

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:15 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and 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 in City Hall, on the front and back doors of City Hall and on the City Website.

Councilmembers Present: Joseph Delaney, Pawel Maslag, Romi Herrera, Erin N. Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, City Engineer Carl P. O'Brien and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

SWEAR-IN OF TWO POLICE CAPTAINS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Police Chief Raymond Kovach and the Police Department who were led into the Council Chamber by a bagpiper.

After the Flag Salute, Pastor John Czubkowski of Praise Church located at 145 Main Street in Garfield, offered a Special Invocation.

City Manager Duch read a biography on Police Lieutenant Joseph P. Delaney IV and then with his family surrounding him holding the Bible, Joseph P. Delaney IV was administered the official oath of office as Police Captain by City Manager Duch.

City Manager Duch read a biography on Police Lieutenant Mario X. Pozo and then with his family surrounding him holding the Bible, Mario X. Pozo was administered the official oath of office as Police Captain by City Manager Duch.

Police Chief Kovach, Mayor Rigoglioso and each member of the City Council offered words of congratulations to Police Captains Delaney and Pozo.

Police Chief Kovach led his Department out of the Council Chamber as they were led by a bagpiper.

SHORT RECESS AND RETURN TO ORDER

At 6:55 PM, a short recess was called. At 7:15 PM, Mayor Rigoglioso again called the meeting to order and all City Officials were present as before the Recess. It was duly noted for the record.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE

Mayor Rigoglioso said that Coronavirus Covid-19 numbers are down tremendously in the City of Garfield and that the State of New Jersey benchmarks have been achieved. He said that New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has lifted social distancing and public mask-wearing mandates. He said that things are opening up in the City of Garfield and in the State of New Jersey. He advised everybody to continue to practice social distancing even though the mandate has been lifted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The Independence Day Fireworks scheduled to be held Thursday, July 1, 2021 in Twentieth Century Field.
2. The incidences of vandalism that happened in Twentieth Century Field on Friday, May 21, 2021 and on Saturday, May 22, 2021.
3. The next City Newsletter to be released to the public.

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4. The investigation of a complaint received regarding a business being run out of a Residential Zone on Pershing Street.
5. The 2021 Opening of the Jewell Street Spray Park from Monday to Friday from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM and on Saturday from Noon to 7:00 PM.
6. The proposed Ordinance to create a “Restaurant Row” on Passaic Street from River Drive to Marsellus Place.
7. The proposed Ordinance regarding a Separation Plan for City employees.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso reported on the following:

1. The Drive-In Movie event scheduled to be held Friday, June 11, 2021 in Columbus Park near the intersection of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane.
2. The proposal to make the Jewell Street Spray Park especially welcoming to Special Needs Students in the Garfield School System.

MINUTES

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

Regular	Meeting	-	April	27,	2021
Work	Session	-	May	11,	2021

Councilmember Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR 2021

City Manager Duch explained this application and Mayor Rigoglioso declared a Public Hearing on the application.

There being no one wishing to speak for or against this application, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PROGRAM FOR LAND ACQUISITION GRANT FUNDING FOR 2021

City Manager Duch explained this application and Mayor Rigoglioso declared a Public Hearing on the application.

There being no one wishing to speak for or against this application, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Herrera duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

City Manager Duch and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano explained the Amendment to the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Rigoglioso declared a Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2021 Municipal Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

There being no one wishing to speak for or against the Amendment to the 2021 Municipal Budget, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

See

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pages numbered _____

For

Resolution No. 21-48

Adoption

of

the

2021

Municipal

Budget

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Resolution No. 21-149

Resolution Re: Cancelling Reserve for Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, a reserve for tax appeals balance remains on the Current Fund Balance Sheet; and, WHEREAS, it has been determined that the amount of the reserved funds exceed the amount necessary; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said excess reserve balance from the Current Fund Balance Sheet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that the following reserve balance be cancelled:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reserved for Tax Appeals	\$100,000

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Romi Herrera

Resolution No. 21-150

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2021, the Garfield Police Department is participating in the Bergen County “Chief for a Day” initiative; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Garfield Police Department play an integral role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement in their community; and

WHEREAS, as an honorary “Chief for a Day” Henry A. Portillo Argueta will learn about the inner-workings of law enforcement and explore the important work that Garfield Police Officers face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the City of Garfield along with our community observe June 25, 2021 as HENRY A. PORTILLO ARGUETA APPRECIATION DAY to honor his interest in law enforcement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2021 as:

HENRY A. PORTILLO ARGUETA APPRECIATION DAY

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 21-151

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted Christopher Fuschini of 129 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective April 5, 2021, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-152

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Joseph DeVita Jr., of 89 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective April 6, 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) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

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Resolution No. 21-153

WHEREAS, David Huamani, 58 Belmont Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2213168, 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 south curb line of Belmont Avenue commencing 64 feet west of the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Palisade Avenue and continue an additional 20 feet west from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-154

WHEREAS, Maximilian Sdoutz, 124 Grand Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2119749, 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 south curb line of Grand Street commencing 133 feet west of the intersection of Grand Street and Pierre Avenue and continue an additional 24 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) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-155

WHEREAS, Oligario Torres, 35 Park Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2213198, 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 First Street commencing 40 feet north of the intersection of First Street and Park Avenue 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) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-156

WHEREAS, Mayelin Matos-Demunoz, on behalf of Edwin Munoz-Rodriguez, 50 Wessington Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2042251, 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 east curb line of Wessington Avenue commencing 203 feet south of the intersection of Wessington Avenue and Belmont Avenue and continue an additional 20 feet south from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-157

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

License No.	0221-33-002-005	Apple Food Service of Garfield LLC t/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 186 Passaic Street
	0221-33-010-006	Goodfella's Restaurant, Inc. t/a Goodfellas Restaurant, Inc. 661 Midland Avenue
	0221-33-012-007	Garfield Restaurant Corp t/a Déjà vu 50 River Drive
	0221-33-016-005	G&B, LLC t/a The Royal Manor 454 Midland Avenue
	0221-33-017-007	Be Ready Merchants, LLC t/a DP's Pub and Seafood Grill 732 River Drive
	0221-33-025-001	Frank Barcelona's Restaurant & Bar Inc. t/a Barcelona's Restaurant 38 Harrison Avenue
	0221-33-030-004	Yogiji Enterprises, Inc. t/a Boggy's Bar & Liquors 142 Division Avenue
	0221-33-031-009	La Fortaleza t/a La Fortaleza 361 Midland Avenue
	0221-33-033-011	Firehouse Grill t/a Firehouse 42 Plauderville Avenue
	0221-33-036-011	Meyer Avenue Management LLC t/a Hearth Tavern 791 Midland Avenue
	0221-33-040-003	Sai Dhristy, LLC t/a BJ's Polonia 126 Ray Street

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0221-33-043-004	Michele's Catering Inc. t/a Michele's 32 Passaic Street
0221-33-047-006	Garfield Bar & Liquor Inc. t/a Garfield Bar & Liquors 46 Wood Street
0221-33-051-006	C.P. Sunrise, LLC. t/a The Midnight Sun 323 Semel Avenue
0221-33-058-001	Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church t/a Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church 464 Outwater Lane
0221-33-059-009	Net WRC, LLC t/a The Hive Bar & Bistro 142 Outwater Lane
0221-33-066-010	G.F. Mazzola t/a Jack's Kicks 250-252 Midland Avenue
0221-33-078-006	Shreeji Enterprise, LLC t/a River Drive Bar & Liquors 85 River Drive

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

0221-44-034-008	Worldwide Liquors, LLC t/a Worldwide Liquors Van Winkle Avenue
0221-44-064-004	Mahant, Inc. t/a Joe's Liquors 114 Outwater Lane

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing renewals are granted on the condition that said renewal shall not constitute approval of anything at variance with the records of the City Council or any person-to-person transfer, place-to-place transfer or change of corporate structure approved prior to the passage of this resolution.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-158
Resolution Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 24 – June 6, 2021
Whereas, there were 585 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2020; and
Whereas, approximately 40% of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and
Whereas, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and
Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

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Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization from May 24 – June 6, 2021 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and
Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 90.23% to 93%; and
Whereas, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;
Therefore, be it resolved that City of Garfield declares its support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 24 – June 6, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-159

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:

Buy Rite Auto Mall, LLC 341 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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Urban Motors 2 Passaic Street Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00
The Car House` 86 Jewel Street Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
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	\$ 365.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-160

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEONARD T. BIER, ESQ. TO SERVE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE PARKING AUTHORITY AND URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City of Garfield to enter into an agreement with Leonard T Bier, Esq. to serve as a Parking Authority Special Counsel and Urban Redevelopment Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement are outlined in proposal documents submitted by Leonard T. Bier, Esq attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

