

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
December 17, 2024
6:00P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield was called to order on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:10PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey. On Roll Call present members were: Councilmembers Maslag, Herrera & Banch*, Deputy Mayor Delaney, and Mayor Rigoglioso**. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Delaney, City Attorney John Tuntevski, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, and City CFO Nicholas Prochilo.

**Councilwoman Banch arrived at approximately 6:22PM.*

**Mayor Rigoglioso left at approximately 7:31PM.*

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

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.

3. ROLL CALL:

4. FLAG SALUTE:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Herrera and seconded by Councilman Maslag to approve the December 10, 2024 Work Session & Executive Session Meeting minutes. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:

Swearing in ceremonies were held for the promotions of Lieutenant Follari and Sergeant Porco.

Following the swearing-in ceremonies, the Mayor and Council shared their congratulatory remarks and best wishes.

7. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

R-524-24

Introduce Ord. #3051

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND MAIN AND OAK PROPERTIES URBAN RENEWAL, INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 88.01, LOTS 1 AND 9 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY

OF GARFIELD AND LOCATED IN THE MIDLAND AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

- R-525-24 Introduce Ord. #3052
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 100, CANNABIS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
- R-526-24 Introduce Ord. #3053
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226, PARKING, ARTICLE VI, RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
- R-527-24 Introduce Ord. #3054
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 150, FOOD HANDLERS, MOBILE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

SECOND READING

- R-528-24 Introduce Ord. #3046
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 408, 410 AND 416 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 81 LOTS 45, 46 AND 48, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- R-529-24 Approval of Bills List
- R-530-24 Authorizing Transfers Between Budget Appropriations
- R-531-24 Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 22 (GAR 2024-09) to National Metering Services, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 2
- R-532-24 Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Service Contract with Stanley H. Allen d/b/a Allen Associates and Appointing Risk Manager for the City of Garfield
- R-533-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS A 40A:4-87
- R-534-24 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJS A 40A:4-87
- R-535-24 Extending the Support of Moose Transit Company, Inc., as the Operator of a Class 4 Distribution to be Located in the City of Garfield
- R-536-24 Enabling Resolution for Supplemental Funding Request State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program – Columbus Park Improvements
- R-537-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the County of Bergen, Bergen County Open Space – 20th Century Field: Protective Netting, Fencing, and Field Backstops
- R-538-24 Municipal Endorsing Resolution for Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project – Garfield YMCA
- R-539-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Ramapo College of New Jersey – BSN & MSN Nursing Curriculum Field Work Agreement

R-540-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Allen Associates for Health, Prescription, and Dental Programs

R-541-24 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

9. PUBLIC HEARING:

10. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rigoglioso provided a short explanation on the ordinance. He noted that the City Attorney had this ordinance prepared at the previous meeting, in which he had the votes to support its introduction. However, Mayor Rigoglioso advised that he asked the City Manager/City Clerk to hold it from the agenda. He stated that in the end the new council should be a part of its discussion, but the back and forth at the conclusion of the meeting was not respectful by all parties. Mayor Rigoglioso noted that serving on the Council comes with making difficult decisions and that he hopes people continue to attend meetings and hold the new council accountable. He went on to say that he will support their vision and made a motion to table the ordinance so that the new council can be involved and meet with the developer.

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-524-24**

**TABLED BY: MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3051
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND MAIN AND OAK PROPERTIES URBAN RENEWAL, INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 88.01, LOTS 1 AND 9 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND LOCATED IN THE MIDLAND AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

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, December 30, 2024 at 11:45AM 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: DECEMBER 17, 2024

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote to Table

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

This resolution was tabled by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at the Regular Meeting held on the 17th day of December 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3051**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND MAIN AND OAK PROPERTIES URBAN RENEWAL, INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 88.01, LOTS 1 AND 9 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD AND LOCATED IN THE MIDLAND AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

WHEREAS, pursuant to the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law,” P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-1 et seq.), the Garfield City Council (“City Council”), by a Resolution adopted on September 13, 2022, determined that 337 and 351 Midland Avenue, also known as Block 88.01, Lots 1 and 9, as shown on the City Tax Maps (the “Property”), qualified as a non-condemnation redevelopment area (the “Redevelopment Area”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of redeveloping the Redevelopment Area, on March 14, 2023, the City Council adopted a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area prepared by DMR Architect, dated February 2023 (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Redevelopment Agency (the “Agency”) was established as an instrumentality of the City pursuant to the Redevelopment Law for the purpose of implementing redevelopment plans and carrying out redevelopment projects within the City; and

