

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE  
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
JANUARY 10, 2023  
6:00P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for January 10, 2023 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 6:15PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Maslag, Herrera, & Banch, Deputy Mayor Delaney, and Mayor Rigoglioso\* were present. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney, City Attorneys Daniel Lagana and John Lavin, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, City Special Engineer Kevin Boyer, and City CFO Anders Hasseler.

*\*Mayor Rigoglioso left the meeting at 7:20PM and returned at 7:30PM.*

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing a special meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 3, 2023 and published on January 5, 2023.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**Action Items:**

- 1. ORDINANCES:**      **FIRST READING**  
R-28-23                      Introduce Ord. #2974  
**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE  
UNDERTAKING OF THE SEMEL AVENUE DRAINAGE  
PROJECT (PHASE I) IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF  
GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF  
\$1,820,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A  
DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL  
GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO  
FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE  
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES  
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**

R-29-23                    Introduce Ord. #2975  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL  
LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 341, ZONING, ARTICLE VII,  
OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OF THE  
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
GARFIELD**

R-30-23                    Introduce Ord. #2976  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE  
LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 48, POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
CITY OF GARFIELD**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

R-31-23                    Accepting the Bid of AB Contracting, LLC. for the Garfield Senior  
Center Kitchen Improvements CDBG Unappropriated Funds Grant  
R-32-23                    Authorizing the City Manager/City Clerk to Enter into an  
Agreement with Bergen County Community Development –  
Drainage Improvements Semel and Columbus Phase II  
R-33-23                    Authorizing Resolution to Accept Consent Agenda

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-28-23**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN BANCH**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #2974  
FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that an ordinance entitled:

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE SEMEL AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT (PHASE I) IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,820,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: January 10, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Maslag	X			
Herrera	X			
Banch	X			
Delaney	X			
Rigoglioso	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 2974**

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**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE SEMEL AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT (PHASE I) IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,820,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "City"), is hereby authorized to undertake the Semel Avenue Drainage Project (Phase I) in, by and for the City. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,820,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and Federal grant appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the City, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the City pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,820,000, and (4) \$395,157 of said sum is to be provided by the Federal grant hereinafter

appropriated, and (5) \$68,843 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$1,356,000, and (7) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$217,500, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$395,157 received or to be received as a grant from the Bergen County Community Development Program, pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$68,843, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the City, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$68,843 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bonds of the City of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,356,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 7. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the City of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,356,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued

pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 8. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the City and attested by the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of forty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in

Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,356,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 11. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose (other than the Federal grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purpose, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 12. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 13. The City intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the City incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the City hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the City, and the City shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the City for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 15. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 10, 2023

Adopted:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-29-23**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN HERRERA  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN BANCH**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #2975  
FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 341, ZONING, ARTICLE VII, OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: January 10, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Maslag	X			
Herrera	X			
Banch	X			
Delaney	X			
Rigoglioso	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 2975**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 341, ZONING, ARTICLE VII, OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Garfield believes it is in the best interest of the City of Garfield to repeal and replace Part II General Legislation, Chapter 341, Zoning, Article VII, Outdoor Storage of Motor Vehicles, of the Code of the City of Garfield;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Repeal and replace Part II General Legislation, Chapter 341, Zoning, Article VII, Outdoor Storage of Motor Vehicles, of the Code of the City of Garfield is hereby repealed and replace as follows:

**§ 341-29 Purpose.**

The purpose of this article is to prohibit the outdoor and overnight storage of certain motor vehicles and trailers on private property in all zones that are unrelated to the primary use on the site.

**§ 341-30 Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**MOTOR VEHICLE**

Includes all vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, excepting such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks and motorized bicycles. It shall include trailers, semitrailers or other type of vehicles drawn by motor driven vehicles.

**OUTDOOR STORAGE**

Refers to any storage outside of a building or structure which has four walls and a roof.

**RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

Refers to those zoning districts categorized as R-1A, R-1, R-2 and R-3 within the zoning laws of the City of Garfield.

**ROAD-TRACTOR**

Every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load thereon either independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

**TRUCK**

Every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

**§ 341-31 Storage prohibited.**

- A. Within every zone, the outdoor storage on private property of motor vehicles, car carriers, tractor trailers, road-tractors, single or double axel trucks, and storage trailers/containers is strictly prohibited, unless the storage of such vehicles is customarily related to the principal use on site.
- B. Storage of permitted vehicles shall be stored in designated storage areas and shall not be parked so as to inhibit any parking stalls, drive aisles, ingress/egress points, or pedestrian sidewalks.
- C. This section shall not apply to nonconsensual towed vehicles that have a licensed off-site storage area as governed by Section 310, et. seq.

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 341, Zoning, Article VII, Outdoor Storage of Motor Vehicles, is hereby ratified and remains in full force and effect;

Section 3. Any other chapter of the City Code that conflicts with this amendment is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict;

Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 10, 2023

Adopted:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-30-23**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN HERRERA**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #2976  
FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION,  
CHAPTER 48, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: January 10, 2023

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Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Maslag	X			
Herrera	X			
Banch	X			
Delaney	X			
Rigoglioso	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO.: 2976**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART I, ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION,  
CHAPTER 48, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, commencing July 18, 2022, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:41.3(a), the Civil Service Commission must exempt from the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement position, a person who has successfully completed within nine months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Training Commission;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 enables a municipal police department to hire a person who is exempt from the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:401.3(a) upon a resolution of the governing body authorizing such hiring by the police department and the adoption of a conflict of interest and nepotism policy;

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Safety, with the consent of the Mayor and City Manager, has recommended to the governing body that due to retirements, and a general shortage of police officers, there is an immediate need to train persons who are interested in becoming police officers in the City, and all available means should be utilized to achieve this goal to ensure the public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to authorize the hiring of entry-level law enforcement officers who shall be exempt from the requirement that they take an examination for the position upon successful completion, within nine months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer, of a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 48, Police Department, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The current text of City Ordinance, Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 48 Police Department, is hereby amended to include the following:

**Article VIII: Alternate Police Testing and Hiring.**

**Section 48-29: Purpose, policy established.**

Individuals who are enrolled in or who have successfully completed the academy portion of the Alternate Route Program will be eligible to apply for a regular fulltime position under this provision of the Garfield City Code. This enables the City of Garfield to consider candidates already trained without incurring the significant financial and time commitment to train officers to supplement the City of Garfield Police Department Ranks. This process will allow the Chief of Police and the Mayor and Council to target and recommend to hire individuals who will contribute to overall Police Department excellence and have an immediate impact on the manpower and/or diversity of the department. The Alternate Route Program is purposely flexible so as to allow for consideration of many varied candidates and allows this premises on the need to diversify the City of Garfield Police Department and maintain an appropriate number of officers on the street.

**Section 48-30: Qualifications and eligibility.**

A. All appointees must meet the following standards at the time of hire to be eligible under this section:

- i. A Citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older;
  - ii. Be of sound in body and of good health sufficient to satisfy the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement system of N.J. as to eligibility for membership in the retirement system;
  - iii. Be able to read, write and speak the English language well and intelligently;
  - iv. Is of good moral character and has not been convicted of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude;
  - v. Minimum of 60 academic credits or individuals who have served in the military and have not earned 60 credits, but can substitute two years of full-time, active-duty military service, or combination of college credits and full-time active-duty military service to satisfy the education requirements. ALL EDUCATIONAL AND/OR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET AT THE TIME OF HIRE; and
  - vi. Pass a rigorous selection process, including a written examination, a physical fitness test, oral interview, psychological evaluation, medical exam, and a full background check prior to attending.
- B. All candidates hired under the Alternate Route Program must receive the Police Training Commission BCPO certificate from the school director within the probationary period as so designated by the Chief of Police or the employment will be terminated on or before the one-year anniversary;
- C. Candidates who are currently SLEO II certified and eligible for a BCPO waiver from the Police Training Commission (PTC) shall also be considered under the Borough's Alternate Police Testing/Hiring Program;
- D. The Civil Service Commission shall exempt from the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position a person who successfully completes a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course or a full Basic Course for Correction Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission within nine months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer as directed by provisions of N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3.1.a.

Section 2. Any article, chapter, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. In case, for any reason, any portion or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other portion or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the portion or provision so declared unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 10, 2023

Adopted:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-31-23**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN MASLAG**

**ACCEPTING THE BID OF AB CONTRACTING, LLC. FOR THE GARFIELD SENIOR  
CENTER KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS CDBG UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 2022 the City of Garfield issued a Notice to Bidders for work pertaining to proposed renovations; and

**WHEREAS**, January 4, 2023 10:30 a.m. the City of Garfield opened bids to the public at City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026; and

**WHEREAS**, the City received seven bids for the requested work; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2023, City Architect Dan Dressel, R.A., issued a bid award recommendation letter for a bid received from AB Contracting, New Jersey with its principal place of business located at, 10 West Thomas Street, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$199,000.00), with an Alternate Bid for Alternate #3 of One Dollar (\$1.00), which represents the lowest bid;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby accepts the bid for the renovations of the Garfield Senior Center to the lowest bidder AB Contracting, L.L.C., in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$199,000.00), with an Alternate Bid for Alternate #3 of One Dollar (\$1.00) to be paid through the grant line item established in Resolution R-429-22, accounts G-02-41-722-000-429 & G-02-41-722-000-479, and authorizes City Manager Erin Delaney to execute said contract.

I, Anders Hasseler, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Garfield do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

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Anders Hasseler, Chief Financial Officer

January 9, 2023  
Dated

APPROVED: January 10, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Maslag	X			
Herrera	X			
Banch	X			
Delaney	X			
Rigoglioso	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-32-23**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN MASLAG**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS SEMEL AND COLUMBUS PHASE II**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to enter into a Bergen County Community Development Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$326,015.00 grant award from the 2022-2023 Funding Round for the municipal project entitled Drainage Improvements – Semel and Columbus Phase II; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this grant towards this approved project must be completed by or about June 30, 2023; and

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

APPROVED: January 10, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Maslag	X			
Herrera	X			
Banch	X			
Delaney	X			
Rigoglioso	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-33-23**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN MASLAG**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-31-23 through R-33-23 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: January 10, 2023

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Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Maslag	X			
Herrera	X			
Banch	X			
Delaney	X			
Rigoglioso	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Work Session Meeting held on the 10th day of January 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

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Dated

## **Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:**

### *Colliers Engineering:*

Mr. Boyer reviewed their monthly status memo with the Mayor and Council. He advised that the Columbus Park concept map will be done by the end of next week. Mayor Rigoglioso inquired about the start date of construction as sport programs will need to prepare. For current grant applications he advised that they are currently waiting on the status of a second grant application with the NJDOT for the Midland Avenue Streetscape before beginning the project, waiting on a date from the contractor to begin the Hobart Park resurfacing which will likely start in early Spring, in need of direction for the BCOS grant application for 20<sup>th</sup> Century Field, and working on a grant application for the LRIG grant which will be applied toward the Splash Park. Ms. Delaney noted that she has the BCOS on her agenda for her report and will have an answer for him following the meeting. Ms. Delaney inquired about their proposal for engineering services being high for the Banta Avenue culvert work. Mr. Boyer noted that it is higher because it includes a structural analysis. Mr. Boyer then advised that he was informed of exterior cracking at the Recreation Center in which they will submit a proposal for the work.

### *Boswell Engineering:*

Mr. Boswell shared that the Water Meter replacement project Phase I has concluded and Phase II will begin. He noted that the contractor has needed little to no oversight on the project. Discussion briefly ensued regarding the recent issues with the water bills and the shared service contract with PVWC. Mr. Boswell suggested that perhaps the City look to do the services that PVWC offers in house. Ms. Delaney noted that preliminary discussions already began regarding the same, however, that they are waiting until the current billing issues are sorted out first. He went on to note that a pre-construction meeting is being scheduled for River Drive Phase II and provided an update on the PSE&G installation of poles. In regard to the work at the Elmwood Park Wellfield, he said that construction will be done at the end of the month with carbon delivery expected in February. Therefore, the project is on schedule to be fully function in mid-March making the City well ahead of other municipalities as the filters were pre-ordered and that the DEP will be sending out ACOs. Lastly, Mr. Boswell advised that they are submitting the final paperwork to the NJDOT for the Semel Avenue grant and that they are working on their proposal for the NJDOT Prospect Street grant that was recently awarded.

### *City CFO:*

Mr. Hasseler advised that the Annual Debt Statement has been filed.

### *City Attorney:*

Mr. Lagana stated that he needs guidance from the Governing Body on vehicle sales as there are some concerns with the current ordinance. He requested that they provide hours to include for operation and noted there is an issue with current sites such as parking vehicles on City streets. The Governing Body asked that he also look into the ordinance for autobody shops. Mr. Lagana then spoke about the 5G ordinance as it is his recommendation to rescind and replace the formerly adopted ordinance as it designates an exclusive vendor. Both ordinances discussed will be placed on the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting agenda for introduction.

## **Braided Organics Presentation**

A presentation was made by Braided Organics who is seeking to operate a Class 1 Cultivation cannabis establishment in the City of Garfield. A resolution of support will be placed on the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting agenda as drafted by City Attorney Lagana.

## **Navigator Wellness Group Presentation**

A presentation was made by Navigator Wellness Group who is seeking to operate a Class 2 Manufacturing cannabis establishment in the City of Garfield. A resolution of support will be placed on the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting agenda as drafted by City Attorney Lagana.

## **H2M Architects – DPW Feasibility Study**

A presentation was made by H2M Architects in which they reviewed sample schematic designs with placing a satellite DPW building at the City property located on Grand Street, which would also house a new firehouse for Company 1. They noted that the current DPW location would still be used but with a prefab garage in a different area that is not prone to flooding. This plan would allow for more parking for the Police Station as well. H2M advised that they would follow-up with the City Manager to discuss next steps. The Governing Body requested that the grant writer look into additional funding opportunities to support this project aside from monies that can be obtained through FEMA.

### **Report of the City Manager:**

#### Ordinances:

1. **Lead Paint Fees** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney reviewed the lead paint ordinance that was previously adopted. She noted that the fee initially adopted may be too high as residents will have to get re-inspected. The Governing Body agreed to adjusting the fee to \$65 as a result. An ordinance will be drafted by City Attorney Lagana reflecting said change.

#### Discussion:

1. **BCOS – Repurpose Application** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that the City can proceed with a repurpose application if it is the Governing Body’s wish to switch the recent BCOS application/unofficial award from 20<sup>th</sup> Century Field to the Little League field turfing, as previously discussed. The Mayor and Council approved proceeding with the same.
2. **Financials** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney briefly reviewed the City’s financials. She recommended that the City not proceed with any new projects or bonding in 2023 unless absolutely necessary. Ms. Delaney also noted that there would be no new hires in 2023 unless they are needed due to any resignations/retirements.
3. **County Dropbox** – City Manager/City Clerk advised that an OPRA request was submitted for surveillance footage of the County’s ballot drop box located at City Hall, which raised concerns from her perspective and the Police Department. She asked that the Governing Body support her reaching out to the County to have it removed/relocated to eliminate any future problems. They were in favor of the request.
4. **Affordable Housing Plan** – City Manager/City Clerk shared that the Affordable Housing Plan is complete and that the City is in full compliance with their number of required affordable housing units. She explained that the Plan will be presented for approval in front of the Planning Board at a future date. City Attorney Lagana requested that the plan be sent to him for review.

#### Departmental Reports:

1. **Building Department – December 2022** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Millennium Strategies through December 2022** – No discussion ensued.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Banch and seconded by Councilman Maslag to enter into Executive Session. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

**Personnel**  
**Legal Reports/Litigation**  
**Contract Negotiations**

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Banch and seconded by Councilman Herrera to return to the public portion. The motions carried unanimously.

**Formal Action:**

A motion was made by Councilman Maslag and seconded by Mayor Rigoglioso to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with PBA Local 46. The motions carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Banch and seconded by Councilman Maslag to adjourn. The motions carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
City Manager/City Clerk

*These meeting minutes were approved at the February 14, 2023 Work Session Meeting of the Mayor & Council.*