Whereas the Mayor and Council of City of Garfield authorize the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into an agreement with Leonard T Bier, Esq. to serve as a Parking Authority Special Counsel and Urban Redevelopment Consultant as outlined in Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 25th day of May 2021, the City of Garfield approves the authorization of the City Manager, Thomas J. Duch, to enter into an agreement with Leonard T Bier, Esq. to serve as a Parking Authority Special Counsel and Urban Redevelopment Consultant as outlined in Exhibit A

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

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Resolution No. 21-161

RE: SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

WHEREAS, an agreement providing for shared services among municipalities is permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act”; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) provides that two or more municipalities may agree to provide jointly for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts and agree to appoint judges and administrators without establishing a joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) further provides that where municipal courts share facilities, the identities of the individual courts shall continue to be expressed in the captions of orders and process; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to share municipal court services and to set forth the administrative and financial responsibilities of each party for the shared court services; and

WHEREAS, the shared court is subject to approval by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Vicinage Assignment Judge;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the promises, covenants, terms and conditions set forth, it is mutually AGREED as follows:

- This agreement shall be for approximately three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2021, and sun setting on June 30, 2024.
- At any point in time, by written notice, either party may request an extension or renegotiation of the terms
- Garfield agrees to provide those facilities and services necessary for the operation of a Municipal Court including but not limited to a courtroom, chambers, office space, equipment, supplies and employees, to serve as Wood-Ridge’s Municipal Court.
- The Municipal Courts shall share facilities but the individual identities of the courts shall continue to be expressed in the caption orders and process.
- Each municipality shall appoint their own judge, prosecutor and public defender unless one or more said appointments are mutually agreed upon.
- Each municipality shall continue to appoint a Court Administrator, which shall be the existing Garfield Court Administrator and is hereby appointed by this Resolution. It will be the responsibility of Garfield to ensure the Court Administrator is certified and attends/obtains required CEUs.
- Each municipal court shall continue to maintain its own docket and filings, which shall exist separately in the ATS/ACS database.
- A complete set of financial records and separate reporting shall be maintained for each municipal court including any auditing requirements of the State of New Jersey or the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- Wood-Ridge shall pay Garfield the following four (4) quarterly installments for leasing of space and professional staff payable on or around the 20th of be July, October, January, and April. Annual payments shall be as follows:
- \$85,000 in year 1; \$86,500 in year 2; and \$88,000 in year 3, covering a period of 3 (three) years.
- Garfield shall order supplies for operations of the Wood-Ridge court, including but not limited to: ticket books, interpretation services, etc. and shall seek reimbursement from

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Wood-Ridge on a quarterly basis. Garfield shall submit invoices to Wood-Ridge on or around the first of the month of March, June, September and December.

- Revenue shall be distributed to each municipality based on each municipality’s own filings.
- Garfield Court shall coordinate with the Wood-Ridge Police Department to schedule hearings, proceedings, etc. to minimize overtime costs and to maintain a minimum staffing level as per the discretion of the Wood-Ridge Police Chief or his/her appointed designee. The Garfield Court will make every effort to coordinate with the Chief the schedule of the Court to ensure that Wood-Ridge residents receive maximum patrol as per the discretion of the Wood-Ridge Chief.
- Wood-Ridge authorizes Garfield to choose a depository of funds that is convenient for its operations and said depository shall be dually appointed and copies of all relevant paperwork shall be given to Wood-Ridge.
- Termination: Each municipality reserves the right to terminate this agreement. Termination must be done via Resolution of the governing body and provided no later than December 1 of the next court (calendar) year. In the event of criminal wrongdoing on the Garfield court, Wood-Ridge may immediately terminate the agreement.
- Future changes to the agreement maybe done, at the discretion of the governing bodies, by Memorandums of Agreement.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-162

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 a \$250,000.00 grant award from the 2020 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the acquisition of open space property in the project entitled “Acquisition of 133 River Drive” located in Block 1, Lot 17, on the tax maps of the City of Garfield;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Thomas J. Duch, City Manager to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Thomas J. Duch, City Manager to sign all County of Bergen Payment Vouchers submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-163