WHEREAS, Main and Oak Properties Urban Renewal, Inc. (the “Redeveloper”) is or will be the owner of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has been designated as the exclusive redeveloper of the Property by the Garfield Redevelopment Agency (the “Agency”) and the Agency and the Entity have negotiated the terms and conditions of a redevelopment agreement for the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Entity proposes the construction of a six (6) story mixed-use building, consisting of sixty-three (63) residential dwelling units, approximately two thousand three hundred thirty-seven (2,337) square feet of retail/commercial space, and seventy-three (73) parking spaces, together with related site improvements, including, but not limited to, landscaping, lighting, stormwater management, and signage (the “Project”), which Project has received site plan approval from the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Entity was created for the purposes of acquiring, owning, holding, developing, maintaining, financing, mortgaging, improving, operating, leasing, managing, using, refinancing, selling, subdividing, or otherwise dealing with the Property and the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law, constituting Chapter 431 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1991 of the State, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplement thereto (the “**Long Term Tax Exemption Law**”, as codified in N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.), the City is authorized to provide for payment in lieu of taxes within a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the Entity submitted an application for the approval of a Project, as such term is used in the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law, all in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:20-8 (the “**Exemption Application**”, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the Exemption Application requested a 30-year term for a financial agreement and an annual service charge based on 10% of annual gross revenues for years 1 through 15, increasing to 11% of annual gross revenues for years 16 through 20, and further increasing to 12% of annual gross revenues for years 21 through 30; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes and agrees to a 30-year term for a financial agreement with an annual service charge as proposed by the Entity;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law, the City is authorized to enter into a financial agreement with a redeveloper for payment of an annual service charge for municipal services in lieu of taxes for market rate housing and commercial projects; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has requested that the City enter into a financial agreement for payment of an annual service charge for municipal services in lieu of taxes (the “**Financial Agreement**”) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the Entity, by effectuating the redevelopment of the Project, will significantly limit its profits due to the extraordinary costs to be borne by the Entity, which will provide significant and long-term benefits to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Entity have reached agreement with respect to, among other things, the terms and conditions relating to the Annual Service Charges and desire to execute a Financial Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The City acknowledges that by effectuating the redevelopment of the Project, Main and Oak Properties Urban Renewal, Inc., will significantly limit its profits due to the extraordinary costs to be borne by the Entity, which will provide significant and long-term benefits to the City.

Section 2. The City makes the following findings:

- A. Relative benefits of the Project when compared to the costs:
 1. The Property currently generates approximately \$20,582.62 in real estate tax revenue to the City annually. The projected Annual Service Charge over the 30-year term will generate an average annual revenue to the City of approximately \$373,534.94.
 2. It is estimated that the Project will create jobs during construction and permanent jobs;
 3. The Project should stabilize and contribute to the economic growth of existing local business and to the creation of new business, which will serve the residents and attract additional people to the City;
 4. The Project will further the redevelopment objectives of the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area 1; and
 5. The redevelopment of the Property will greatly improve the neighborhood.
 6. The City has determined that the benefits of the Project significantly outweigh the costs to the City.
- B. Assessment of the importance of the tax exemption defined in obtaining development of the Project and influencing the locational decisions of probable occupants:
 1. The relative stability and predictability of the Annual Service Charge will make the Project more attractive to investors and lenders needed to finance the Project; and

2. The relative stability and predictability of the Annual Service Charge will allow stabilization of the Project operating budget, allowing a high level of urban design and aesthetics as well as the use of high-quality materials which will maintain the appearance of the building over the life of the Project, which will insure the likelihood of the success of the Project and insure that it will have a positive impact on the surrounding area.

C. Based upon the above determinations by the City and the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-12, this Agreement contains appropriate tax exemption provisions and an appropriate Annual Service Charge schedule.

Section 3. The Exemption Application is hereby accepted and approved.

Section 4. The Financial Agreement shall be for a 30-year term and an annual service charge based on 10% of annual gross revenues for years 1 through 15, increasing to 11% of annual gross revenues for years 16 through 20, and further increasing to 12% of annual gross revenues for years 21 through 30, all in accordance with the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law.

