

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:20 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 City website, the bulletin boards in City Hall, and on the front and back doors of City Hall.

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

Councilmembers Present Telephonically: Joseph Delaney

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, City Engineer Carl O'Brien, Special Projects Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo, Zoning Officer Robert Schultz and Recreation Director Daniel Golabek

PUBLIC HEARING ON GREEN ACRES LAND ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COLUMBUS PARK

City Manager Thomas J. Duch explained the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Land Acquisition and Park Development Program application for improvements to Columbus Park located at 394 Outwater Lane.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso declared a Public Hearing on same and asked if there were anyone wishing to speak on the application.

Mr. Frank J. Calandriello, 65 Maitland Place, spoke on the application and questioned what improvements would go into Columbus Park.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, spoke on the application and questioned if there were plans to construct apartments in Columbus Park.

There being no other individuals wishing to speak on this matter, Mayor Rigoglioso declared the Public Hearing closed.

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City Manager Thomas J. Duch reported on the following:

1. The acquisition of playground equipment for the Jewell Street Playground.
2. The 2021 Road Improvement Program.
3. The proposed Cannabis Ordinance.
4. The request for improvements to Fire House No. Two located at 72-74 Belmont Avenue.
5. The proposed Department Head Salary Ordinance.
6. Pandemic Relief Funds to the City of Garfield from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Act.
7. The Rehabilitation of the Elmwood Park Well Field off of Mola Boulevard and Gilbert Avenue.
8. The proposed Resolution authorizing the Receipt of Bids for the Jewell Street Playground Improvements, the Fire House Basketball Courts and the 2021 Road Program.

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9. The proposed Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the County of Bergen and the City of Garfield regarding Thomas J. Duch concluding City business while being County Administrator and County Counsel.

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Resolution No. 21-201

WHEREAS, Ernest P. Rosolen was a prominent resident of the City of Garfield and served the City of Garfield with distinction as Garfield Fire Chief, Councilman and in many other capacities and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to publicly express its gratitude for the years of public service to the City and honor Ex-Chief Rosolen, and

WHEREAS, as an expression of the thanks and gratitude to our departed Ex-Chief Rosolen and his family, the Mayor and Council wish to name the driveway at Fire House No. Four in honor of Ex-Chief Rosolen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The driveway leading to and from Fire House No. Four located at 97 Outwater Lane shall be named "Ernie Rosolen Way".
2. The Garfield Department of Public Works, at the direction of the City Manager is hereby directed to install appropriate signage to designate the driveway in accordance with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Garfield Police Department, Department of Public Works, the City Attorney, and the City Manager, Fire Chief and Fire Company No. Four.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-202

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Duch's service to the City of Garfield began in May of 1980, when he was elected to the City Council and became Mayor when he was 23 years old and still in Law School, and

WHEREAS, "Tom" Duch graduated from Christopher Columbus School No. 8 in Garfield, graduated from Garfield High School, graduated from Lehigh University with high honors, and completed his legal education at Seton Hall University School of Law, where he received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence, and

WHEREAS, Tom served as Mayor of the City of Garfield from 1980 to 1988, was elected to the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey in 1987 and served two terms representing the 36th Legislative District, and

WHEREAS, he has been City Manager of the City of Garfield since September 2003, has been a member of the New Jersey Municipal Management Association, the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, has served on the Garfield Boys and Girls Club Board of Trustees for over 35 years, has served on the Garfield Planning Board, the Garfield Library Board of Trustees, the Garfield Drug Abuse Action Committee, the Bergen County Task Force for Homelessness Prevention, and in numerous other civic organizations; and has served as the Garfield Redevelopment Agency Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, he has served as a Commissioner in the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund and has served on their Executive Board and on their Operations Committee; he is a long-time representative of the City of Garfield in the South Bergen Community Development Board, he has served on the Board of Directors of Wavel Bank in Garfield, serves on the Board of Directors of Spencer Savings Bank in Elmwood Park, and serves on the Governing Board of Saint Mary's Hospital in Passaic, and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Public Policy Committee of the New Jersey Conference of Catholic Bishops, is an active member of Saint Michael's Cathedral in Passaic, New Jersey; has

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served as a National Director of the Greek Catholic Union of the USA, has served on the New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival Committee, is a long-time member of the Casimir Pulaski Parade Committee at Saint Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Garfield, having served many years as a Vice-President; and is a member of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee in New York City; and in September 2017, was awarded the Commanders Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland by Polish President Andrzej Duda, and

WHEREAS, in October 2018, Garfield City Manager Thomas J. Duch was honored to serve as the Grand Marshal of the entire General Pulaski Memorial Parade in New York City; in December 2018, he was chosen by Garfield UNICO as Citizen of the Year, was honored in 2019 as Man of the Year by the Freddie Porter Memorial Scholarship Committee, received The 2020 Visionary Award by the Garfield Black History Committee, the Columbus Spirit Award from the Columbus Day Parade Committee for the City of Garfield and Borough of Lodi, has been named Community Leader of the Year by the Garfield YMCA and has also received their Adult Volunteer Award, is a member of the Garfield High School Academic Hall of Fame, and is a recipient of so many other recognitions, and

WHEREAS, he is an attorney with a law practice in Elmwood Park, New Jersey; is a member of the Bergen County Bar Association, the New Jersey Bar Association, and is former member of the New Jersey Trial Lawyers Association, and

WHEREAS, Tom is married to Cheryl (nee: LaPorte), has four children: Nicole, Thomas (and Kim), Michael (and Lauren), and Timothy; and has three grandchildren: Poppy Elizabeth Duch, Cooper Warren Duch and John Thomas Duch, and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Duch has been appointed Bergen County Administrator and County Counsel and will soon be leaving his service with the City of Garfield,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that THOMAS J. DUCH is hereby thanked for his outstanding tenure of service to the people of Garfield, during which he has demonstrated an exemplary measure of public-spiritedness for which he has earned the deepest respect and admiration of many, and he is hereby Congratulated and extended Best Wishes on his recent appointments as Bergen County Administrator and County Counsel.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

Resolution No. 21-203

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Garfield has entered into a three year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council to appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2021-2022 term starting July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Richard Rigoglioso as its representative and Erin Delaney as his alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Joseph Delaney as his representative to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2021-2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 resposito@co.bergen.nj.us as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 30, 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-204

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD FOR SHARED SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen (the "County") and the City of Garfield (the "City") wish to enter into a shared services agreement for executive, administrative or managerial services; and

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WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) promotes the broad use of shared services as a technique to reduce local expenses funded by the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) allows for any local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any services that each local unit participating in the Agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(4); and

WHEREAS, the City has a need for limited executive administrative and managerial level services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into an agreement with the County whereby the County will provide limited executive administrative and managerial level services on behalf of the City on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive shall designate those services to be provided and shall specify those County employees providing such services; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive shall determine on a case-by-case basis, whether such services shall be provided with or without charge to the City, the implementation of a charge for services shall require the express consent of the City as to the amount and extent of said services; and

WHEREAS, County Counsel shall prepare a form of agreement entitled "SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF GARFIELD WITH EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OR MANAGERIAL SERVICES" (the "Shared Services Agreement") in the form attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L.2007, c.63 (N.J.S.A.40A:65-1, et seq.), requires that the Shared Services Agreement be approved by resolutions adopted by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement shall have an initial month-to-month term not to exceed a total of 6 months, commencing on June 29, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated into the body of this resolution as if set forth at length herein.
2. The Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby agrees to the terms of the Shared Services Agreement annexed hereto.
3. The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement with the County in substantially the form annexed hereto, together with any other documents necessary to formalize the aforementioned Agreement, the Agreement and all other documents to be in forms approved by County Counsel and the City, which shall include any additional or ancillary agreements as necessary.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-205

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have expelled Luke Zurita of 88 Clark Street, as an active member effective June 7, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-206

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have expelled Gustavo Espinosa of 25 Somerset Street, as an active member effective June 7, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 3 with respect to the above matter, is hereby accepted.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-207

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Matthew Leon, of 145 Farnham Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective June 7, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield 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) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-208

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Timothy Walsh, of 165 Jacob Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective June 7, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield 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) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-209

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 3 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Jose Ayala, of 189 Passaic Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 as an active member, effective June 7, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield 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) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-210

WHEREAS, Joseph J. LaForge, 16 Semel Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2060641, 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 Semel Avenue commencing 185 feet east of the intersection of Semel Avenue and River Drive and continue an additional 20 feet east from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-211

WHEREAS, Doris Lopez, 34 Farnham Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2224468, 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 Farnham Avenue commencing 407 feet north of the intersection of Farnham Avenue and MacArthur Avenue and continue an additional 18 feet north from that point.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-212

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.	0221-31-073-001	American Hungarian Citizens League t/a American Hungarian Citizens League 21 New Schley Street
	0221-33-007-006	Tina Liquors, Inc. t/a MVP's 402 River Drive
	0221-33-008-009	LaSicilia, Inc. t/a LaSicilia 149 Van Winkle Avenue
	0221-33-028-016	JoJo's Bar & Grill, LLC t/a JoJo's Bar & Grill 133 Monroe Street
	0221-33-069-015	Bergen Heritage Management, LLC t/a The Bar BQ Grill 517 River Drive, Suite 2
	0221-33-070-002	Wisla, Inc. t/a Wisla Center 73 Main Street

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

	0221-44-003-006	Viki Siddhi and Vicky, LLC t/a Belmont Liquors 79 Belmont Liquors
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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) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No, 21-213

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PROJECT BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, that the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for bids for the following 2021 Engineering Department projects:

1. Jewell Street Park Improvements
2. Fire House Basketball Court Improvements
3. 2021 Road Program

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-214

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Midland Avenue Sidewalk Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Garfield formally approves the grant application for the above stated project;

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Mayor and Council are desirous of making sidewalk improvements to Midland Avenue between Elizabeth Street and River Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-Midland Avenue Sidewalk Improvements-00432 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Garfield for making sidewalk improvements to Midland Avenue between Elizabeth Street and River Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Garfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-215

Green Acres Enabling Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$2,145,000.00 in the form of a \$2,145,000.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Columbus Park Improvements at a cost of \$2,860,000.00;

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MANAGER AND COUNCIL

1. That the City Manager of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Columbus Park Improvements;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$715,000.00;
3. That, in the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-216

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PERFORM A RISK AND RESILIANCE ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 requires the City of Garfield to prepare a Risk and Resilience Assessment, and;

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering submitted a proposal dated June 8, 2021

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Garfield hereby authorizes Boswell Engineering to prepare the Risk and Resilience Assessment pursuant to the terms of their proposal dated June 8, 2021 for a total fee not to exceed \$28,500

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-217

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOSWELL ENGINEERING TO PERFORM DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISON FOR A PFC TREATMENT SYSTEM AT THE ELMWOOD PARK WELLFIELD

WHEREAS, the NJDEP adopted new regulatory requirements regarding PFOAs and PFOSs and these contaminants are collectively referred to as PFCs, and;

WHEREAS, the City commenced the 12-month monitoring period for these contaminants on January 1, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, The City received test sample results in March and June for the first and second quarters respectively and these results note an exceedance of the 12-month running average for 2021, and;

WHEREAS, The City must now notify its water customers of this exceedance and take measures to design, permit and institute treatment systems to effectively remove these newly regulated contaminants, and;

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering submitted a proposal dated May 14, 2021 to provide the requisite professional services to respond to the requirements of the NJDEP

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Garfield hereby authorizes Boswell Engineering to provide the services noted in their proposal dated May 14, 2021.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-218

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CHARGES TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PHASE 1 PROJECT ON PASSAIC STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield received a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant from the NJDOT, and;

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering was authorized to perform consulting services to both design the project and to coordinate the requirements associated with this grant program, and;

WHEREAS, additional services were required to meet the NJDOT requirements

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City hereby approves the payment of \$14,307.00 to Boswell Engineering for additional services rendered in connection with this project.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-219

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CHARGES TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH A PERMANENT WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AT WELL 1A

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield operates a water utility which includes 17 wells, and;

WHEREAS, Well 1A, located at the intersection of Midland Avenue and Outwater Lane, serves as a potable water source for the City, and;

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WHEREAS, the raw water pumped from Well 1A requires treatment to remove contaminants before being pumped into the public water distribution system for the City, and;
WHEREAS, the City installed both temporary and permanent treatment systems to minimize the time this well was out of service and Boswell Engineering was authorized to perform consulting services to design, permit and provide construction inspection services for both the temporary and permanent treatment systems, and;
WHEREAS, additional services were required to meet the requirements of NJDEP and return this well to service in accordance with all current NJDEP regulatory requirements
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City hereby approves the payment of \$21,096.00 to Boswell Engineering for additional services rendered in connection with this project.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-220

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CHARGES TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW POLICE STATION

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield constructed a new police station, and;
WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering performed consulting and inspection services during the construction phase, and:
WHEREAS, additional services were required due to an extension of the construction period and to ensure satisfactory performance of the site improvements by the contractor
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City hereby approves the payment of \$57,144.75 to Boswell Engineering for additional services rendered in connection with the construction phase of this project.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-221

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CHARGES TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS AT 20TH CENUTRY FIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield received grant funding from the State of New Jersey, Office of Green Acres (Green Acres) for the installation of an artificial turf field, low level ornamental lighting and other field improvements at 20th Century Field, and;
WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering was authorized to perform consulting services to design, oversee the construction and coordinate the reimbursement of grant monies from Green Acres, which included the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Statement, and;
WHEREAS, additional services were required to meet the requirements of Green Acres
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City here by approves the payment of \$17,403.50 to Boswell Engineering for additional services rendered in connection with this project.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-222

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR AN EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIR ON RAY STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield retained D.S. Meyer to perform an emergency water main repair for an emergency water main break, and;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment of \$10,560.00 is hereby approved to DS Meyer Enterprises, LLC for the water main emergency repair work noted above.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

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Resolution No. 21-223

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMNT TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR AN EMERGENCY WATER MAIN SERVICE REPAIR AT 113 GRAND STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield retained D.S, Meyer to perform an emergency water main service repair for the service connection for house number 113 on Grand Street, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED payment of \$9,351.72 is hereby approved to DS Meyer Enterprises, LLC for the water main service repair work and roadway restoration noted above.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-224

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO DUTRA EXCAVATING & SEWER, INC. FOR SEWER LATERAL SERVICE REPAIR AT 15 LOUISE STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield retained Dutra Excavating & Sewer to perform a sewer lateral service repair for the service connection for house number 15 on Louise Street, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED payment of \$7,900.00 is hereby approved to Dutra Excavating & Sewer, Inc. for the sewer lateral service repair work and restoration noted above.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

Resolution No. 21-225

RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$49,600.00 has been proposed by the Garfield YMCA for COVID-19 PPE supplies at their buildings located at 33 Outwater Lane and 490 Midland Avenue in the municipality of Garfield, and;

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 20-202 is hereby amended to reflect the correct amount requested in the grant.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera
Pawel Maslag

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 21-226

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that a "Closed Session" is hereby called at 6:50 P.M. on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- * Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the pubic or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (complaints by residents of the

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Audrey-Lin Condominium at 385 Midland Avenue about a rat infestation at the DPW yard at 413 Midland Avenue; proposed Cannabis ordinance).

- * Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (recent establishment of a “smoke shop” at the intersection of River Drive and Lanza Avenue; Bond Ordinance to close out contracts regarding construction of the new Police Station at 411 Midland Avenue; Veterinarian bills from Twin Oaks for spayed and neutering services of feral cats; contract for playground equipment for the Jewell Street playground).
- * Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplinary action of personnel unless the individual in the right request a public meeting in writing; (Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen as Acting City Clerk in the absence of retiring City Clerk Drew Pavlica with proposed additional compensation; hiring of crossing guards; sick time payouts to Recreation Counselors).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Erin N. Delaney

SHORT RECESS, CHANGE OF VENUE, RETURN TO ORDER AND EXIT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO AND ZONING OFFICER SCHULTZ

After the City Council voted to go into Closed Session at 6:50 PM, a Short Recess was called to move the meeting down the hall to the Second Floor Conference Room. At 6:55 PM, Mayor Rigoglioso called the meeting to order in Closed Session in the Conference Room and all City Officials were present as before the Recess, with the exception of Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo and Zoning Officer Robert Schultz. It was duly noted for the record.

EXIT OF DEPUTY CITY CLERK DIANE ROSOLEN, ARRIVAL AND EXIT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GAROFALO, AND ARRIVAL AND EXIT OF ZONING OFFICIAL ROBERT SCHULTZ

At 7:00 PM, Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen left the meeting during Closed Session. At 7:05 PM, Superintendent of Public Works Sam Garofalo joined the meeting during Closed Session and left the meeting at 7:10 PM. At 7:10 PM, Zoning Officer Robert Schultz joined the meeting during Closed Session and left the meeting at 7:30 PM. It was duly noted for the record.

