and that the City will not have the right to exercise the use of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby states that any redevelopment area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, except the use of eminent domain (hereinafter referred to as a "Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on November 19, 2020 to determine whether or not the Property may be designated as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment, pursuant to the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law and the public was provided the opportunity to appear and provide testimony and comments; and

WHEREAS, in advance of the public hearings held by the Board, the Board met the requirements of Redevelopment Law, by providing notice to all persons interested or who would be affected by a determination that the Property is a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, which notice specifically stated that a redevelopment area determination shall not authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain; and

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WHEREAS, a map showing the boundaries and the location of the Property, as well as the Preliminary Investigation for Determination of an Area in Need of Redevelopment prepared by Francis Reiner, LLA, PP, DMR Architects, dated October 28, 2020, updated November 19, 2020, (the “Reiner Report”) was considered by the Board at the hearing and the Reiner Report and findings therein were incorporated into the record; and

WHEREAS, the Board recommended that the Property be determined as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, based on its preliminary investigation and the factual findings made by the Board, including the Reiner Report and the testimony presented at the hearing by Francis Reiner, LLA, PP, a licensed professional planner, who signed and prepared the Reiner Report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield accepts the findings and recommendations of the Board as made at a public hearing held on November 19, 2020 as supported by the Reiner Report of the Property and the testimony of Francis Reiner, LLA, PP, a licensed professional planner and as further set forth in the Planning Board resolution PB-08-2020, adopted on December 17, 2020 and all are incorporated herein by reference and determines that the Property located at 933 River Drive, also known as Block 140, Lots 91.01 and 100.01, referred to herein as the Property, meets the criteria and qualifies as an “area in need of redevelopment” and which shall be a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to the Redevelopment Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City hereby states that any Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area designation shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, except the use of eminent domain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby advises that any property owner wishing to challenge the designation of the Property as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area must file a complaint in the Superior Court within 45 days of the adoption of that resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution, the City Clerk shall serve a notice of the determination, including a copy of this Resolution, upon the last owner of each of the Property according to the assessment records of the City, which notice shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Redevelopment Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the City Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Community Affairs for the State of New Jersey for review pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6.b.(5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-141

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION # 20-167 AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO FIELDTURF VIA THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PURCHASING COOPERATIVE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING TURF AND WIDEN THE FIELD AT BELMONT OVAL SPORTS FIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield received a Block Grant form the Bergen County Office of Community Development in the amount of \$195,000 to replace the existing turf field at Belmont Oval Park, and;

WHEREAS, this contract may be procured via the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) purchasing cooperative program (Contract #ESCNJ 18/19-55), and;

WHEREAS, the City also wishes to widen an existing soccer field from its present width of 165’ to 180’ and this work has been determined to be incidental to the overall turf replacement project, and;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20-167 was approved on July 14, 2020 to award a similar turf replacement contract but this contract did not include the aforementioned field widening to a width of 180’, and;

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has secured a proposal dated April 13, 2021 from FieldTurf in the amount of \$400,100, and said contract amount includes the turf replacement, field widening and a loyalty discount benefitting the City in the amount of \$189,352 from the pricing stipulated in the ESCNJ purchasing cooperative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Resolution #20-167 is hereby rescinded and a contract is hereby awarded to FieldTurf via the ESCNJ purchasing cooperative program in the total amount of \$400,100

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-142

WHEREAS, the Garfield Board of Education and the Garfield Mayor and Council wish to support restarting and reinventing school through funding to be received from the most recent Federal Assistance Package enacted by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, social and emotional skills, coupled with mental health supports and restorative practices are critical for supporting children, youth, and adults as they cope with the challenges, uncertainty and stress presented by the pandemic, the economic crisis, and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, young people in particular are experiencing chronic stress and trauma as they navigate basic needs and health concerns, a lack of connectivity to their school communities, and exhaustion from constant anxiety about the future; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Board of Education and Garfield Mayor and Council wish to avail the school district, its students, and its' families with a readily available program of mental health counseling to address and promote children's social, emotional and academic wellbeing in all facets of school life and in connection to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are willing to commit a portion of he funding they receive from the most recent federal assistance package to assist the Garfield Board of Education in providing its' students and its' families with comprehensive mental health program,