Section 5. The Financial Agreement is hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the City by the Mayor in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of the Financial Agreement by the Mayor and to affix the corporate seal of the City to the Financial Agreement.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
City Manager/City Clerk

Tabled: December 17, 2024

Introduced:

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-525-24**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3052
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 100, CANNABIS, 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, December 30, 2024 at 11:45AM 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: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3052**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 100, CANNABIS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to permit Cannabis retailers and to allow for the operation of such business in the City.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to properly license such businesses in order to protect their impact to the citizens in the City.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield that Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 100, Cannabis, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby amends Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 100, Cannabis, Section 100-4, License Required, as follows:

Section 100-4. License Required

It shall be unlawful for any person or any corporate entity to operate a Cannabis Establishment without first having procured an annual license from the City Clerk's Office.

A. License fees; renewal; late fees.

- (1) A cannabis establishment permitted to operate in the City shall pay to the City an annual license fee of \$20,000.
- (2) A cannabis establishment permitted to operate in the City as an alternative treatment center shall pay to the City an annual license fee of \$10,000.
- (3) The licenses issued shall be effective for the calendar year, expiring on the 31st day of December of the year of issue, and may be renewable upon application for succeeding calendar years thereafter. The fee for license renewals shall be due and payable on or before the first day of February in the year of renewal or be subject to late fees.
- (4) Late fees. A late fee of \$100 shall be charged for renewal licenses which are not paid on or before February 1 of the license year. An additional \$75 shall be charged for each thirty-day period that the license fee is not paid after February 1 of the license year.

Section 2. Any article, chapter, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code shall remain as previously written. This amendment shall only address the sections and subsections specifically identified.

Section 3. 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 4. 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.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: December 17, 2024

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-526-24**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3053
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226,
PARKING, ARTICLE VI, RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM, 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, December 30, 2024 at 11:45AM 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: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3053**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 226, PARKING, ARTICLE VI, RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains Chapter 226 entitled “Parking”, Article VI “Resident Parking Program” of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of City residents to amend the City Code at this time to aid in the compliance of the resident parking program for the benefit of the residents of the City of Garfield;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 226, Parking, Article VI, Resident Parking Program, Section 226-28, Residential parking program, through Section 226-36, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The current text of City Ordinance that Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 226, Parking, Article VI, Resident Parking Program, Section 226-28, Resident parking program, through Section 226-36, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 226-28 Resident parking program.

A. A resident parking program shall be instituted as follows: During certain hours, the streets of the City of Garfield will be designated "resident parking only."

B. Rules and regulations. The following rules and regulations shall apply to the City of Garfield resident permit parking program. Applications for a resident parking permit are submitted online at garfieldpermits.rmcpay.com:

(1) A resident parking permit of a design specified by the Chief of Police of the City of Garfield will be issued to residents of Garfield who own a motor vehicle with no more than four wheels touching the ground on any street in the City of Garfield, no more than 22 feet in length and no more than seven feet in width. There will be no permits issued to those vehicles which are registered as or described as being trailers. Excluded from this provision are any trucks which are in the process of any delivery or pickups and any truck(s) utilized by utility companies in the State of New Jersey or their entities or any trucks that are already covered by other ordinances.

(2) Required documentation of the owner of a vehicle must be presented when applying for a permit. The following are required documents:

(a) A copy of a valid NJ Driver’s License with current Garfield Address (no PO Box address)-Online MVC update accepted along with valid license;

(b) A copy of a valid New Jersey motor vehicle registration for which the permit is sought showing the vehicle owner's address in the City of Garfield (no PO Box address)-Online MVC update accepted along with valid registration;

(c) A current car insurance statement showing the vehicle's owner's address in the City of Garfield (no PO Box address);

(d) One item reflecting the vehicle owner's residency, such as a utility bill or current bank statement, dated within 60-days of the date of application. A post office box address will not be deemed proof of residency in order to receive a resident parking permit;

(e) In addition to the proof of residency described herein, all applicants for resident parking permits shall be required to produce a "dwelling certificate" in accordance with the provisions of City Ordinance No. 2213; and

(f) In accordance with New Jersey P.L.2021, Chapter 182, and Garfield City Ordinance 3032, all rental units or non-owner-occupied units must have a Lead Based Paint Certification on file with the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

(3) Each household shall only be permitted to register one commercial vehicle that meets the requirements set forth in §**226-28B** above.