SHORT RECESS, CHANGE OF VENUE, EXIT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER BOSWELL AND RETURN TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

At 7:50 PM, the Closed Session was concluded, and a Short Recess was called to move the meeting down the hall to the Council Chamber. At 7:55 PM, Mayor Rigoglioso again called the meeting to order in Open Session in the Council Chamber and all City Officials were present as before the Recess with the exception of Special Projects Engineer Kevin Boswell. It was duly noted for the record.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 21-227

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2281 covering Dog Trust Fund totaling \$1,085.00 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$11,252.68 and Current Fund totaling \$1,979,275.62 and the Water Fund totaling \$286,799.89 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$538,069.50 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$63,521.93 per attached Computer Lists, dated June 25, 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 twenty (20) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

following pages numbered _____

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2884

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Special Meeting held Tuesday, June 15, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full, and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 114 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "FEES" TO ADD A PROVISION CREATING
MECHANICAL CODE FEES

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

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

Councilmember Erin N. Delaney moved 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. 2885

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Special Meeting held Tuesday, June 15, 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 APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$410,000 FOR THE
UNDERTAKING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STREETSCAPE AND
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT (PHASE I) IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN
THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL 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 N. 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

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE ORDINANCE NUMBER 1268 OF THE CITY
CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE
TRAFFIC AND PARKING", MORE PARTICULARLY THE SECTION DESIGNATING STOP
SIGN INTERSECTIONS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE ORDINANCE NUMBER 1268 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, MORE PARTICULARLY THE SECTION DESIGNATING STOP SIGN INTERSECTIONS” do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held July 20, 2021 at 8:00 PM in City Hall in Garfield and that the City Clerk be directed to publish said ordinance in full together with the notice of such hearing in The Record, at least seven days prior to the hearing.

The motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Herrera, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE ORDINANCE NUMBER 1268 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, MORE PARTICULARLY THE SECTION THAT RESTRICTS PARKING AT THE INTERSECTION OF VAN WINKLE AVENUE AND PALISADE AVENUE

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE ORDINANCE NUMBER 1268 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND PARKING”, MORE PARTICULARLY THE SECTION THAT RESTRICTS PARKING AT THE INTERSECTION OF VAN WINKLE AVENUE AND PALISADES AVENUE” 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 July 20, 2021 at 8:00 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:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$450,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS (PHASE 1) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$450,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS (PHASE 1) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE” 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 July 20, 2021 at 8:00 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

ORDINANCES

Councilmember Erin Delaney introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF THE RIGHTS TO THE RAIL LINE ALONG MONROE STREET FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$130,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF THE RIGHTS TO THE RAIL LINE ALONG MONROE STREET FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$130,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” 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 July 20, 2021 at 8:00 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 BY THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES, CREATING A MUNICIPAL TAX RELATIVE TO CANNABIS SALES, SETTING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES, AND OTHER REGULATIONS RELATING TO CANNABIS

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Erin Delaney moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES, CREATING A MUNICIPAL TAX RELATIVE TO CANNABIS SALES, SETTING ZONING REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES, AND OTHER REGULATIONS RELATING TO CANNABIS” 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 July 20, 2021 at 8:00 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

EXIT OF CITY MANAGER DUCH

At 8:10 PM, City Manager Thomas J. Duch left the Meeting and it was duly noted for the record.

CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS

Ms. Debra Nagy, 43 Passaic Street, complained about parking on Passaic Street and on people blocking driveways. She complained that a sign was taken down on Passaic Street that read “Do Not Block Driveway”. She complained about the suspension of One Hour Parking regulations on Passaic Street. She spoke on the “River to Rail” Project. She complained about the “chopping down” of trees, and the “wasting of money”. She spoke and asked questions regarding an application for a Place to Place Transfer of a Liquor License to 60 Passaic Street.

Mr. James Krone, Mahwah, New Jersey, spoke and asked questions regarding City Personnel.

Ms. Tana Raymond, 93 Spring Street, asked for clarification on plans for improvements to Columbus Park at the intersection of Outwater Lane and Midland Avenue. She spoke on the Passaic Street Redevelopment, the postponement of the Memorial Day Parade until 2022 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and how the Veterans really do deserve a parade. She spoke on developers donating money towards events in town such as Independence Day Fireworks. She spoke on estimated Third Quarter Tax Bills; Trap, Neuter and Release “plans” by the City for Feral Cats, the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation, the removal of a “GARF” Sign, and the broadcasting of Council Meetings.

