WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 21, 2023
6:30P.M.

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for November 21, 2023 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:33PM. 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 Attorney John Tuntevski, and City CFO Anders Hasseler.

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 January 9, 2023 and published on January 12, 2023.

KDRJJI Presentation – Class 2 Manufacturer

A presentation was made by KDRJJI who is seeking to operate a Class 2 Manufacturer cannabis establishment in the City of Garfield. A resolution of support will be placed on the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting agenda as drafted by City John Tuntevski.

Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:

Boswell Engineering:

Ms. Delaney noted that Mr. Boswell submitted his report electronically to the Mayor and Council.

City Attorney John Tuntevski:

Mr. Tuntevski advised that he looked into the Mayor's inquiry regarding the process of opening a cigar shop/club within the City. He noted that the licensing is done through the State and that the City cannot permit the opening of such an establishment.

City CFO Anders Hasseler:

Mr. Hasseler informed the Governing Body that the recent bond sale will be closing within the next 24 hours.

Report of the City Manager:
Discussion:

1. **Handicap Parking Application Fee –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that the Traffic Division has requested that the Governing Body consider imposing an application fee for individuals seeking a handicap parking spot. They feel that this will allow them to maintain the integrity of the program and assist with the costs associated with the program. Ms. Delaney shared the request written by the Police Department which included information regarding the fees that other municipalities implement. Discussion ensued and it was requested that the Police Department provide examples from neighboring municipalities within Bergen County to review further.
2. **Library Contribution** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that the City received its annual contribution requirement for the public library for 2024, which increased more than 8%.

3. **Cities of Service** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that Councilman Maslag has requested that the City sign a pledge to be part of the Cities of Service initiative. Councilman Maslag provided a brief review of the program and Mayor Rigoglioso executed the pledge. Councilman Maslag advised that he would be the liaison to said program.
4. **Grant Application Updates** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney provided a brief update on the grant applications for Banta Avenue sewer/road improvements and the DPW/Fire Company #1.
5. **EV Charging Stations** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that Councilman Maslag requested to discuss EV charging stations throughout the City. Councilman Maslag shared that he met a company at the League of Municipalities that is interested in the installation of said devices. Ms. Delaney advised that she would speak with said company and seek the input of the Building Department.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Clerk's Office October 2023 –** No discussion ensued.
2. **Building Department October 2023 –** No discussion ensued.
3. **Recreation Department September & October 2023 –** No discussion ensued.
4. **Millennium Strategies through October 2023 –** No discussion ensued.
5. **Court Department through September & October 2023 –** No discussion ensued.

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:

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 Herrera 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 December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.