C. Each individual household shall be permitted to register a maximum of five vehicles.

(1) Households in need a greater than five permits may apply to the Garfield Police Department for additional permits. Upon a showing of good cause by the household, the Parking Registration Office may issue additional permits.

D. The biannual fee per vehicle shall be \$10.

§ 226-29 Term of permits.

Resident parking permits will be valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance.

§ 226-30 Visitor permits.

Residents/Visitors may purchase an overnight visitor permit at ppprk.com (zone 86200). Each visitor permit shall be \$5 and purchased daily for a maximum of 25 purchases per calendar year.

§ 226-31 Required information.

Any person requesting a resident parking permit will be required to submit an application online at garfieldpermits.rmcpay.com and upload copies of the documents outlined in §**226-28B(2)**, and such other information as may be required by the Police Department of the City of Garfield.

§ 226-32 Resident parking permit required.

No person shall park a vehicle between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. without the required resident parking or visitor permit upon any street within the City of Garfield.

§ 226-33 Violations and penalties.

Any vehicle parked on a street without a valid resident parking permit or an expired residential parking permit shall be subject to the following sanctions: Unless another penalty is expressly provided by N.J.S.A. 39:4-203, every person convicted of a violation of a provision of this article or any other supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of \$55 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 15 days, or both, for each offense.

§ 226-34 Further rules and regulations.

The Police Department of the City of Garfield shall have the authority to formulate and promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to this article, subject to veto of the City Council, and the Police Department of the City of Garfield shall be entitled, in its discretion, to verify any information appropriate to the enforcement of this article. The Police Department of the City of Garfield shall have the power to issue summonses for violation of this article.

§ 226-35 Enforcement.

Enforcement of this article and further rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time shall be under the jurisdiction of either the Chief of Police or his designee and/or the Parking Enforcement Official.

§ 226-36 Ineligible multi-unit properties.

Residents of multi-unit properties, consisting of five or more rental or condominium units and approved for construction after January 1, 2020, shall not be eligible for resident parking permits issues under this chapter.

Section 2. The remainder of Chapter 226 is ratified and remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: December 17, 2024

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-527-24**

**RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR DELANEY**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3054
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 150, FOOD HANDLERS, MOBILE, 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, December 30, 2024 at 11:45AM 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: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3054**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 150, FOOD HANDLERS, MOBILE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains Chapter 150 entitled “Food Handlers, Mobile” of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of City residents to amend the City Code at this time to aid in the compliance of the mobile food trucks for the health and safety of the residents of the City of Garfield;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 150 entitled “Food Handlers, Mobile”, is hereby amended to include as follows:

Section 1. The current text of City Ordinance that Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 150 entitled “Food Handlers, Mobile”, Section 150-3 through 150-14, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 150-3 License required; number limited.

- A.** No activity, as defined in this chapter, shall be conducted in the City of Garfield except in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. It shall be unlawful for any person of whatever nature to conduct the activities defined herein unless he/she has been issued a license pursuant to this chapter. The number of licenses that may be issued and in effect during any twelve-month period shall not exceed five.
- B.** The Mayor and Council is granted wide discretion in approving licenses with the goal of insuring diversity of product in their distribution. Preference shall be given to Garfield residents. The Mayor and Council shall have absolute discretion in approving applications.

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§ 150-9 Use of public roads, designated locations for use.

The fee for a fixed location food truck shall be \$5,000 per year, and there shall be no proration of the fee for the initial season or for any shorter period of time for which a license is obtained.

- A.** No licensee shall park a vehicle overnight on any location within the City of Garfield. If the licensee parks a vehicle overnight on private property for the purpose of continuing the business each day at the same location, then such licensee shall comply with all regulations, rules, statutes, and ordinances pertaining to permanent retail food establishments.
- B.** No licensee shall have a permanent location within or upon a public road or right-of-way by reason of prior use.
- C.** The City Manager, with approval from the Governing Body, shall designate and assign the parking location from which the mobile food vending service will be conducted for each licensee, and which shall be limited to the area located at 394 Outwater Lane, commonly known as Champion Park.

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§ 150-14 Annual fee.

The annual fee for the license for food vending vehicles dealing only with prepackaged (or wrapped) foods, such as but not limited to soft drinks, snacks, ice cream, excluding soft-serve and scooped, etc., which are packaged (wrapped), manufactured or processed at an approved licensed facility (outside of such establishments), shall be increased annually by resolution,

payable to the City of Garfield before the issuance of a license. The City shall issue five licenses per year for licensees authorized to transact business per this chapter. The fee per license shall be \$5,000 per year.

Section 2. The remainder of Chapter 150 is ratified and remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder of any portion thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: December 17, 2024

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

Mayor Rigoglioso opened the floor for public comment.

Gaetana Raymond, Spring Street, inquired about the number of apartments included in the plan. She noted that traffic is out of hand throughout the City and requested that the council calm down with approving apartments. Ms. Raymond stated that the public spoke at the recent Election and that there should not be any more PILOTs or large redevelopment projects approved. She thanked the Mayor and Council for tabling the PILOT ordinance.

Francis Calandriello, Maitland Place, questioned what the property would be entitled to if it was not in the redevelopment zone and has to go before the regular Zoning Board. He said that he believes, based on his own calculations, that it would only be about 12-14 units. Mr. Calandriello noted that the project would overcrowd the area and parking is a concern.

Tatianna Cevallos, Krakow Street, advised that she moved to Garfield from New York to get away from overdevelopment, traffic, etc. but now she sees redevelopment increasing. She raised concerns about traffic, parking, overcrowded schools, and overpopulation.

Aleksandra Zelent-Pekala, Sherman Place, stated that approving development hurts the community. She addressed the “nuisance law” and pollution.

Patricia Nayda, raised concerns about the 32 apartments and recent redevelopment, especially related to the lack of volunteers throughout the City in the Fire Department and other areas, such as coaching.

Frank Digirolamo, Cedar Street, said that traffic in the City is getting out of hand due to redevelopment.

Laurie Calvert, Grace Avenue, raised issues related to traffic.

Demitra Sifakis, MacArthur Avenue, suggested that instead of approving new redevelopment projects that the council look into ways to put money towards improving existing housing throughout the City. She requested that they do not overdevelop and raised concerns connected to parking.

Everett Garnto, Jewell Street, advised that after hearing the feedback from residents in attendance he is against the project due to its size & overdevelopment. He stated that he would like it to be further discussed and downsized.

Councilman Maslag stated that he heard the concerns raised by residents and said that he is an advocate for more housing, however, he would like said housing to be more affordable in the future – of which he urges the incoming council to address.

Councilman Herrera stated that the project will beautify the City and is not being considered for a PILOT.

Councilwoman Banch advised that while she previously voted yes for the introduction, she feels that since the PILOT ordinance was tabled this, too, should be handled by the incoming council.

Deputy Mayor Delaney noted that at the November meeting in which this ordinance was introduced he asked for all redevelopment items to be held until the incoming council was sworn in. He also touched base on the City’s COAH program for existing improvements to homes.

Mayor Rigoglioso said that his goal has been to redevelop and move the City forward, however, there is an incoming council that may have a different vision. He noted that this project is not seeking a PILOT and, although he thinks it is a good project, does not want to force it. Mayor Rigoglioso stated that there are other developers that are interested in coming to the City of Garfield for the incoming council to meet with and discuss density moving forward.

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-528-24**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3046
SECOND READING**

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 408, 410
AND 416 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 81 LOTS 45, 46 AND 48,
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.**

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3046**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD
ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 408, 410
AND 416 RIVER DRIVE, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 81 LOTS 45, 46 AND 48,
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.**

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

SECTION I Pursuant to the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law"), the Garfield City Council ("City Council"), by Resolution No. 286-24 adopted on June 10, 2024, determined that properties whose address is 408, 410 and 416 River Drive, also known as Block 81 Lots 45, 46 and 48, as shown on the City Tax Maps as an area in need of redevelopment, non-condemnation, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law (the "Redevelopment Area").

SECTION II A Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Area has been prepared by Francis Reiner, LLA, PP of DMR Architects, entitled "408. 410, 416 River Drive Redevelopment Plan", dated November 11, 2024, which is attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance (the "Redevelopment Plan").

SECTION III Prior to the adoption of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan, the City Council shall refer the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board pursuant to the Redevelopment Law.

SECTION IV The Planning Board shall, within 45 days after referral by the City Council, transmit to the City Council, a report containing its recommendation concerning the Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the Redevelopment Law.

SECTION V Upon receipt of the Planning Board's recommendation or if the Planning Board fails to transmit a recommendation within 45 days after referral, the City Council shall act upon this Ordinance adopting the Redevelopment Plan pursuant to the Redevelopment Law.

SECTION VI The City Council hereby adopts the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area.

SECTION VII Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the Redevelopment Plan shall include the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: November 12, 2024

Rejected: December 17, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Richard Rigoglioso, Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-529-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve totaling \$0.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$65,520.45 and the Water Reserves totaling \$0.00 and the Water Fund totaling \$145,348.24 and the Grants totaling \$5,994.34 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$68,211.31 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$9,501.73 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$38.00 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated December 16, 2024 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, totaling \$00.00 to the meeting be ratified.

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

December 16, 2024
Dated

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-530-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the first three months and the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that transfers between 2024 budget appropriations be made as follows:

CURRENT FUND					
Description	FCO A	Account No	OE/SW	From	To
GENERAL ADMIN/CITY MANAGER	20- 100	4-01-20- 100-100- 011	S&W		\$ 1,000.00
CITY CLERK	20- 120	4-01-20- 120-120- 011	S&W		\$ 5,000.00
FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	20- 130	4-01-20- 130-130- 011	S&W		\$ 5,000.00
ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES	20- 155	4-01-20- 155-155- 022	OE	\$ 80,000.00	
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE O/E	22- 200	4-01-22- 200-200- 128	OE	\$ 6,000.00	
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	23- 221	4-01-23- 221-221- 020	OE	\$ 10,000.00	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	25- 240	4-01-25- 240-240- 011	S&W		\$ 40,000.00
PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	25- 241	4-01-25- 241-241- 020	OE	\$ 170,000.0 0	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	26- 290	4-01-26- 290-290- 063	OE		\$ 30,000.00

STORM RECOVERY	26-301	4-01-26-301-301-020		OE		\$ 50,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	27-330	4-01-27-330-330-063		OE		\$ 10,000.00
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE	30-415	4-01-30-415-415-020		S&W		\$ 50,000.00
ELECTRICITY	31-430	4-01-31-430-430-235		OE		\$ 94,000.00
STREET LIGHTING	31-435	4-01-31-435-435-281		OE		\$ 10,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS	31-441	4-01-31-441-441-020		OE		\$ 5,000.00
GASOLINE	31-460	4-01-31-460-460-256		OE	\$ 20,000.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	36-472	4-01-36-472-472-000		OE	\$ 10,000.00	
MUNICIPAL COURT	43-490	4-01-43-490-490-045		OE	\$ 4,000.00	
		TOTAL			\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND						
Description	FCO A	Account No		OE/SW	From	To
OTHER EXPENSE	55-502	4-05-55-502-502-020		OE		\$ 100,000.00
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	55-503	4-05-55-503-503-090		OE	\$ 100,000.00	

		TOTAL				
					\$ 100,000.0 0	\$ 100,000.0 0

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

December 16, 2024
Dated

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-531-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 22 (GAR 2024-09) TO
NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC., FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PHASE 2**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to National Water Metering Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, National Water Metering Services, Inc., provided services for this project for work completed through November 30, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the payment of Requisition No. 22 (GAR 2024-09) in the amount of \$36,011.08 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-06-55-222-947-001.

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

December 16, 2024
Dated

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-532-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
WITH STANLEY H. ALLEN D/B/A ALLEN ASSOCIATES AND APPOINTING RISK
MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Garfield to retain the services of a professional risk management consultant for those insurance matters (property & casualty, workers compensation, property, excess liability, public officials' liability, environmental liability) integral to the operation of the City of Garfield for the calendar year 2025, commencing on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, such services are highly specialized in nature and exempt from a formal bidding pursuant to the New Jersey Public Contract Laws, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint the Stanley H. Allen Inc d/b/a Allen Associates as the risk manager for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Garfield confirms there are sufficient funds available to enter into the contract; and

WHEREAS, said contract, in aggregate, is above \$17,500 as certified by the City Chief Financial Officer and therefore, such award be in compliance with the requirement set forth by P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005,c. 51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for these services shall be no more than 6% of the City' annual JIF Assessment, payable by the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund directly to Stanley H. Allen d/b/a Allen Associates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Stanley H. Allen d/b/a Allen Associates is hereby appointed as Risk Management Consultant effective January 1, 2025 and that the City Manager, Erin N. Delaney, is hereby authorized to execute the risk management consultant's agreement in accordance with the by-laws of the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund for the period commencing on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025 to be paid out of account Other Insurance Premiums 5-01-23-210-210-020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of said contract award, stating the nature, duration and services provided, be published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1).

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

December 16, 2024
Dated

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-533-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA
40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$4,930.04 which is now available as part of the Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) from the State of NJ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$4,930.04 is hereby appropriated under the caption the Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) in the amount of \$4,930.04.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-534-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA
40A:4-87**

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WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$20,000.00 which is now available as part of the Pedestrian Safety Grant from the State of NJ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption the Pedestrian Safety Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Pedestrian Safety Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-535-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**EXTENDING THE SUPPORT OF MOOSE TRANSIT COMPANY INC. AS THE
OPERATOR OF A CLASS 4 CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION TO BE LOCATED IN THE
CITY OF GARFIELD**

WHEREAS, Resolution R-304-24 titled “Supporting Moose Transit Company Inc., as the Operator of a Class 4 Distribution to Be Located in the City of Garfield” was passed at a meeting held on June 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to extend said resolution for an additional period of six (6) months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of extending Resolution R-304-24 for an additional period of six (6) months through June 18, 2025.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-536-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST STATE OF
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN
ACRES PROGRAM – COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has previously obtained a Green Acres loan of \$0 and/or a Green Acres grant of \$3,860,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s):

0221-21-075 – Columbus Park Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by requesting an additional Green Acres loan of \$0 and/or an additional Green Acres grant of \$2,180,127.00 to fund the project(s); and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the supplemental funding request is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that:

1. Erin Delaney or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:
 - (a) request such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - (b) provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and
2. The applicant agrees to provide the local government/nonprofit share if a match is required.
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-537-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
COUNTY OF BERGEN, BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE – 20TH CENTURY FIELD:
PROTECTIVE NETTING, FENCING, AND FIELD BACKSTOPS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$234,524.00 matching grant award from the 2024 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled 20th Century Field: Protective Netting, Fencing, and Field Backstops; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes City Manager 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 Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about November 13, 2026; 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 Trust Fund 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 Trust Fund’s requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award’s unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-538-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION FOR BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT – GARFIELD YMCA**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant targeted for (CDBG) totaling \$199,999 has been proposed by the Garfield YMCA for Window Replacement for the YMCA facility located at 33 Outwater Lane; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-539-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY – BSN & MSN NURSING CURRICULUM
FIELD WORK AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to re-enter into an agreement with Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ); and

WHEREAS, said agreement relates to the development and implementation of the field work experience of RCNJ’s BSN and MSN Nursing Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the length of term for said contract will be for a period of three-years as outlined in the agreement on file in the City Clerk’s office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney to execute said contract.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-540-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN ASSOCIATES FOR HEALTH,
PRESCRIPTION, AND DENTAL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the City is currently enrolled in a professional services agreement with Allen Associates for health benefit broker/consultant services for Health, Prescription and Dental programs, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 40A:11:-6.1(b) for Extraordinary Unspecified Services; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement is set to expire on February 1st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Provider is authorized and duly licensed to render said services and the City is desirous to continue with said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes City Manager, Erin Delaney, to execute a continued professional services agreement for health benefit broker/consultant services for Health, Prescription and Dental programs with Allen Associates.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 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-541-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 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-529-24 through R-541-24 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gaetana Raymond, Spring Street, addressed the microphone issue. She inquired about the resolution related to nursing with Ramapo College and noted that they have a wonderful program. Ms. Raymond said that she is happy to volunteer her time and inquired about the City's baby clinic. She concluded by commending the City Manager/City Clerk on running a good meeting.

Everett Garnto, Jewell Street, stated that he appreciates the Mayor & Council for tabling and defeating the ordinances related to redevelopment. He noted that discussion ensued at the December 10, 2024 Work Session related to the PILOT proposed on Midland Avenue and shared his concerns about Councilman Herrera leaving the meeting and Mayor Rigoglioso treating it like a game. Mr. Garnto thanked the outgoing council for their service and wished them luck in their future endeavors.

Kevin Kane, Lincoln Place, thanked the Mayor & Council for tabling and defeating the ordinances related to redevelopment. He wished the outgoing council well and thanked them for their service. Mr. Kane shared his hope for peace next year and thanked the public for attending. He ended by encouraging attendance moving forward and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Gerard Rienzi, Lincoln Place, stated that the City does not need any more redevelopment. He did share his enthusiasm for the new food pantry located within the City. Mr. Rienzi also address lead paint inspections and the fee structure with the State.

Laurie Calvert, Grace Avenue, addressed traffic concerns throughout the City as a pedestrian.

Demitra Sifakis, MacArthur Avenue, touched based on lead paint inspections for renters throughout the City.

Francis Calandriello, Maitland Place, spoke about quality of life within the City and that he is happy that meetings will now be filmed. He noted that PILOTs should be funding more beneficial incentives to the City. Mr. Calandriello also spoke about the City's COAH program and loan opportunities for improvements.

Jesus Rodriguez, Midland Avenue, congratulated those that won the recent municipal election in November and thanked those for their service that will be leaving the council. He thanked the Mayor & Council for tabling & defeating the redevelopment ordinances. Mr. Rodriguez raised several concerns related to the transfer station which is located off of Midland Avenue on Atlantic Street. He requested that the Mayor & Council look into possibilities of having the transfer station relocated out of the City. Mr. Rodriguez ended by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Danielle Marcella, Krakow Street, stated that when something of a large magnitude is on the table it is important for the public to know what it brings to the table, what benefits it offers, etc. as it could lead to inferences being made and it being diluted. She thanked those outgoing councilmembers for their service.

David Scott, Herman Place, thanked the outgoing council for their service and wished the incoming council good luck. He noted that he looks forward to collaborating with everyone and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Prior to his early departure, Mayor Rigoglioso apologized for having to leave the meeting early. He thanked the City Manager and his council colleagues for their hard work over the last four years. Mayor Rigoglioso noted that he is a lifelong resident that cares for the City and although things may have gotten contentious, he hopes to work together with the incoming council. He congratulated them and thanked everyone for attending the meeting & wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

Councilman Maslag noted that he is proud of the City of Garfield and has been a lifelong resident. He said that as it is his last meeting he is happy to see people in attendance and hopes that it carries over into the New Year with the new council. Councilman Maslag noted that it is important to be engaged and is excited for what is to come & hopes to stay involved. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

Councilman Herrera addressed Mr. Garnto's concern about his departure of the December 10, 2024 Work Session as he was under the impression that the meeting concluded. He thanked God for the opportunity to serve on the Council as well as his family, fellow councilmembers, and City Manager. Councilman Herrera congratulated the newcomers and wished them the best.

Councilwoman Banch thanked everyone for their support. She noted that she joined the Council when many things were already in motion and based her vote on what she felt was best. Councilwoman Banch said that she acknowledges that the election did not turn out how they wished but that she is proud of the work her team put in and of the growth throughout the City. She stated that perhaps education on topics throughout the City is needed, such as redevelopment, as she personally does not want to look at eye sores or vacant lots. Councilwoman Banch pointed out that there were times that she voted no on certain redevelopment projects. She said that while she is upset that she will no longer serve on the council she has faith the new council will work together as there is still a lot of work to do throughout the City. Councilwoman Banch concluded by thanking her team and the City Manager.

Deputy Mayor Delaney addressed the redevelopment project at the Kalama site. He suggested that perhaps the City can reach out to the County to name the new pantry after Mr. Rienzi's mother. Deputy Mayor Delaney then went on to speak about the election result and noted that perhaps it is time to take a step back on redevelopment and listen to residential concerns. However, he noted that it is important for the incoming council to learn about the pros and cons of redevelopment. Deputy Mayor Delaney reflected on the last four years and pointed out that the council made major investments to the City's infrastructure and received the most grants in the City's history. He concluded by inviting everyone to the Re-Organization meeting on January 1st and thanked his colleagues for a job well done. Deputy Mayor thanked the public for coming, advised that he looks forward to working with the new council, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday & New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Banch and seconded by Councilman Maslag 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 30, 2024 Regular meeting of the Mayor & Council.