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$195,963.00 matching grant award from the 2021 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Jewell Street Park: Removal of Wood-Chip Surface for Rubberized Playground, located in the City of Garfield;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize City Manager Thomas J. Duch to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about February 16, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award's unexpended balance, should there be a balance

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-164

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOOD PLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND (BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND) GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund"), provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$350,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Garfield Riverwalk Expansion – Acquisition Phase V; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (Council) has reviewed the Bergen County Trust Fund Program Statement, the County program Open Space Policy and Procedures Manual, and the open space application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Council held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed land acquisition project in the application on May 14, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the Trust Fund by this year's deadline of May 14, 2021, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a Trust Fund award may be less than the grant amount requested above, the applicant has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and,
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-165

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION,

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FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND (BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND) GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of \$770,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Columbus Park Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (Council) has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Council received held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 14, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorize:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 14th, 2021, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the City of Garfield has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the City of Garfield is committed to providing a dollar-for-dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the City of Garfield agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-166

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ABIDE BY CONCESSIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FY2021 LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$99,209.00 to carry out a project to improve and upgrade the playground in Hobart Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Council do hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Council do hereby recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, do further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, do further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Garfield and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Thomas Duch
(type or print name)

City Manager
(title)

Richard Rigoglioso
(type or print name)

Mayor
(Title)

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-167

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES ON THE RIVER DRIVE PHASE 2 PROJECT TO ADD AN ALTERATE BID ITEM FOR LED STREETScape LIGHTING ON PASSAIC STREET AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield authorized Boswell Engineering to provide design and permitting services for the above referenced project, and;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to include additional work in this project which will result in the installation of new conduit and light foundations meeting the requirement of PSE&G as part of their lease programs for streetscape lighting, and;

WHEREAS, PSE&G will then accept these improvements in order for them to install their wiring and unmetered light fixtures at this location

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Boswell Engineering is hereby authorized to revise the design documents at a cost of \$7500 for the River Drive Phase 2 project to add an alternate bid item providing for the requisite improvements to allow the streetscape lighting to be installed at this location in a manner consistent with other streetscape lighting being installed on Passaic Street.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-168

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GATE BETWEEN 200-202 SCHLEY STREET AND GARDEN COURT PARK

WHEREAS, the property currently designated as 200-202 Schley Street (Bock 119.03, Lot 271) (hereinafter “the property”) is currently owned by Garfield PM LLC and Meridia, Transit Crossing, Garfield, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the property is adjacent to a City park known as Garden Court Park (hereinafter “the park”), and

WHEREAS, there is no direct access from the property to the park; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to facilitate the use of the park by residents of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the ____ day of May, 2021, the City approves the construction of a gate and related fencing from the property to the park on the following conditions:

1. The cost of the construction shall be at the expense of the property owner.
2. The location and design of the gate and related fencing shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Manager and the Garfield Building Department.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

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Resolution No. 21-169

Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025

FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The City Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Garfield Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 5754.10
Cash Match	\$ 1438.53
In-Kind	\$ 4315.58

2. The City Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-170

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield has identified the following checks to be stale, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has been deemed to cancel of record the following checks which are dated prior to December 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that all balances shall be treated as MRNA, as to the treasurer’s bank statement reconciliation:

Payroll Account 800741803

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
3769	\$ 199.71
3810	\$ 25.53
3816	\$ 14.47
3828	\$ 153.43
19426	\$ 143.53
19676	\$ 173.27
19677	\$ 415.05
19977	\$ 122.52
4043	\$ 138.75
4073	\$ 55.74
20673	\$ 297.68

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4125	\$	64.64
4180	\$	125.60
4123	\$	173.68
22003	\$	161.10
4349	\$	590.20
4361	\$	431.37
22924	\$	183.66
22927	\$	174.70
23009	\$	216.26

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-171

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Taxes Abated for the years 2012 - 2018.

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 overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
140	100.02	H P Garfield Inv.	Tax Abatement	\$ 9,860.61

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-172

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for Taxes Abated for the year 2019.

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 overpayment and forward same to the Receiver of Taxes for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner.