NOW THEREFORE, the Garfield Mayor and Council direct as follows:

1. Appropriate representatives of the School District and the City are authorized to execute such documents/contracts as needed; said services to be provided by National Diagnostic Services, Inc, in accordance with the terms contained in a service agreement attached hereto and made part hereof.
2. Said services are estimated to cost \$25,000.00 per month. The Mayor and Council endorse this program with the express understanding that the School District shall pay 75% of the monthly cost and the City of Garfield shall pay 25% of the monthly cost.
3. The Governing Body further acknowledges a need to address mental health concerns, to implement a comprehensive system of support for students and their families, to provide additional behavioral, mental health or trauma supports as needed, and to promote the belief that one belongs at school, the belief of the value of work, the belief that effort will lead to increased competence, and to establish a sense of efficacy and the ability to proceed.
4. The terms hereof shall be further specified in a form of Interlocal Agreement for shared services to be executed between the parties.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-143

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3454 (also known as Assembly Bill 5342) (collectively "the Legislation"); and

WHEREAS, the Legislation prohibits law enforcement officers from engaging in certain actions when investigating an individual under the age of 21 for possession of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol. The legislation criminalizes the conduct of officers who respond to a call for service or are investigating the underage use of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol by:

- No longer allowing the odor, possession or consumption of marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcohol to be used as reasonable articulable suspicion to initiate a stop of an individual under the age of 21, nor does it provide probable cause to search the person's personal property or vehicle,

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- No longer allowing for marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcoholic beverages, observed in plain sight to constitute probable cause to initiate a search of an individual under the age of 21 or that individual's personal property or vehicle,
- An individual under the age of 21 shall not be arrested, detained, or otherwise taken into custody except to the extent required to issue a written warning.
- Officers are further prohibited from contacting the minor's parent or guardian to advise them of the minor's possession or consumption of marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcoholic beverages for the minor's first offense.

WHEREAS, the Legislation will discourage officers from enforcing underage use and possession of marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcohol and will specifically expose officers to civil and criminal liability for the deprivation of civil rights, even if the officer did not act with specific intent to deprive a person of his or her civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes that the Legislation will result in officers avoiding situations where criminal conduct has occurred to limit exposure to civil and criminal liability; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is of the opinion that the Legislation creates significant burdens on law enforcement and will obstruct police offices from performing their duties and conducting lawful investigations of individuals under the age of 21, who possess or consume any amount of marijuana, hashish, cannabis or alcohol in any public place, including a school, criminalizing law enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation will severely limit the ability of law enforcement agencies to police our community effectively, increase risks to children from illicit drugs and alcohol, and fail to protect society from criminal drug activity and impaired drivers to the detriment of public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that it does hereby indicate its strenuous apposition to the Legislation and urge members of the State Senate and General Assembly to immediately enact amendatory Legislation so as to permit law enforcement personnel to perform their duties in the interest of safety and general welfare without substantial risk of civil and criminal liability.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-144

Whereas there are nearly a half million undocumented immigrants living, working and raising their families in New Jersey;

Whereas undocumented immigrants have paid \$1.3 billion into the state unemployment coffers over the past ten years and annually pay \$1.2 billion in federal taxes and nearly \$600 million in state and local taxes;

Whereas 209,000 undocumented immigrants have worked as essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas there has not been a major reform of the United States' immigration laws in more than 30 years;

Whereas several pieces of legislation are currently pending in the U.S. Congress to reform our immigration laws and include a pathway to citizenship for immigrants who do not possess lawful status;

Whereas, the inclusion of protections and a pathway to citizenship for undocumented essential workers and their families would boost economic output and increase average wages for all workers, while playing an important role in addressing the disproportionate impact that the pandemic has had on communities of color;

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the governing body of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen call upon U.S. Representative Bill Pascrell, U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez to pass a pathway to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants in New Jersey and to use the reconciliation process in the budget to legalize immigrant essential workers, Dreamers, TPS holders and farmworkers and provide a pathway to citizenship.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-145

Whereas there are nearly a half million undocumented immigrants living, working and raising their families in New Jersey;

Whereas undocumented immigrants have paid \$1.3 billion into the state unemployment coffers over the past ten years and annually pay \$1.2 billion in federal taxes and nearly \$600 million in state and local taxes;

Whereas 209,000 undocumented immigrants have worked as essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas a federal relief, including stimulus payments and pandemic unemployment under the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan and all federal stimulus programs during the COVID-19 exclude immigrants without lawful status;

Whereas according to the Migration Policy Institute, Bergen County has a population of 41,000 undocumented immigrants – the highest rate in the state of New Jersey;

Whereas Garfield, NJ is home to a substantial and growing immigrant population;

Whereas a group of 34 immigrant essential workers have launched a fast to urge the state of New Jersey to provide COVID relief to immigrants excluded from federal aid in the form of direct cash assistance and income replacement;

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the governing body of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen to declare support for the Fast for Relief and to urge Gov. Murphy, Senate President Sweeney, Speaker Coughlin and the state legislation to create a pandemic relief fund to support immigrants excluded from aid to receive assistance.

On call of roll, Ayes 3, Abstain 2 -  
Councilmembers Erin N. Delaney and Rigoglioso

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Pawel Maslag

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 21-146

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2272 to 2275 covering Dog Trust Fund, Trust Other, Community Policing Trust Fund totaling \$4,162.00 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$2,857.93 and Current Fund totaling \$5,099,039.03 and Water Fund totaling \$91,499.86 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$18,086.26 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$3,150.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated April 13, 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 sixty one (61) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

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Bills

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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, the Ordinance was also tabled on March 23, 2021, 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 May 25, 2021. Councilmember Maslag 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, the Ordinance was also tabled on March 23, 2021, 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.

Councilmember Joseph Delaney moved to lay said ordinance on the table until the Regular Meeting to be held on May 25, 2021. Councilmember Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2868

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 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 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

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.

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Councilmember Erin 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 Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2869

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

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

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Erin 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 Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2870

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 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:

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

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Erin 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 Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2871

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 23, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and

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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 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.

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

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Erin 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 Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No.

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

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

There being none, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember Erin 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 Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Nays 5

ORDINANCE DEFEATED

Ordinance No. 2872

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

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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 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 Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Maslag introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Maslag moved that this ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE 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 May 25, 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 Rigoglioso, 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:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUCNIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 844, 848 & 858 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 200, LOTS 16 THROUGH 23 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Herrera moved that this ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUCNIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 844, 848 & 858 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 200, LOTS 16 THROUGH 23 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ" 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 Erin N. Delaney, 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:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 94-8, ENTITLED "LICENSE FEE" OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A BUILDING CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE FROM \$25 TO \$100

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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Councilmember Herrera moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 94-8, ENTITLED “LICENSE FEE” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A BUILDING CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE FROM \$25 TO \$100” 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 Erin N. Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Andrea Espinosa, 248 Pierre Avenue, thanked the City Council for appointing her to the position of volunteer Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) Liaison.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on the next Mayor and City Council Work Session scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Councilmember Maslag spoke on Andrea Espinosa being appointed as the LGBTQ+ Liaison and he spoke on June being Pride Month. He spoke on making Garfield more inclusive and he recognized Councilmember Herrera on all his work in regard to the Resolutions concerning Immigration Reform. He spoke on himself being an Immigrant from Poland. He spoke on the Covid-19 Testing Site off Elizabeth Street by Fire House No. Three and how the testing is available between the hours of 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. He said that residents who have not been vaccinated are eligible. He spoke on Strangers Helping Strangers helping out with this cause. He recommended that citizens get vaccinated so everyone can get through this Pandemic.

Councilmember Herrera spoke on Immigration Reform. He said that for over a year, New Jersey residents have been dealing with the biggest health and financial times in their lifetimes. He said that the Pandemic has drastically changed the way lives are lived, and while he is optimistic that better days are ahead, it cannot be denied that the effects of this Pandemic will last for years to come. He said that the purpose of the Immigration Reform Resolutions were to shed light on a group who have been disproportionately affected by the Pandemic which is New Jersey’s Undocumented Immigrant Population. He said that New Jersey is home to nearly 500,000 Undocumented Immigrants and there are over 40,000 Undocumented Immigrants who live in Bergen County alone. He said that many of these Undocumented Immigrants work in essential industries such as manufacturing, retail, construction and restaurants, and that Undocumented Immigrants have also contributed over \$1.3 billion dollars into NJ’s state unemployment coffers over the last 10 years. He said that they contribute \$1.2 billion in federal taxes and nearly \$600 million in state and local taxes. He said that due to their immigration status, they have been excluded from federal relief including stimulus payments and unemployment insurance in the HEROS Act, the Cares Act and most recently, the American Rescue Plan. He said that he firmly believes Undocumented Immigrants who contribute to our City and our State, by being a part of the workforce and who pay taxes, should be eligible to receive financial relief just like any other resident of the Garden State. He said that Immigrant rights organizations have been advocating for a pandemic relief fund that would support Immigrants who have been excluded from federal relief. He said that through these Resolutions, he wants to express his full support and hope that State leaders take into consideration the unique challenges that Undocumented Families are experiencing during these tough times.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Erin Delahanty spoke on the 2021 Municipal Budget and thanked City Auditor Dieter Lerch, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and City Manager Tom Duch on their hard work, cutting the Budget and working with her to find savings. She congratulated Dre Espinosa on her appointment as LGBTQ+ Liaison. She spoke on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new ADA barrier-free Playground in Twentieth Century Field. She spoke on the First Green Team Event to be held on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> which will be a Cleanup Day in the City of Garfield in concert with certain Garfield High School Groups.

Mayor Rigoglioso congratulated Dre Espinosa on her appointed as LGBTQ+ Liaison. He said that he wanted to acknowledge three special students who took it upon themselves to clean along the riverbanks and along the Passaic River Park. He said that he had Certificates of Appreciation for the three students for dedication to the community as civic-minded and environmentally conscious students. He said that the three students are Julia Leptuch, Eric Chamlot and Nicole Chamlot. He spoke on Immigration Reform. He spoke on the United States being built on immigrants and how it is important to treat people with respect. He spoke on Garfield being one of the most diverse communities in Bergen County. He spoke on how he is excited for how the City of Garfield is moving forward. He said that there are a lot of great things happening in the City right now. He said that there is Redevelopment going on, there are buildings being built, Developers wanting to come into town and do wonderful things, parks being rehabilitated, Passaic Street being Redeveloped, and new Restaurants and new businesses are coming into Garfield. He said that Garfield is 11 miles from Manhattan, just a 20 minute train ride away, and the City is sitting in a hub. He spoke on the proposed extension of the Riverfront Park. He questioned that if the Mayor and City Council do not move the City forward, who is going to do it? He said that Garfield is going to be the new Metropolis of Bergen County. He spoke on how good it is that Garfield is located near so many major highways, located so close to great shopping malls, has proximity to Manhattan and has two train stations in town. He said that things are happening in Garfield and the City will continue to move forward. He thanked the Events Planning and Recreation Committee for all their hard work in regard to the Carnival which is scheduled to happen this week, starting tomorrow to Sunday in Columbus Park. He said that he was also happy with the Amendment to the 2021 Municipal Budget which brought down the Amount to be Raised by Taxation. He said that things will continue to get better in the City of Garfield.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Herrera moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Joseph Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5