Ms. Christine Korsak, 185 Chestnut Street, asked questions and spoke regarding parking and vehicles blocking driveways. She complained that her neighbor parks too close to her driveway apron. She displayed photographs showing how close her neighbor’s car was parked to her driveway entrance.

Mr. Frank J. Calandriello, 65 Maitland Place, asked questions regarding the advertisement for candidates to fill the soon to be vacated City Manager’s Position, City Clerk’s Position and “Recreation Leader” position, and whether interviews will be conducted. He questioned the amount of Surplus in the City Budget. He spoke and asked questions on funding for Coronavirus Pandemic Relief, and the American Rescue Act. He spoke on taxes being so high. He spoke on the Bergen County Board of Taxation advocating for a Revaluation of the properties in the City of Garfield. He spoke on the videoing of City Council Meetings and he said that if the current guy cannot do it, to get somebody else. He spoke on the repeal of Ordinance No. 2832 which restricted Mayor and Council employment with the City until 18 months after leaving office. He questioned the reason Councilmembers changed their votes on the Ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Joseph Delaney spoke on the Garfield Animal Rescue Foundation and the “GARF” sign which was taken down. He wished everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July.

Councilmember Herrera wished everyone a Happy Independence Day. He spoke on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Councilmember Maslag thanked Dre Espinosa for setting up Garfield’s first ever LGBTQ+ Pride Day in Twentieth Century Field off of Elizabeth Street. He spoke on things improving with regard to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and how vaccination rates were going up, and how things are slowly getting back to normal. He spoke on plans for the Independence Day Fireworks in Garfield on July 1st in Twentieth Century Field. He spoke on plans to bring back the Memorial Day Parade in Garfield in 2022, now that it looks like the Pandemic is coming to an end. He spoke on parking hardships throughout Garfield. He spoke on the recent Police Department Pop-Up Barbeques being held at different places and on different dates in town, the Chief for the Day Program recognizing Henry A Portilla Argueta on Friday, June 25th ; and how the Garfield Police Department is very active.

Deputy Mayor Erin Delaney spoke on the proposal from the Garfield Police Department Traffic Division to perform a Traffic Re-Assessment regarding Parking on Passaic Street. She spoke on the application for a Place to Place Liquor License Transfer to 60 Passaic Street. She spoke on the proposed activation of the Garfield Parking Authority because parking is a continuous issue. She

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

spoke on the proposal to bring back the Memorial Day Parade in 2022. She spoke on the Feral Cat Ordinance being no longer in effect because the Ordinance was rescinded by Ordinance No. 2854. She spoke on the Bergen County Animal Shelter being closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. She spoke on the additional traps that were purchased by the City for Feral Cats. She spoke on candidates being interviewed for vacant positions and she spoke on the Recreation Director title. She spoke on the repeal of Ordinance No. 2832 which restricted Mayor and Council employment with the City until 18 months after leaving office. She spoke on how she was looking forward to the improvements planned for the Jewell Street Playground at the intersection of Lanza Avenue, the installation of basketball courts, Columbus Park being on schedule to be improved, and the Passaic River Walk. She spoke on the City having a new City Engineer in Carl O'Brien and the City having Kevin Boswell staying on as the Special Projects Engineer. She spoke on upcoming events in the City including the scheduled Fireworks on July 1st, Shred Day/Recycling Day to be held in the City Hall Parking Lot on Saturday, July 10th; and the City-Wide Garage Sale from Saturday, July 17th to Sunday, July 18th. She wished everybody a Happy Independence Day.

Mayor Rigoglioso said that the Police Department and City Officials are assessing the parking regulations on Passaic Street and that data is being collected. He spoke on the Trap, Neuter and Release Program for Feral Cats, and the "GARF" Sign which was taken down. He spoke on accusations from the public and on personal attacks on family members of the Mayor and Council. He spoke on the interview process for City Manager Candidates. He spoke on the Recreation Director position being filled and how there is no need to advertise for submissions for "Recreation Leader". He spoke on the Third Quarter Estimated Tax Bills being sent out to property owners with a rate that was too high and how the Fourth Quarter Tax Bills will be reduced to correct that. He spoke on the plans to return the Memorial Day Parade to the City next year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 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