

A Work Session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:15 PM in the Conference Room in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the Work Session 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, the back and front doors of City Hall and on the City Website.

Councilmembers Present: Pawel Maslag, Romi Herrera, Alejandrina Banch, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Manager Erin N. Delaney, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen, City Attorney Robert Ferrero, City Engineer Carl P. O'Brien, Special Projects Engineer Kevin J. Boswell and Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The City Council and Cabinet discussed the Person to Person Transfer application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-021-001, from Garfield Elks Lodge No. 2267 B.P.O. t/a Garfield Elks Lodge No. 2267 (Trustee Keith Oakley to act on behalf of the Garfield Elks Lodge – which owns 100% of the shares of the Corporation) to Wild Rose 68 LLC (Euglent Domi, 33 Chamberlain Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 68 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Attorney Gary Zalarick, with Law Offices located at 262 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, was present for the applicant.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

City Manager Erin N. Delaney reported on the following:

1. A welcome to new Councilmember Alejandrina Banch.
2. Various Resolutions for City Council consideration at the Regular Meeting to be held after the conclusion of the Work Session.

### ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL LAVIN

At 6:25 PM, Special Labor Counsel John Lavin joined the Work Session and it was duly noted for the record.

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3. A proposed Resolution for Engineering Fees for the Road Program.
4. The proposed Resolution for Jewell Street Playground Equipment.
5. Proposed Amendments to the City Code regulating Mobile Food Handlers.
6. A proposed Ordinance to correct the hours listed in the City Code for the hours of the Tax Collector.
7. A proposed Ordinance concerning the proposed Redevelopment of 933 River Drive.
8. The proposed re-opening of City Hall to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (except from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM) effective Monday, July 26, 2021.
9. The proposed abandonment of the LOSAP Compensation Program for Volunteer Firefighters and its proposed replacement with a different Stipend Program. There will be a need to place a Referendum on the November Election Ballot to effectuate this.

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10. The proposed construction of a Parking Garage in the Passaic Street area.
11. The “End of Week Report” from the City Manager including:
  - a. A proposed Peruvian Independence Day Celebration.
  - b. The GovPilot Contract.
  - c. The proposed grant application through Millennium Strategies for autonomous electric vehicles.
  - d. An email from the Passaic Valley Water Commission indicating that their Meter Reading Software error has been rectified.
  - e. The Millennium Strategies Grant Procurement Company Monthly Status Report.
  - f. The Garfield Municipal Court Performance Report from January 2021 to June 2021.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso reported on the following:

1. The proposed August 22nd Barbeque for Volunteers throughout the City at the Hungarian-American Grounds located off of New Schley Street.
2. The September 10, 2021 Fireworks Show postponed from July 1, 2021.

City Engineer Carl P. O’Brien reported on the following:

1. The proposed acquisition of various real estate parcels along River Drive for the Passaic River Park.

Mayor Rigoglioso reported on the following:

3. A proposed Concert in the Park to be held August 15 2021.

City Engineer O’Brien reported on the following:

2. Various Pending Engineering Projects.

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Resolution No. 21-232

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 7:25 P.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, to discuss the following as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- \* Collective bargaining agreements including the negotiation of the terms and thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body; (PBA Local No. 46 request for “Hazard Pay” during Covid-19 pandemic).
- \* Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds; (proposed purchase of Robert Sommesse property at or near 601 River Drive; proposed purchase of Poehlmann property at 213-225 River Drive and proposed purchase of Aponte Property at 327 River Drive; proposed purchase of 165 Palisade Avenue).
- \* Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; (removal of train tracks that run down the center of Monore Street; letter to all Department Heads re: the reopening of City

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Hall to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM effective July 26, 2021 now that the Covid-19 pandemic is not as severe as previously).

- \* Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations or matters falling within attorney-client privilege; (PBA Local No. 46 request for “Hazard Pay” during Covid-19 pandemic; need to increase Budget Line Item for Special Election of Councilmember in November).
- \* 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; (proposed salary enhancement of Tax Assessor Jamie Tighe; proposed salary ordinance; proposed hiring of bus driver to replace retiring bus driver Alexander “John” Petrovics; hours for Building and Fire Inspections; proposed hiring of additional DPW staff in August; alternate Public Defender; Deputy City Manager position; Police Department vote of “No Confidence” in Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief; resignation of Police Officer Cameron Sharps; proposed extension of Civil Service/Department of Personnel Police Lieutenant list, Police Chief request for additional personnel).

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) Joseph Delaney  
Pawel Maslag

EXIT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER BOSWELL

At 7:45 PM, Special Projects Engineer Kevin J. Boswell left the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ARRIVAL OF CITY MANAGER-EMERITUS DUCH

At 8:00 PM, City Manager-Emeritus Thomas J. Duch joined the Work Session during Closed Session and it was duly noted for the record.

ADJOURNMENT

After the City Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25 PM, there being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 8:30 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, Alejandrina Banch, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Manager Erin N. Delaney, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica, Deputy City Clerk Diane Rosolen, City Attorney Robert Ferraro, Labor Counsel John Lavin, City Engineer Carl O'Brien, Special Projects Engineer Kevin J. Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano and City Manager-Emeritus Thomas J. Duch

### MINUTES

Councilmember Banch moved to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Regular	Meeting	-	May	25,	2021
Special	Meeting	-	June	15,	2021
Regular	Meeting	-	June	29,	2021
Special	Meeting	-	July	13,	2021

Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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City Manager-Emeritus Thomas J. Duch read the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 21-233

WHEREAS, Andrew J. "Drew" Pavlica was appointed City Clerk of the City of Garfield in September 1987, and

WHEREAS, "Drew" Pavlica graduated from Christopher Columbus School No. 8 in Garfield, graduated from Garfield High School, graduated from Montclair State College, was awarded Registered Municipal Clerk Certificate No. 515 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in July 1988, earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in September 1995, and was recognized as a Master Municipal Clerk by the IIMC in January 2007, and

WHEREAS, Drew has been Acting City Manager of the City of Garfield several times, during which he appointed a Police Chief in 1989, and hosted a visit by U.S. President George Herbert Walker Bush in July 1992; and Drew was appointed Deputy City Manager in October 2003, and

WHEREAS, Drew is a community-minded servant leader who is a Past-President of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, a Past-President of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association, a Past-President of the Garfield YMCA, a Past-President of the Garfield Rotary Club, and is a Walter D. Head Fellow, and a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest recognition one can receive from Rotary International, and

WHEREAS, as President of the MCANJ, Drew wrote a published editorial entitled "For a Responsible Application of OPRA" which appeared on the front page of the Opinion Section of one of the State's major newspapers – the Bergen Record; has compiled a two volume Compendium of Ceremonial Resolutions and Proclamations, which has proven to be a useful tool for Municipal Clerks in New Jersey and beyond; is the daily Administrator of the MCANJ Facebook Page; has been updating the written History of the MCANJ; and was presented the prestigious L. Manuel Hirshblond Award for recognition of going above and beyond in service to the MCANJ, and is the recipient of so many other awards, and

WHEREAS, Drew is a Past-Chairman of the Rutgers University/MCANJ Education Committee, is a Past-Region II Director of the IIMC, representing the Northeastern region of the United States; is a Past-Chairman of the Budget and Planning Committee of the IIMC; and in 2017, arranged for the

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President of the IIMC, and its Executive Committee, to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, he produced and directed “Tom Duch’s Public Policy Forum” Cable-TV Show back when Tom was Mayor of the City of Garfield; Drew has served as a Special Commissioner in the Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund, has served on the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees, the Garfield Planning Board, the Garfield Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Garfield Historical Society Advisory Board, the 75th and 100th Anniversary of the City of Garfield Committees, the Garfield Jaycees, the Garfield Chamber of Commerce, and has served on so many other committees and organizations, and

WHEREAS, Drew is a devoted public servant who has never missed a Mayor and City Council Meeting in nearly 34 years of service to the people of Garfield, and was named “Municipal Clerk of the Year” by the MCANJ in 2018, and

WHEREAS, Drew is a member of Slovak Catholic Sokol Assembly No. One in Passaic, of which his great-grandfather was one of the founders; and he and his wife, Joan Preztunik, reside in Hasbrouck Heights, and worship at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church in Hasbrouck Heights, and

WHEREAS, Drew has three sisters, and four nephews and a niece, and since his nickname is “Drew” and his last name starts with a “P”, was affectionately known as “Uncle Droopy” within his Family, and

WHEREAS, a Retirement Dinner was held in Drew’s honor at the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive in Garfield on Thursday, May 20, 2021; and Drew is retiring from the City of Garfield effective August 1, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that ANDREW J. “DREW” PAVLICA 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 offered sincere best wishes and good health in his retirement.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

At this time, a CERTIFIED copy of Resolution No. 21-233 was presented to City Clerk Pavlica. Each Councilmember and City Manager-Emeritus Duch offered words of praise and congratulations to City Clerk Pavlica who thanked all the City Officials and the audience for publicly recognizing and honoring him tonight.

Resolution No. 21-234

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-021-001, from Garfield Elks Lodge No. 2267 B.P.O. t/a Garfield Elks Lodge No. 2267 (Trustee Keith Oakley to act on behalf of the Garfield Elks Lodge - who owns 100% of the shares of the Corporation), to Wild Rose 68 LLC, (Euglent Domi, 33 Chamberlain Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 69 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026.

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective July 21, 2021, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-021-001 to Wild Rose 68 LLC (Euglent Domi,

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33 Chamberlain Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 – who will own 100% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 68 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, t/a as Wild Rose and does hereby direct the City Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Wild Rose 68 LLC located at 68 Lanza Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026, effective July 21, 2021”.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-235

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is member of the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund; and WHEREAS, as a member in this fund, the City of Garfield must appoint a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate to represent the City on all matters before the Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that City Manager Erin N. Delaney is hereby appointed as J.I.F. Fund Commissioner and Dan Golabek, Recreation Director be and is hereby appointed as Alternate J.I.F. Fund Commissioner for the City of Garfield of the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund for the 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this approved Resolution to the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund Risk Management Consultant and to the Office of the City Manager.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-236

Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Garfield that Erin N. Delaney, City Manager be and is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner to the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund, effective immediately to represent the City of Garfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dan Golabek, Recreation Director be and is appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund effective immediately.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-237

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have accepted Ian Bonilla of 9 Burnet Ct, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a Junior Member, effective March 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. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-238

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Luis C. Velazquez of 87 Lincoln Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective May 7, 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. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-239

WHEREAS, Joanne Latona, owner of Latona Specialty Foods, LLC, 279 Harrison Avenue, has filed an application for a loading zone to be placed at her business, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated and recommend approval of the application, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that a loading zone be designated in front of Latona Specialty Foods, LLC, located on the west curb line of Harrison Avenue commencing 447 feet north of the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Charles Street and run an additional 40 feet north from that point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a loading zone is hereby authorized to be in effect Monday thru Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-240

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received for Garfield Public Library - Interior Renovations on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026, and

WHEREAS, City Officials present at the Bid Opening included City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and City Architect Edward Arcari, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received with bid bonds:

AB Contracting LLC 10 W. Thomas Street Wharton, NJ 07885	\$ 99,990
Chios Contracting Corp 281 State Route 79 N Morganville, NJ 07751	\$128,700
VMF Construction 67 Prospect Street – Apt. 1 Garfield, NJ 07026	\$130,000
RJ Michaels & Co., Inc. 333 Dodd Street East Orange, NJ 07017	\$154,443
B. Puntasecca Contractors, Inc. 210 Willow Street Hackensack, NJ 07601	\$163,900
BGD Contracting 120 W 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street Bayonne, NJ 07002	\$167,200
Reliable NYC, LLC 1286 Waterloo Road Stanhope, NJ 07894	\$168,000

Salazar & Associates  
2226 Morris Avenue

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Union, NJ 07083 \$175,000

Ranco Mechanical, LLC  
2 Melba Drive  
Newton, NJ 07860 \$191,000

GL Group Environmental & Demolition Services  
140 Hamburg Tpke.  
Bloomingdale, NJ 07403 \$192,000

Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc.  
67 Danforth Avenue  
Paterson, NJ 07501 \$194,000

ZN Construction, Inc.  
185 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street  
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 \$203,000

Wallkill Group, Inc.  
3595 Route 94, Suite 1A  
Hamburg, NJ 07419 \$208,000

A Plus Glass and Metal, LLC  
205 Hamilton Avenue  
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 \$209,000, and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the appropriate City Officials, including City Architect Edward Arcari, who recommends award of contact to the lowest responsible bidder, and  
WHEREAS, the Interim Chief Financial Officer, Roy Riggitano, has certified that there are sufficient funds in the appropriate accounts for this expenditure, and  
WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the people of Garfield,  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that AB Contracting LLC of 10 W. Thomas Street, Wharton, NJ 07885, is hereby awarded a contract for the Garfield Public Library – Interior Renovations Project in their bid amount of \$99,900, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica is hereby authorized and directed to forward a CERTIFIED and EXACT copy of this approved Resolution to the City Manager, City Attorney, City Architect, Interim Chief Financial Officer and the Library Director.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-241

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO FRED DEVENS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GARFIELD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WELL 8C AND PACKED TOWER  
WHEREAS, the City of Garfield publicly bid the above referenced project on July 9, 2021, and;  
WHEREAS, a single bid was received from Fred Devens Construction in the amount of \$476,000.00, and;  
WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering, as the Project Engineer for this improvement, has reviewed the bid with the contractor and confirmed the bid to be in order, and;  
WHEREAS, Fred Devens Constructions has successfully performed prior projects of a similar nature for the City, and;  
WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer of the City has verified the existence of funds in the appropriate accounts, and;  
WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering recommends the award of this project

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Fred Devens Construction in the base bid amount of \$476,000.00.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-242

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ZUCCARO, INC. FOR WATER SYSTEM WORK PERFORMED ON CAMBRIDGE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield needed to replace a fire hydrant and water valve at 30 Cambridge Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, quotations were solicited and a purchase order (PO #21-01399) was issued on 6/21/21 authorizing the work to proceed in the amount of \$33,100.00, and;

WHEREAS, the work has been satisfactorily completed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the payment of \$33,100 to Zuccaro, Inc.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-243

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO PSE&G AND EXECUTE A LIGHTING AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL 47 LOW LEVEL STREETLIGHTS FOR THE RIVER DRIVE-PHASE 2 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has secured funding for a project known as River Drive Improvement Project-Phase 2, and;

WHEREAS, this project, like the first phase, will provide low-level ornamental street lighting via an agreement between the City and PSE&G, and;

WHEREAS, PSE&G provided a quotation to supply and install 47 low-level lighting fixtures in a quote dated 2/18/21

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the execution of an agreement and issuance of a Purchase Order in the amount of \$220,013.59 pursuant to the terms of the quotation dated 2/18/21.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-244

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garfield authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Garfield pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the duration of the contracts between the City of Garfield and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

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On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-245

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXAMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 69 HEPWORTH PLACE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 34.02, LOT 28, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO BE AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (the "City") has identified certain properties, located at 69 Hepworth Place, also known as Block 34.02, Lot 28 as delineated on the tax map attached hereto and made part of this resolution (the "Property"), to be considered for designation as an area "in need of redevelopment", pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

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

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Planning Board undertake an examination as to whether the Property, may be deemed "an area in need of redevelopment"; and

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

WHEREAS, the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area determination shall not authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield being the governing body thereof, that the City Planning Board is hereby directed and authorized to examine whether the property located at 69 Hepworth Place, also known as Block 34.02, Lot 28, as shown on the official tax map of the City of Garfield, should be determined "an area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City hereby states that any Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area determination shall not authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law for use in a redevelopment area, except the use of eminent domain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area determination shall not authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-246

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXAMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 252 MIDLAND DRIVE AND 143 CLARK STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 58, LOTS 1 & 3, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO BE AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY A CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (the "City") has identified certain properties, located at 252 Midland Drive and 143 Clark Street, also known as Block 58, Lots 1 & 3 as delineated on the tax map attached hereto and made part of this resolution (the "Properties"), to be considered for designation as an area "in need of redevelopment", pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

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

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Planning Board undertake an examination as to whether the Properties, may be deemed "an area in need of redevelopment"; and

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

WHEREAS, the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Condemnation Redevelopment Area determination shall authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the Properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield being the governing body thereof, that the City Planning Board is hereby directed and authorized to examine whether the property located at 252 Midland Drive and 143 Clark Street, also known as Block 58, Lots 1 & 3, as shown on the official tax map of the City of Garfield, should be determined "an area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City hereby states that any Condemnation Redevelopment Area determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the use of eminent domain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Condemnation Redevelopment Area determination shall authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any properties in the delineated area.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-247

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXAMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 94, 100 & 104 PASSAIC STREET AND 43 & 45 SPENCER PLACE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 14.02, LOTS 1, 4.01, 4.02, 9 & 10, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO BE AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield (the "City") has identified certain properties, located at 94, 100 & 104 Passaic Street and 43 & 45 Spencer Place, also known as Block 14.02, Lots 1, 4.01, 4.02, 9 & 10 as delineated on the tax map attached hereto and made part of this resolution (the "Properties"), to be considered for designation as an area "in need of redevelopment", pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

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

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Planning Board undertake an examination as to whether the Properties, may be deemed "an area in need of redevelopment"; and

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

WHEREAS, the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area determination shall not authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the Properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield being the governing body thereof, that the City Planning Board is hereby directed and authorized to examine whether the properties located 94, 100 & 104 Passaic Street and 43 & 45 Spencer Place, also known as Block 14.02, Lots 1, 4.01, 4.02, 9 & 10, as shown on the official tax map of the City of Garfield, should be determined "an area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City hereby states that any Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area determination shall not authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law for use in a redevelopment area, except the use of eminent domain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the notice of any hearing to be conducted by the Planning Board with regards to this Resolution shall specifically state that a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area determination shall not authorize the municipality to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area.

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

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

Resolution No. 21-248

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR CITY OF GARFIELD JEWELL STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS UNDER COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #ESCNJ 20/21-06 IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$338,280.66

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has selected the desired elements and equipment for the improvements to Jewell Street Park; and

WHEREAS, the vendor Marturano Recreation Company, Inc. (MRC Inc.) is an authorized supplier of the selected elements and equipment as approved by the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, and has been awarded contract number #ESCNJ 20/21-06, thereby affording the City of Garfield the opportunity of direct purchase without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the vendor MRC Inc. has furnished the following quotes for products which have been found to be satisfactory to the City Council and City Engineer:

QUOTE/PROPOSAL NO.	ITEM	COST
101143-05-01	Custom Entrance Archway Fab & Installation	\$35,393.25
101143-03-02	2-5 Year Old Play Area & Installation	\$23,173.29
101143-03-09	5-12 Year Old GTWave & Installation	\$85,843.82
34461/101143-04-02	12' X 16' Steel Cable Shelter, Freight, & Install	\$26,010.00
101143-03-06	2 Food Court Tables & Installation	\$8,110.30
101143-01-03	9,000 S.F. Rubberbond surface with stone base	\$159,750.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the execution of the necessary purchase order up to the total amount of \$338,280.66 by the City to permit the purchase of the above materials for the aforementioned project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to MRC Inc.: PO Box 106 Spring Lake, NJ 07762.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Romi Herrera  
Joseph Delaney

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Resolution No. 21-249

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the following Bills No. 2282 and 2283 covering Dog Trust Fund totaling \$22,751.22 and the Current Fund Reserve totaling \$159,909.96 and Current Fund totaling \$2,070,519.26 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$152,011.62 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$2,073.99 per attached Computer Lists, dated July 16, 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 forty (40) items prior to the meeting be ratified.

See

the

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

for

Bills

and

Claims

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2886

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 29, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full, and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

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

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

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

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

Mayor Rigoglioso 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. 2887

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 29, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full, and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

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

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.

Mayor Rigoglioso 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. 2888

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 29, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full, and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

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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.

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.

Mayor Rigoglioso 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. 2889

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 29, 2021; it was duly published; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and the front and back doors of City Hall; copies were made available to the general public and having complied with the law, this ordinance was not read in full, and the City Council can now proceed with the public hearing and final passage:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 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.

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.

Mayor Rigoglioso 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. 2890

The following entitled ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 29, 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 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.

ORDINANCES

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 Delaney duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Councilmember Herrera introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN 933 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 140, LOTS 90.01 AND 100.01 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:2a-1 ET SEQ

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Herrera moved that this ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN 933 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 140, LOTS 90.01 AND 100.01 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:2a-1 ET SEQ" do now pass on first reading and remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which shall be held August 17, 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 Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Herrera introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REVISE 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 Herrera 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 August 17, 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 Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

Councilmember Herrera introduced in writing the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VII CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED "RECEIVER OF TAXES" SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 39-46 THEREIN, ENTITLED "OFFICE HOURS"

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Pavlica read the ordinance by title.

Councilmember Herrera moved that this ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VII CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, ENTITLED “RECEIVER OF TAXES” SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 39-46 THEREIN, ENTITLED “OFFICE HOURS”” 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 August 17, 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 Delaney, was on roll call adopted by the following vote and the motion was declared adopted and said ordinance passed on first reading: Ayes 5

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Maslag spoke on the importance of being vaccinated against the Covid-19 Virus. He thanked City Historian Christopher Shupenko, who was sitting in the audience, for all he does to record the History of the City of Garfield. He thanked Drew Pavlica for all his service as City Clerk during the past 34 years.

Councilmember Banch congratulated City Clerk Drew Pavlica on his retirement effective August 1, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Delaney welcomed Councilmember Banch to her first official Council Meeting. He said that he knows that she will do a wonderful job. He recognized City Manager-Emeritus Tom Duch who is still in service to the City as it transitions to City Manager Erin Delaney. He welcomed Erin Delaney to her first official Council Meeting as City Manager. He knows that she will do a wonderful job and that he wishes her a lot of luck. He spoke on the time Drew Pavlica was Acting City Manager in 1989, and he happened to be at the DPW Garage as Drew was walking out of the Police Station, and Drew introduced himself to him. He said that he remembers that that day he was just in awe of “this character” who was head of the City of Garfield at that time. He said that Drew did a wonderful job then, and he has served the City of Garfield so great since then.

Mayor Rigoglioso congratulated Councilmember Banch and welcomed her to the City Council. He said that he knows that she is going to do great things. He congratulated the new City Manager, Erin Delaney. He said that it has been a “whirlwind week” for her, and she has done a fantastic job during her first week on the job. He spoke on how City Clerk Drew Pavlica knows so many stories about the History of the City and he will be missed in regard to his knowledge of the history and lore of the City, and will be missed in general. He spoke on the improvements that the City is undertaking to the City Water System. He thanked the City Professionals, Water Engineer Kevin Boswell, and Water and Facilities Manager Willard Bierwas, for all that they have done to reassure the public on the safety of the City’s Drinking Water. He spoke on how the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection had changed the standards for drinking water which resulted in a letter going out to the public which scared the public. He thanked the professionals, the Council, and the new City Manager, for dealing with something like that. He said that it is not easy to first come onto a job and deal with an emergency water situation, but it was handled professionally and he wanted to thank everybody.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Herrera moved to adjourn the Meeting. Councilmember Maslag duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK