

**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 12, 2024
6:00P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for November 12, 2024 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 6:13PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Herrera & Banch, Deputy Mayor Delaney, and Mayor Rigoglioso were present. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, City CFO Nicholas Prochilo, and City Attorney John Tuntevski.

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 an annual 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 8, 2024 and published on January 11, 2024.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:

City Engineer's Report:

Mr. Boswell advised that bids were rejected for the Lead Line Replacement project due to a change of scope in the work, which will now include upgrading a 6-inch line to a 12-inch line. He noted that they are finishing up the work on River Drive and that a change order will be presented at the next meeting for an irrigation system. Mr. Boswell advised that the Elmwood Park Wellfield project was finally complete now that the generator has been delivered and installed. Additionally, both he and Ms. Delaney advised that letters have been sent out to residents in regards to water shut offs in an attempt to close out the Water Meter Replacement project.

Report of the City Manager:

Discussion:

1. **Albanian Banner Request** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared the request from the Albanian Alliance to have a banner placed for two-weeks. The Mayor and Council approved said request.
2. **Street Dedication Request** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that Margaret Valenti has submitted a request for a street dedication on behalf of her father. Discussion ensued and, ultimately, it was decided that the request could not be accommodated. It was suggested that Ms. Valenti be connected with the VFW for a special honor for her father.
3. **LOSAP** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that a resolution was passed to increase the LOSAP amounts for volunteer firefighters in 2022 and that a similar ordinance was passed in 2024. As a result, as it stands, there was not an approved increase for 2023. Ms. Delaney inquired if the Mayor and Council would be obliged to approve said payment retroactively, of which she supports. The Mayor and Council approved said request.
4. **Food Trucks** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that she has requested that the engineers amend the parking layout for Champion Park as there were only two designated spaces for food trucks in their plans. The Mayor and Council were in support of her request, in addition to increasing the number of yearly permits to 7 as opposed to 5 if need be. Discussion ensued regarding the process for revocation of said license should a permittee not be present for consecutive weeks.

Ordinances:

1. **Fire Department Stipend Program** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney reviewed the estimates forecasted by the CFO based off of the Fire Department’s initial stipend proposal. Discussion ensued regarding their proposal and the amounts, however, it was decided that the decision should be held for the incoming Mayor and Council.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Clerk’s Office October 2024** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Building Department October 2024** – No discussion ensued.
3. **Millennium Strategies through October 2024** – No discussion ensued.
4. **Court Department through September 2024** – No discussion ensued.

Resolutions:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-477-24**

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

APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – PERSON TO PERSON 0221-33-069-016

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-069-016, from Tavern 517 LLC, t/a Tavern 517 (Giovanni LoGrasso, 42 Hillcrest Avenue, Montville, New Jersey 07045 – who owns 100% of the shares of the Corporation), 517 River Drive, Suite 2, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, to Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine LLC t/a Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine, (Enrique Sosa, 70 Segar Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 who will own 34% of the shares of the Corporation and Karina Flores, 109 West 3rd Street, #2, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 who will own 33% of the shares of the Corporation and Victor flores, 61 Scrivens Street, Totowa, New Jersey 07512 who will own 33% of the shares of the Corporation), located at 517 River Drive, Suite #2, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 and

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 November 12, 2024, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License, Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine LLC t/a Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine 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 Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine LLC, effective November 13, 2024.”,

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 \$155.50 was collected for the City of Garfield and \$200.00 was collected for the State of New Jersey in connection with the person to person and place to place license transfer).

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
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 Regular Meeting held on the 12th day of November 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-478-24**

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

APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – PERSON TO PERSON 0221-33-059-009

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person Transfer Application of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-059-009, from NET WRC, LLC (William Cifelli, 2 Saddle Drive, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 – who owns 100% of the shares of the corporation), t/a The Hive Bar & Bistro to Hive Bar &Bistro LLC t/a Hive Bar & Bistro, (Nirmal G. Patel, 833 Joshua Drive, Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091 located at 142 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 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 November 12, 2024, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-059-008 to Hive Bar & Bistro LLC t/a Hive Bar & Bistro, (Nirmal G. Patel, 833 Joshua Drive, Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091) located at 142 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026. effective November 13, 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this license is transferred on the condition that no Go-Go, live entertainment (other than in connection with catering facilities and the hiring of premises for affairs such as weddings and other similar events) or discotheque be used in connection with this license; (A fee of \$ 155.50 was collected for the City of Garfield and \$200.00 was collected for the State of New Jersey in connection with the license transfer).

APPROVED: NOVEMBR 12, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
City Manager/City Clerk

These meeting minutes were approved at the December 10, 2024 Work Session Meeting of the Mayor & Council.