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
140	100.02	H P Garfield Inv.	Tax Abatement	\$ 1,545.99

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-173

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
76.02	19	C1202	MGRP TL Capital LLC	O/P	\$1,028.19

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

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Resolution No. 21-174

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
44	23		Desiderio, Thomas & Concetta	O/P	\$2,219.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Joseph Delaney
Pawel Maslag

Resolution No. 21-175

WHEREAS the Receiver of Taxes reports that she has received a request from the following property owner for a Refund due to overpayment for the year 2020 and 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	YEAR	AMOUNT
21	35.01		CWIKLINSKI, HELEN	O/P	2021	\$1,962.00
40	4		VASI, NANCY	O/P	2020	\$250.00

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-176

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2021, the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (US EPA) released its proposed plan for the Upper 9 miles of the Lower Passaic (hereinafter referred to as the “Upper 9 miles”) also known as the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Operable Unit 4; and

WHEREAS, over the last three (3) years the US EPA worked in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) to create a plan for Upper 9 miles; and

WHEREAS, the original schedule would have been inequitable to stakeholders in the Upper 9 miles as it called for performing the lower 8-mile remedy first, followed by the Upper miles of the Passaic River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is pleased to see that the proposed plan will expedite remediation of contaminated sediment in the Upper 9 miles of the Passaic River eliminating at least seven (7) years from the traditional cleanup schedule; and

WHEREAS, the US EPA’s Proposed Plan aligns the Lower 8 with the Upper 9 removals and permits project managers to monitor and manage any resuspension and transportation of contaminated sediments between the Lower 8-miles and the Upper 9 miles; and

WHEREAS, while the US EPA’s Proposed Plan is subject to public comment before a Record of Decision (ROD) is issued, all indications are that vast majority of the work will take place in the river; and

WHEREAS, instead of approximately 387,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment being trucked through the communities along the Passaic River, the contaminated sediment will be removed from the Upper 9miles via barge to a treatment facility down river; and

WHEREAS, the US EPA and NJDEP received public input from communities along the Passaic River and took steps to mitigate those concerns in the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, the EPA and NJDEP proposed plan for the Upper 9 miles will not adversely impact flooding in the region; and

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WHEREAS, environmental justice has been and remains a priority for the City of Garfield and on September 18, 2020 Governor Murphy signed S232/A2212 into law which clearly defines overburdened communities as communities where:

At least 35 percent of the households qualify as low-income households; or

At least 40 percent of the residents identify as minority or as members of a State recognized tribal community; or

At least 40 percent of the households have limited English proficiency.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2020, NJDEP released “Furthering the Promise: A Guidance Document for Advancing Environmental Justice Across State Government” which determined that much of Garfield’s population meets the listed criteria as being overburdened, making the environmental justice piece to this project extremely important to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield would like to thank the USEPA and the NJDEP for their efforts and collaboration in ensuring that the entire river gets addressed all at once.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, hereby endorses the EPA’s Proposed Plan for the Upper 9 miles clean-up project of the upper 9 miles of the Lower Passaic River, also known as the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Operable Unit 4, especially as it is now aligned with the Lower 8-mile remedy; and
2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the EPA, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Senator Bob Menendez, U.S. Congressman William Pascrell, Governor Phil Murphy, NJ DEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette, District 35 Legislators, Upper 9 Mayors and the Passaic River Community Advisory Group (CAG).

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

Resolution No. 21-177

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that a Special Meeting of the City Council is hereby scheduled to be held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, at which formal action will be taken, including Resolutions and Ordinances, and the Work Session Agenda previously scheduled for this date, will be part of this Special Meeting.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Erin N. Delaney
Richard Rigoglioso

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 21-178

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2276 to 2278 covering Dog Trust Fund, Trust Other, totaling \$72,138.41 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$1,399.10 and Current Fund totaling \$3,088,027.53 and Water Fund totaling \$123,295.47 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$711,838.79 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$6,100.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated May 21, 2021, be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, which includes fifty seven (57) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the
following pages numbered _____
for Bills and Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, 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 April 27, 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 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, Nays 5

ORDINANCE DEFEATED

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 April 27, 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 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, Nays 5

ORDINANCE DEFEATED

Ordinance No. 2873

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 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 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

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 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 Rigoglioso duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2874

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full, and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY 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.

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 Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Ordinance No. 2875

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 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 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.

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 Erin Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2832, ADOPTED MARCH 25, 2020

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2832, ADOPTED MARCH 25, 2020” 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 June 15, 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 CHAPTER 69-9 “FALSE ALARMS” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 69-9 “FALSE ALARMS” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD” 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 June 15, 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 defeated by the following vote on first reading: Nays 5

ORDINANCE DEFEATED

Councilmember Joseph 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 Joseph 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 June 15, 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

Councilmember Maslag introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 226-28 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM,” MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 226-28.B(1) THEREOF, ENTITLED “RULES AND REGULATIONS”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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Councilmember Maslag moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 226-28 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM,” MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 226-28.B(1) THEREOF, ENTITLED “RULES AND REGULATIONS”” 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 June 15, 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 4, Nays 1 – Councilmember Erin Delaney

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73-5.D “DISTANCE BETWEEN LICENSED PREMISES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73-5.D “DISTANCE BETWEEN LICENSED PREMISES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD“ 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 June 15, 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 ARTICLE IX CHAPTER 226 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING”

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IX CHAPTER 226 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING” “ 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 June 15, 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 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2854

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2854” 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

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shall be held June 15, 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:

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION PROGRAM

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “EMPLOYEE SEPARATION PROGRAM” 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 June 15, 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:

2021 CITY CLERK SALARY ORDINANCE

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “2021 CITY CLERK SALARY ORDINANCE” 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 June 15, 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

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Mr. Anthony Sinatra, Terrace Avenue, spoke and asked questions regarding the proposed sidewalk improvement to Naples Place.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on the wonderful Retirement Dinner for City Clerk Drew Pavlica held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive and attended by over 150 people. He said that City Clerk Pavlica still has a few more meetings to go before his retirement. He spoke on the fantastic job done on the 2021 Municipal Budget. He praised everyone who participated in the City-Wide Cleanup held this past weekend on Saturday, May 22nd starting from the Sam and Ann Sangis Recreation Building located at 466 Midland Avenue. He said that there were a lot of good comments and compliments received on the City-Wide Cleanup.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Maslag complimented Deputy Mayor Erin Delaney on her role organizing the City-Wide Cleanup. He said that it was great seeing the City come together for a good cause. He spoke on the Police Captain promotions, and on Pride Day scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 between 10:00 AM and Noon at Twentieth Century Field.

Councilmember Herrera spoke on all the people from all the different City organizations who were involved with the City-Wide Cleanup. He spoke on taxes and the adoption of the 2021 Municipal Budget. He spoke on having to miss Drew Pavlica's Retirement Dinner due to a death in his family, and he spoke on Drew Pavlica being "living history" for all his knowledge from serving as City Clerk for nearly 34 years. He said that he hopes he has additional conversations with City Clerk Pavlica after his retirement and he hopes that Drew Pavlica continues to be a part of the City of Garfield in some way for years to come.

Deputy Mayor Erin Delaney thanked everyone who helped her have a successful Cleanup Day, from all the volunteers, to the Garfield Neighbors Network, City Manager Duch, Recreation Director Dan Golabek, the Department of Public Works and others. She thanked Dre Espinosa for organizing Garfield's first Pride Day. She spoke on this coming Monday being Memorial Day and she encouraged everyone to remember the Veterans and to have a fun, safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend. She spoke on the raffle fundraiser for the Freddie Porter Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Mayor Rigoglioso spoke on the vandalism and damage that occurred this past weekend in Twentieth Century Field and how the City is looking to place cameras in the Park to police such acts of destruction. He spoke on the first annual Pride Day scheduled to be held in Garfield. He spoke on the Greater Bergen Community Action organization which has a 54 year history of building better communities such as the City of Garfield. He spoke on how they have a 10 year plan to improve Passaic Street. He spoke on how the plan includes visual arts, lounges, 48 planter boxes, and other improvements "on their dime" to build a better community. He spoke on how Greater Bergen gave out 17 grants totaling about \$198,000 for businesses to beautify their storefronts, and help businesses stay open during this Pandemic and be able to pay their rent and mortgages. He spoke on how Greater Bergen gives out \$5,000 grants to beautify the outside of the storefronts and awnings and improve lighting of businesses. He spoke on the various new businesses moving into the area. He said that he is so happy on how the City is moving and progressing and moving forward. He spoke on the scheduled plans for Memorial Day services in Garfield. He spoke on recognizing our Service Men and Women on Memorial Day and the sacrifices they have made for us to live in this great country. He spoke on how the City had a Memorial Day Parade until the Pandemic and how there is hope that the Memorial Day Parade will resume in 2022 in the City of Garfield. He told everyone to have a great, safe weekend. He said that things are opening up but people should still stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Erin Delaney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK