

**RE-SCHEDULED WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY OF GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
August 22, 2023  
6:30P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for August 22, 2023 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 8:05PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

*\*Mayor Rigoglioso briefly left the meeting at 8:18PM.*

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 rescheduled 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 August 10, 2023 and published on August 14, 2023.

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

*Boswell Engineering:*

Mr. Boswell reported that the High School stadium project is scheduled to be complete in late October/early November. He went on to say that they are still working on the design for the Harrison Avenue Improvements project as well as a proposal for the turf field replacement at the Little League field/Belmont Oval. Mr. Boswell noted that they are currently still waiting on the delivery for the generator at the Elmwood Park Wellfield, however the system is operating and online. He then discussed the River Drive project as there was a significant water main break which will require a change order, though they are still calculating the numbers. Mr. Boswell affirmed that he will be working with the County to attempt increasing their share of costs related to the widening of the road and the extra costs incurred due to the utility issues. Lastly, he said they will be working on the Recreational Improvement grant for the Splash Park and are adjusting their design for the NJDOT Prospect Street grant to include an upsizing of the water main, which will push the project to next year.

*Council Reports:*

Deputy Mayor Delaney requested that a message be sent out with water bills related to the Elmwood Park Wellfield improvements. He also requested that the DPW clean-up the Skultety property that is now owned by the City.

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

#### Discussion:

1. **Transit Village** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that she contacted NJ Transit regarding the City’s past attempt to be designated a Transit Village municipality. She stated that they advised the City never completed their application in 2015 and, therefore, will be scheduling an onsite pre-application meeting with NJ Transit, which is the first step required to pursue this opportunity.
2. **41-41 Hepworth Place** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that the developer for the project would like guidance regarding his proposed redevelopment plan for the site. She advised that the Governing Body has not been clear on their wishes and direction is needed. It was determined that the Mayor and Council would like affordable housing to be a mandatory requirement for the project and that a representative from the Governing Body would relay the same to the developer.

#### Ordinances:

1. **Sewer Ordinance** – City Manager/City Clerk advised that the CFO informed her that the sewer utility does not self-liquidate and strongly recommended an increase, as one has not been implemented in over ten years. The Mayor and Council agreed to a nominal increase in rates.

#### Departmental Reports:

1. **Clerk’s Office July 2023** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Building Department July 2023** – No discussion ensued.
3. **Recreation Department July 2023** – No discussion ensued.
4. **Millennium Strategies through July 2023** – No discussion ensued.
5. **Court Department through July 2023** – No discussion ensued.

### **Financial Presentation:**

City CFO Anders Hasseler made a presentation to the Governing Body regarding the City’s current financial status and goals moving forward.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Councilman Maslag and seconded by Councilwoman Banch 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:

**Litigation/Legal Reports**  
**Personnel**

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.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Maslag and seconded by Councilwoman Banch 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 September 26, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.*