

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 1, 2025
3:00P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Re-organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield was called to order on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 3:03PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey.

City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney offered welcoming remarks.

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 a special meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on December 16, 2024 and published on December 19, 2024.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

4. INVOCATION BY FATHER SIFFREDUS OF OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN:

Father Siffredus of Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church conducted the invocation.

5. CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS:

City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney read aloud the Certification of the November 5, 2024 Municipal Election results.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OFFICIAL OATH TO COUNCILMEMBERS-ELECT:

Councilmember-Elect Richard Rigoglioso was called forward and former Mayor Joseph P. Delaney III administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield.

Councilmember-Elect Everett E. Garnto Jr. was called forward and the Hon. Judge Giuseppe C. Randazzo administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield.

Councilmember-Elect Gaetana M. Raymond was called forward and the Hon. Judge Bonnie Mizdol administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield.

Councilmember-Elect Kevin Kane Jr. was called forward and the Hon. Judge Bonnie Mizdol administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield.

Councilmember-Elect Joseph P. Delaney III was called forward and City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney administered the Official Oath of Councilmember of the City of Garfield.

7. ROLL CALL:

On Roll Call present members were: Councilmembers Rigoglioso, Garnto, Raymond, Kane, and Delaney. Also present was City Manager/City Clerk Delaney.

8. SELECTION OF MAYOR BY WRITTEN BALLOT:

The vote for selection of Mayor was held pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:81-7 which states that the Mayor shall be chosen by ballot by majority vote of all members of the City Council. To become Mayor, one Councilmember needs to attain at least three affirmative votes. Ballots marked ABSTAIN do not count as an affirmative vote. Councilmembers may vote for themselves.

City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney handed each Councilmember preprinted ballots, on which the Councilmembers marked their choices for Mayor and on which they signed their names. City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney collected the ballots and announced the votes as follows:

- Councilmember Rigoglioso casted their ballot for Everett E. Garnto, Jr.
- Councilmember Garnto casted their ballot for Everett E. Garnto, Jr.
- Councilmember Raymond casted their ballot for Everett E. Garnto, Jr.
- Councilmember Kane casted their ballot for Everett E. Garnto, Jr.
- Councilmember Delaney casted their ballot for Everett E. Garnto, Jr.

Mayor-Elect Everett E. Garnto Jr. was called forward and the Hon. Judge Giuseppe C. Randazzo administered the Official Oath of Mayor of the City of Garfield.

9. RESOLUTIONS:

- R-01-25 Establishing Order of Roll Call
- R-02-25 Selection of Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Gaetana M. Raymond was called forward and the Hon. Judge Bonnie Mizdol administered the Official Oath of Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield.

Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane Jr. was called forward and the Hon. Judge Bonnie Mizdol administered the Official Oath of Deputy Mayor of the City of Garfield.

- R-03-25 Selection of Council Representative to the Redevelopment Agency
- R-04-25 Selection of Council Representative to the Planning Board
- R-05-25 Appointment of City Manager

City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney was called forward and former Mayor Joseph P. Delaney II administered the Official Oath of City Manager of the City of Garfield.

City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney acknowledged the dignitaries in the audience and presented a floral arrangement to Deputy Mayor Raymond on behalf of her family.

10. BENEDICTION BY PASTOR JOHN CZUBKOWSKI OF PRAISE CHURCH:

Pastor John Czubkowski of Praise Church conducted the benediction.

11. CONSENT AGENDA:

- R-06-25 Open Public Meetings Act
- R-07-25 Declaration of Official Newspapers
- R-08-25 Annual Notice of Public Meeting Calendar

R-09-25	Designation of Official Depositories
R-10-25	Cash Management Plan
R-11-25	Affirming the City of Garfield’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public That Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
R-12-25	2025 Temporary Budget Appropriations
R-13-25	2025 Water Utility Operating Fund Temporary Budget Appropriations
R-14-25	Establishing Petty Cash Funds
R-15-25	Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)
R-16-25	Appoint Fund Commissioner and Alternate
R-17-25	Appointing Certain Professional Appointments Pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law
R-18-25	Resolution Regarding Municipal Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force Interlocal Service Agreement
R-19-25	Approving to Fix the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments
R-20-25	Authorizing Third-Party Payroll Services
R-21-25	Approving Authority to Award Windowing Contracts Between \$17,500 to \$44,000 to the Qualified Purchasing Agent
R-22-25	Appointment of Library Board of Trustees Member
R-23-25	Appointment of Garfield Redevelopment Agency Commissioner
R-24-25	Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Member
R-25-25	Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate Member
R-26-25	Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate Member
R-27-25	Approving 2025 Cannabis Licenses
R-28-25	Authorizing the CFO to Transmit Redemption and Premium Sums to the Purchaser of a Tax Sale Certificate Upon Redemption
R-29-25	Commending Ex-Chief Andreano on 50 Years of Active Service
R-30-25	Authorizing the City to Recognize Glenn Mati as Honorary Chief for 50 Years of Dedicated Service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department
R-31-25	Commending Honorary Chief Glenn Mati on 50 Years of Active Service
R-32-25	Appointing Deputy Mayor Gaetana “Tana” M. Raymond as Mayoral Advisor
R-33-25	Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Raymond inquired about the GARF account located within the City’s Finance Department.

12. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney, on behalf of Mayor Everett E. Garnto Jr. read aloud the following Mayoral appointments:

- James Kovacs, Jr. – Planning Board Class II Member – 4-year term
- Constantino Conte – Planning Board Member – 4-year term
- John Tamweber – Planning Board Member – 4-year term
- Gerald Walis – Planning Board Alternate – 2-year term

13. PUBLIC HEARING:

14. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-01-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMEMBER RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND**

ESTABLISHING ORDER OF ROLL CALL

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the order of roll call of said Council shall be as follows:

1. Richard Rigoglioso
2. Joseph P. Delaney III
3. Kevin Kane Jr.
4. Gaetana "Tana" Raymond
5. Everett E. Garnto Jr.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-02-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMEMBER RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY**

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield wishes to elect Councilmembers to act as Deputy Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayors shall serve according to State Law and City Ordinance in the absence of the Mayor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Gaetana M. Raymond and Kevin Kane Jr. be and are hereby appointed as Deputy Mayors of the City of Garfield through December 31, 2028.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-03-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMEMBER DELANEY
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER RIGOGLIOSO**

**SELECTION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY**

WHEREAS, Councilman Joseph Delaney, was previously appointed to the Redevelopment Agency for a term ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said term of office has expired and it is the pleasure of the Mayor and Council to appoint Mayor Everett E. Garnto Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Mayor Everett E. Garnto Jr. be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Redevelopment Agency, for a one-year term, term ending December 31, 2025.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-04-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMEMBER RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND**

SELECTION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, former Councilman Romi Herrera, was appointed to the Planning Board as a Class III Member for a term ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said term of office has expired and it is the pleasure of the Mayor and Council to appoint Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane Jr. be and is hereby appointed as a Class III Member of the Planning Board, for a one-year term, term ending December 31, 2025.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-05-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMEMBER RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND**

APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, Erin Nora Delaney has served the City of Garfield in the capacity as City Manager since July 14, 2021 and has done so in a professional manner and has clearly demonstrated that her continued service is in the best interests of the City of Garfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Erin Nora Delaney be and is hereby reappointed to the position of City Manager for the City of Garfield to commence for a term of one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing until January 1, 2026;
2. The annual salary for this position shall be as set forth in Ms. Delaney's contract and reflected in the appropriate Salary Ordinance adopted by the City Council;
3. The City and Erin Nora Delaney shall be required to execute a contract which outlines all of the duties and obligations of this position and shall also specifically describe all entitlements, financial and otherwise. The agreement provides for the extent of terminal leave, vacation days, personal days and other benefits which are paid upon her retirement from this position;
4. The duties of the City Manager shall be those which are set forth and described in N.J.S.A. 40:82-4 as well as the Code of the City of Garfield and shall include the following:
 - a. Be the Chief Executive and Administrative Official of the municipality;
 - b. Compile and submit to the Municipal Council the tentative annual budget;
 - c. Execute all laws and ordinances of the municipality;
 - d. Appoint and remove all department heads and all other officers, subordinates, and assistants for whose selection or removal no other method is provided in this subtitle, supervise and control her appointees, and report all appointments or removals at the next meeting thereafter of the municipal council;
 - e. Negotiate contracts for the municipality subject to the approval of the Municipal Council, make recommendations concerning the nature and location of municipal improvements, and execute municipal improvements as determined by the municipal council;
 - f. See that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the municipality or its inhabitants in any statute, public utility franchise or other contracts are faithfully kept and performed, and upon knowledge of any violation, call the same to the attention of the municipal council;
 - g. Attend all meeting of the Municipal Council with the right to take part in the discussions, but without the right to vote;
 - h. Recommend to the Municipal Council for adoption such measures as she may deem necessary or expedient, and make reports to the Council as requested by it, and at least once a year, make an annual report of his work for the benefit of the Council and the public;

- i. Investigate at any time, the affairs of any officer or department of the municipality;
- j. Perform such other duties as may be required of the Municipal Manager by ordinance or resolution of the Municipal Council;
- k. All those duties and responsibilities set forth in Section 49-1 et seq. of the Code of the City of Garfield.

5. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Contract with the City Manager, Erin Nora Delaney.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

 Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney			X	
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

 Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-06-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, was approved on October 21, 1975 to become effective on January 19, 1976; and

WHEREAS, said law requires the fixing of regular meetings of the Governing Body of the City of Garfield for the calendar year 2025 and the giving of adequate notice thereof to the public and to the press; and

WHEREAS, Section 14 of said law provides that any person may request that the Governing Body mail to him or her copies of any regular meeting schedule or revisions thereof and written advance notice of at least forty-eight (48) hours of the agenda (to the extent known) and the time, date and location of any regular, special or re-scheduled meeting upon prepayment of a reasonable sum as may be fixed by resolution of the Governing Body to cover the cost of providing such notice;

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

1. The Regular Public Meetings and/or Executive Meetings of the Governing Body of the City of Garfield for the calendar year 2025 shall be held, generally, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of legal holidays and during the summer schedule. Formal action will be taken.
2. The Regular Scheduled Work Sessions and/or Executive Meetings of the Governing Body for the calendar year 2025 shall be held, generally, on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of legal holidays and during the summer schedule. Formal action may be taken at said work session meetings.
3. All the meetings regularly scheduled, as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, shall be held in the Municipal Building of the City of Garfield, New Jersey.
4. All persons who request that the Governing Body mail copies of this meeting schedule, and any revisions thereto, and any written forty-eight (48) hour advance notice of the agenda to the extent known, and the time, date and location of any regular, special or re-scheduled meeting, shall be mailed such notices upon prepayment by such persons of the sum of \$15.00 to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall further prepare a list of such persons and shall mail the requested notices in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
5. All persons who request copies of minutes of any of said meeting shall receive such copies upon payment to the City Clerk in the amount of .05 cents for letter sized paper and .07 cents for legal sized paper.
6. The Record and Herald News of Woodland Park, NJ are hereby designated as the newspapers which shall receive all notices required to be sent pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.
7. The Schedule of Business for meetings and actions shall be as follows:
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Flag Salute
 - C. Approval of minutes
 - D. Proclamations
 - E. Special reports, presentations, or public hearings to be called in order of appointment

- F. Special resolutions
 - G. Introduction and passage of ordinances
 - H. Consent Agenda
 - I. Public Hearing (Open to the public allowing a 5-minute time frame)
 - J. Mayor & Council comments
 - K. Adjournment
8. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded, forthwith, to the newspapers aforesaid by the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall file a copy thereof in her office and shall post the same in a public place reserved for such announcements within the municipality.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

 Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

 Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-07-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

DECLARATION OF OFFICAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the North Jersey Media Group, The Record and Herald News of Woodland Park, be adopted as the official newspapers for the City of Garfield for the year 2025 and hereby directs all ordinances, legal advertisements, etc. to be published therein.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-08-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, C. 231, the City Council of the City of Garfield must set forth in an Annual Notice a schedule of its meetings for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, formal action by the Governing Body may be taken at any and all meetings advertised below for the calendar year 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Mayor and Council shall meet during the year 2025 in the Council Chambers for its Regular Public Meetings (with the exception of combined meetings which will be held in the second floor Conference Room) and in the second floor Conference Room for Work Meetings in the Municipal Building, located at 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ in accordance with the following schedule:

Work Meetings – 6:00PM

January 21* (Third Tuesday)
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 22* (Fourth Tuesday)
August 19* (Third Tuesday)
September 9
October 14
November 10* (Second Monday)
December 9

Public Meetings – 6:00PM

January 21* (Third Tuesday)
February 25
March 25
April 22
May 20 (Third Tuesday)
June 24
July 22* (Fourth Tuesday)
August 19* (Third Tuesday)
September 23
October 28
November 10* (Second Monday)
December 23

*Regular Meeting to begin at 5:00PM, with Work Session to begin at 5:30PM (or immediately following the 5:00PM Regular Meeting, whichever is sooner).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Annual Notice be filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk, be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, be transmitted to the The Record and Herald News of Woodland Park and be legally advertised as required by law.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-09-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the following shall be the depositories for the City of Garfield and that the custodian shall be Nicholas Prochilo Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Spencer Savings, TD Bank, Valley National, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Kearny Bank, Santander Bank, Columbia Savings, Passaic Valley Water Commission, New Jersey Cash Management Program, Blue Foundry, Treasury Direct and any additional banking depository licensed to do business in New Jersey based on the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer be, and the same are designated as official depositories for investment purposes of all funds for the City of Garfield for the year 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all disbursements shall be made by checks signed by Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor; Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer and Erin Delaney, City Manager/City Clerk.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-10-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the following Cash Management Plan as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer, be and the same is hereby approved.

Objective

The purpose of the Cash Management Plan (“the Plan”) is to provide the City of Garfield (“the City”) with maximized current interest income earning that is consistent with providing liquidity and the preservation of principal. This plan is in compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, which regulates investments by county and local government units and is administered by the NJ Division of Local Government services.

The plan establishes the policies and administrative framework regarding cash flow budgeting, investments and financial institutions including banks and joint government investment programs as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.a and P.L. 1997, Chapter 148 enacted June 30, 1997.

Accounts to be Covered

The Mayor, City Manager, and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized as check signers for the accounts listed below for the City of Garfield. This Plan is intended to cover the deposits in the following governmental fund types and accounts:

Current Account
Grant Accounts
Trust Accounts
General Capital Accounts
Water Operating Account
Water Capital Accounts
Sewer Account
Animal Control Account
Unemployment Account
Developer’s Escrow Account
Net Payroll & Payroll Agency Accounts
Police ICE & ICE NCF Accounts
Affordable Housing/COAH Accounts
Court Fines & Bail Accounts

Authorized Investments

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United State of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;

(4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;

(5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;

(6) Local government investment pools;

(7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P. L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or

(8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:

(a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;

(b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;

(c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;

(d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P. L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms, “government money market mutual fund” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

(a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.

(b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and

(c) which has:

(i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or

(ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisors Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec.80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

(a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;

(b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

(c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities.

(d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments,

(e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of

interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and

f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

Any official involved in the designation of depositories or in the authorizations for investments as permitted pursuant to section 8 of P.L. 1977, c.396 (C:40A:5-15,1), or any combination of the preceding, or the selection of an entity seeking to sell an investment to the local unit who has a material business or personal relationship with that organization shall disclose that relationship to the governing body of the local unit and to the Local Finance Board or a county or a municipal ethics board, as appropriate.

Cash Flow Budgeting

The Plan acknowledges that an accurate cash flow budget is prerequisite to the effective management and utilization of the City's cash balances.

Prior to the beginning of each budget year the City Treasurer/CFO shall prepare a monthly projection of all anticipated receipts and disbursements for the major operating accounts of the City of Garfield for the coming year.

The information derived from the cash flow projections will be utilized by the Treasurer/CFO in designating an investment strategy that is consistent with the projections.

The anticipated cash requirements as evidenced by the projections when considered in conjunction with current and projected market trends for interest rates shall be used to construct an appropriate investment portfolio matrix. The portfolio shall be at all times cognizant of cash needs and market conditions as evidenced by the yield curve of eligible investment instruments.

In all cases of relationship with financial institutions, the Treasurer/CFO shall be aware, through the utilization of an external rating source, that the total amount of funds on deposit or invested with any single institution will be in accordance with parameters adopted annually to establish limits for deposit concentration among designated depositories.

The City reserves the right to reject quotations and withhold deposits from any institutions deemed by the Treasurer/CFO, based on data from the rating service, to be a financial risk.

Banking Relationships

The City acknowledges that banking relationships help the foundations upon which an effective and efficient cash management program is constructed.

Relationships that involve the provision of specialized or customized services that the City deems essential should be evidenced in writing and should include information regarding fees and charges as well as methodology used to compensate the bank providing these services.

As required to implement the Plan, the City Treasurer/CFO is authorized to establish account relationships with designated depositories on the Treasurers/CFO's signature in accordance with the City's Administrative code to securely, efficiently, and expeditiously move fund amounts to the depositories accordingly, of certain employees that should be authorized to affect transfers between accounts and to affect investment on behalf of the City. Any Bank providing documentation of qualification under the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act and having an office in the City of Garfield shall be designated depository for the City Funds. However, the decision as to which bank shall receive those funds and in what concentration shall be made in accordance with guidelines adopted by the City based on information supplied by the external rating agency service utilized by the City to insure maximum safety of those funds.

To assure that the City is receiving fair and competitive value from its relationships, the City Treasurer/CFO will undertake, at least annually, a review and analysis of relationships. The review shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of balances, fees, and charges, services provided, earnings credited and interest rates paid or allowed on accounts maintained by the City. Further, the City Treasurer/CFO shall examine at least twice a year the services offered and the charges and rates available for the provision thereof in the banking community to insure a competitive atmosphere for the acquisition of the state-of-the-art services for the City.

Reports

Annually, or at the discretion of the council, with concurrence with the Treasurer/CFO, shall prepare a report for the Governing Body which shall include a summary of all investment activity as well as a compilation of deposits by depository and account number. The report shall include all new accounts established, if any.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

 Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

 Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-11-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AFFIRMING THE CITY OF GARFIELD'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT
TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES,
VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND
VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Garfield to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield has determined that certain procedures need to be established in order to accomplish this policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the City of Garfield by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the City of Garfield shall engage, either directly or indirectly, in any act, including the failure to act, that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee, volunteer or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the City's business or using the facilities or property of the City.

Section 2. The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to, any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the City to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the City.

Section 3. Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4. The City Manager shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5. No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6. The City Manager shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the City as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7. The City Manager shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report the results of the monitoring at least annually to the Mayor and Council.

Section 8. At least annually, the City Manager shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the City. This communication shall include a statement from the Mayor and Council expressing the unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the City of Garfield's web site.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the City in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the City's commitment to implementation and enforcement of this policy.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-12-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Garfield for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution is prior to the 30th day of January 2025; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 Municipal Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund, and public assistance is in the sum of \$10,867,207.60;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Temporary Appropriations Amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
See Attached Worksheets		
Total Temporary Budget Amendment:		<u>\$10,867,207.60</u>
<u>Debt Service Payments:</u>		
Bond Principal	5-01-45-920-000-	\$ 100,000.00
Note Principal	5-01-45-925-000-	\$ 1,050,000.00
Bond Interest	5-01-45-930-000-	\$ 960,000.00
Note Interest	5-01-45-935-000-	\$ 500,760.00
Green Acres Loan 2007	5-01-45-937-000-	\$ 26,274.00
Green Acres Loan 2018	5-01-45-939-000-	\$ 24,874.00
Green Acres Laon 2022	5-01-45-940-000-	\$ 2,486.00
Capital Improvement Fund	5-01-44-901-901-	\$ 100,000.00
Total Debt Service and Capital Improvement for the City:		<u>\$ 3,954,972.00</u>
Total Temporary Budget and Debt Service/Capital Improvement:		<u>\$46,072,520.09</u>

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

January 1, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

City of Garfield					
Temporary Budget Worksheet - 2025 Current Fund Operations					
			Temporary Budget		
Account Description	FCO A	Account Number	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses	Total
Admin/City Manager	20-100	5-01-20-100-100-	50,000.00	28,000.00	78,000.00
Historical Society	20-100	5-01-20-100-100-		250.00	250.00
Mayor & Council	20-110	5-01-20-110-110-	14,000.00		14,000.00
City Clerk	20-120	5-01-20-120-120-	85,000.00	12,000.00	97,000.00
FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	20-130	5-01-20-130-130-	80,000.00	12,000.00	92,000.00
AUDIT SERVICES	20-135	5-01-20-135-135-		60,000.00	60,000.00
IT SERVICES	20-140	5-01-20-140-140-		40,000.00	40,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR	20-145	5-01-20-145-145-	46,000.00	25,000.00	71,000.00
TAX ASSESSMENT	20-150	5-01-20-150-150-	36,000.00	14,437.50	50,437.50
Reserve for Tax Appeals	20-150	5-01-20-150-151-		17,062.50	17,062.50
ATTORNEY/LEGAL SERVICES	20-155	5-01-20-155-155-		57,000.00	57,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	20-165	5-01-20-165-165-		19,000.00	19,000.00
PLANNING BOARD	21-180	5-01-21-180-180-	4,000.00	3,500.00	7,500.00
ZONING BOARD	21-185	5-01-21-185-185-	4,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
UCC ENFORCEMENT/BUILDING DEPT.	22-195	5-01-22-195-195-	77,000.00	45,000.00	122,000.00
HOUSING INSPECTION/PROPERTY MAINT.	22-200	5-01-22-200-200-	50,000.00	8,000.00	58,000.00
OTHER INSURANCE PREMIUMS	23-210	5-01-23-210-210-		400,000.00	400,000.00
DISABILITY	23-215	5-01-23-215-215-		10,000.00	10,000.00
HEALTH BENEFIT WAIVER	23-221	5-01-23-221-221-		75,000.00	75,000.00
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	23-225	5-01-23-225-225-		1,730,078.60	1,730,078.60
POLICE DEPARTMENT	25-240	5-01-25-240-240-	3,000,000.00	175,000.00	3,175,000.00
PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	25-241	5-01-25-241-241-		80,000.00	80,000.00
TRAFFIC DIVISION - POLICE	25-242	5-01-25-242-242-		10,500.00	10,500.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	25-252	5-01-25-252-252-	3,000.00	8,600.00	11,600.00

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	25-255	5-01-25-255-255-		140,000.00	140,000.00
L.O.S.A.P.	25-256	5-01-25-256-256-		20,000.00	20,000.00
FIRE SAFETY/INSPECTION	25-265	5-01-25-265-265-	88,800.00	4,500.00	93,300.00
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE	25-275	5-01-25-275-275-	17,000.00		17,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	26-290	5-01-26-290-290-	504,250.00	87,000.00	591,250.00
STORM RECOVERY	26-301	5-01-26-301-301-		10,000.00	10,000.00
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	26-305	5-01-26-305-305-		860,000.00	860,000.00
RECYCLING	26-306	5-01-26-306-306-		20,000.00	20,000.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	26-310	5-01-26-310-310-		50,000.00	50,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	27-330	5-01-27-330-330-	47,000.00	8,500.00	55,500.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	28-370	5-01-28-370-370-	145,000.00	65,000.00	210,000.00
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	29-390	5-01-29-390-390-		313,000.00	313,000.00
PAYROLL SERVICES	30-412	5-01-30-412-412-		20,000.00	20,000.00
ACCUMULATED ABSENCE	30-415	5-01-30-415-415-		50,000.00	50,000.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS	30-420	5-01-30-420-420-		8,000.00	8,000.00
TAX MAPS	30-425	5-01-30-425-425-		33,600.00	33,600.00
ELECTRICITY	31-430	5-01-31-430-430-		84,000.00	84,000.00
STREET LIGHTING	31-435	5-01-31-435-435-		98,000.00	98,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS	31-441	5-01-31-441-441-		147,000.00	147,000.00
PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COMMISSION	31-455	5-01-31-455-455-		512,000.00	512,000.00
GASOLINE	31-460	5-01-31-460-460-		71,000.00	71,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	36-472	5-01-36-472-472-		150,000.00	150,000.00
DCRP	36-478	5-01-36-478-478-		7,000.00	7,000.00
DISPATCH SHARED SERVICE	42-241	5-01-42-241-241-		150,000.00	150,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL SHARED SERVICE	42-330	5-01-42-330-330-		16,000.00	16,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH OFF. - CH329 CONT	42-331	5-01-42-331-331-		25,000.00	25,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	43-490	5-01-43-490-490-	101,000.00	11,300.00	112,300.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER	43-495	5-01-43-495-495-	829.00		829.00
RESERVE FOR CITY HALL	44-901	5-01-44-901-901-001		10,000.00	10,000.00

RESERVE FOR FIREHOUSES	44-901	5-01-44-901-901-003		5,000.00	5,000.00
RESERVE FOR RECREATION BUILDING	44-901	5-01-44-901-901-004		30,000.00	30,000.00
RESERVE FOR DPW BUILDING	44-901	5-01-44-901-901-005		15,000.00	15,000.00
RESERVE FOR POLICE BUILDING	44-901	5-01-44-901-901-006		5,000.00	5,000.00
RESERVE FOR POLICE AND MUNICIPAL VEHICLES	44-902	5-01-44-902-902-006		10,000.00	10,000.00
RESERVE FOR SEWER	44-905	5-01-44-905-905-000		50,000.00	50,000.00
RESERVE FOR PARKS, FIELDS, COURTS	44-906	5-01-44-906-906-001		30,000.00	30,000.00
RESERVE FOR ENGINEERING FEES	44-906	5-01-44-906-906-002		20,000.00	20,000.00
EMERGENCY APPROP COVID	46-873	5-01-46-873-000-		125,000.00	125,000.00
Reserved for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	5-01-50-899-000-		420,000.00	420,000.00
Total 2025 Temporary Budget Appropriations			4,352,879.00	6,514,328.60	10,867,207.60
Capital Improvement Fund	44-901	5-01-44-901-901-		100,000.00	100,000.00
Bond Principal	45-920	5-01-45-920-000-		1,050,000.00	1,050,000.00
Note Principal	45-925	5-01-45-925-000-		1,290,578.00	1,290,578.00
Bond Interest	45-930	5-01-45-930-000-		960,000.00	960,000.00
Note Interest	45-935	5-01-45-935-000-		500,760.00	500,760.00
Green Acres Loan 2007 Passaic Rvr Pk (2)	45-937	5-01-45-937-000-		26,274.00	26,274.00
Green Acres Loan 2018 20th Century Field	45-939	5-01-45-939-000-		24,874.00	24,874.00
Green Acres Loan 2022 20th Century Field	45-940	5-01-45-940-000-		2,486.00	2,486.00
Total 2025 Debt Service + Capital Improvement Fund			-	3,954,972.00	3,954,972.00
Total Temporary Budget + Debt Service/Capital Improvement Fund			4,352,879.00	10,469,300.60	14,822,179.60

<u>Temporary Budget Calculation</u>					
2024 Adopted Municipal Budget Appropriations					46,072,520.09
Less:					
Debt Service					(4,463,634.00)
Public Assistance					-
Capital Improvement Fund					(210,000.00)
Net Amount					41,398,886.09
					x 26.25%
Max Temporary Appropriations					10,867,207.60

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-13-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**2025 WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND TEMPORARY BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Garfield Water Utility Operating Fund for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution is prior to the 30th day of January 2025; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 Water Utility Operating Fund Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund, and public assistance is in the sum of \$816,112.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Temporary Appropriations Amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2024 Water Utility Operating Fund Budget as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
See Attached Worksheet		
Total Temporary Budget Amendment:		<u>\$816,112.50</u>

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

January 1, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

City of Garfield					
Temporary Budget Worksheet - 2025 Water Utility Operations					
			Temporary Budget		
Account Description	FCO A	Account Number	Salaries & Wages	Other Expenses	Total
Salaries & Wages	55- 501	5-05-55-501- 501-	77,000. 00		77,000.00
Other Expenses	55- 502	5-05-55-502- 502-		360,000.0 0	360,000.0 0
EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	55- 503	5-05-55-503- 503-		30,000.00	30,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	55- 504	5-05-55-504- 504-		8,000.00	8,000.00
Reserve for Water Lines	55- 506	5-05-55-506- 506-		25,000.00	25,000.00
Reserve for Wells	55- 506	5-05-55-506- 506-		10,000.00	10,000.00
Reserve for Water Improvements	55- 506	5-05-55-506- 506-		15,000.00	15,000.00
Reserve for Engineering Fees	55- 506	5-05-55-506- 506-		10,000.00	10,000.00
Reserve for Water Filters	55- 506	5-05-55-506- 506-		5,000.00	5,000.00
Surplus	55- 545	5-05-55-545- 545-		276,112.5 0	276,112.5 0
Total 2025 Temporary Budget Appropriations			77,000. 00	739,112.5 0	816,112.5 0
Capital Improvement Fund	55- 506	5-05-55-506- 506-		15,000.00	15,000.00
Bond Principal	45- 920	5-05-55-520- 520-		435,000.0 0	435,000.0 0
Note Principal	45- 925	5-05-55-521- 521-		1,365,450. 00	1,365,450. 00
Bond Interest	45- 930	5-05-55-522- 522-		54,500.00	54,500.00
Note Interest	45- 935	5-05-55-523- 523-		215,275.0 0	215,275.0 0
Total 2025 Debt Service + Capital Improvement Fund			-	2,085,225. 00	2,085,225. 00
Total Temporary Budget + Debt Service/Capital Improvement Fund			77,000. 00	2,824,337. 50	2,901,337. 50

<i>Temporary Budget Calculation</i>					
2024 Adopted Municipal Budget Appropriations					5,169,850.00
Less:					
Debt Service					(2,025,850.00)
Public Assistance					-
Capital Improvement Fund					(35,000.00)
Net Amount					3,109,000.00
					x 26.25%
Max Temporary Appropriations					816,112.50

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-14-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in the City of Garfield, County of Bergen by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen to establish such a fund for the following departments:

Office	Amount	Assigned Custodian
Police Department	100.00	Joseph P. Delaney IV
Recreation Dept.	200.00	Veronica Potenza
Fire Department	200.00	Michael Colon
City Clerk	100.00	Erin Delaney
Tax Collector	50.00	Barbara Smilowski
Health Department	100.00	Justina Tyburski

; and

WHEREAS, said custodians are bonded under the blanket policy for the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval of said fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon said approval authorization will be given for the issuance of a check to fund the custodian in the amount set forth in the application.

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

January 1, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-15-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney, be and is hereby designated Public Agency Compliance Officer for the year 2025 for the City of Garfield.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-16-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINT FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is a member of the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, as a member in this fund, the City of Garfield must appoint a Fund Commissioner and an Alternate to represent the City on all matters before the Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney is hereby appointed as J.I.F. Fund Commissioner and Sam Garofalo, DPW Superintendent, be and is hereby appointed as Alternate J.I.F. Fund Commissioner for the City of Garfield of the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund for the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this approved Resolution to the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund and Risk Management Consultant.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-17-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**APPOINTING CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE
NEW JERSEY LOCAL UNIT PAY TO PLAY LAW**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a previously adopted resolution, the qualified evaluation committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of the new Jersey Local Pay to Play Law; and

WHEREAS, a legal notice and statement of criteria for submission of qualifications were prepared and issued by the City which solicited submissions by the various professionals no later than December 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid notice statements of professional qualifications were, in fact submitted; and

WHEREAS, contracts with these professional may be entered into by the City of Garfield without the necessity of competitive bidding since these contracts are professional services which are exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5(1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that:

1. Dieter Lerch of the firm Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP is hereby appointed as City Auditor for the City of Garfield in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to be paid from Audit Services 5-01-20-135-135-000.
2. Steven L. Rogut of the firm Rogut McCarthy, LLC is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the City of Garfield in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be paid from General Capital – Various Ordinances.
3. Robert McNerney of McNerney Appraisal Services Corp. is hereby appointed City Tax Appraiser for the City of Garfield in connection with defending tax appeals in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 to be paid from Other Prof. Consul. & Special 5-01-20-150-150-028.
4. Millennium Strategies is hereby appointed as a Grant Consultant for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$51,600.00 to be paid from Other Contractual – City Manager’s Office 5-01-20-100-100-028.
5. Boswell Engineering is hereby appointed City Engineer for the City of Garfield in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to be paid from 5-01-20-165-165-20 in addition to sums from various accounts and ordinances, with additional compensation to be determined via resolution on an as needed basis.
6. DMR Architects is hereby appointed as a Municipal Architect for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined via resolution on an as needed basis.
7. Neglia Engineering is hereby appointed as a Special Engineer for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined via resolution on an as needed basis.
8. Dan Dressel of Dan Dressel Architect, LLC is hereby appointed as a Municipal Architect for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined via resolution on an as needed basis.

9. DMR Architects is hereby appointed as a Municipal Planner for the City of Garfield with compensation to be determined via resolution on an as needed basis.

10. Richard Malagiere is hereby appointed as a Municipal Attorney for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$73,868.50 to be paid from 5-01-20-155-155-020.

11. Giblin & Gannaio LLC is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel for Tax Appeals for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be paid from 5-01-20-155-155-020.

12. Christopher Nucifora of Kaufman Dolowich is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to be paid from 5-01-20-155-155-020.

13. Weiner Law Group is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.0 to be paid from 5-01-20-155-155-020.

14. Spartech is hereby appointed as IT Consultant for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 to be paid from Misc. Expenses – City Manager’s Office 5-01-20-140-140-020.

15. Acacia Financial Group is hereby appointed as Financial Advisor for the City of Garfield in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 to be paid from General Capital – Various Ordinances.

16. Dr. Donna Koch of Comprehensive Family Care is hereby appointed as Municipal Medical Provider for the City of Garfield in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 to be paid from 5-01-27-330-330-011.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and each appointment is subject to confirmation by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for the purposes.

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

January 1, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-18-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING MUTUAL AID PLAN & RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE
INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officials also have a responsibility to provide for the preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civic unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorder riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, State and National Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies which is adopted in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:14-156, NJSA 40AL14-156.4, and NJSA App. A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the plan submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the Garfield Police Department, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association to create an Interlocal Service Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, the County Sheriff, the County Chief of Police and all Bergen County Municipalities.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-19-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**APPROVING TO FIX THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON
DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500, of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of the Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500, becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000, and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. Effective the first of the year, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments by cash, check or money order.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-20-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY PAYROLL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey adopted rules regarding “Electronic Disbursement Controls for Payroll Purposes” in order to provide authority for local governments to hire third-party payroll services and disbursing services to disburse funds to payroll agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield wishes to permit a third-party service to have access to City funds to payroll agencies; and to formally assign responsibility to an official to oversee the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of the Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The City is authorized to use a payroll service to prepare payment documentation, take possession of City funds, and make such disbursements itself on behalf of the City, as permitted by and in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-17.1 eq seq.
2. Payroll service shall require data collection, agency report preparation, calculation of withholding, direct deposit of payroll disbursements, and/or transfer of City funds for subsequent disbursement of payment; preparation of the necessary payment documentation and execution of disbursements from the City’s bank account on behalf of the City.
3. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby appointed the approval officer and is responsible for authorizing and supervising the activities of the payroll service and shall further be charged with the reconciliation and analysis of the general ledger accounts affected by the activities of the payroll service.
4. If required, the payroll service is permitted to hold City funds pending transmittal to a payee.
5. The payroll service is obligated to report any irregularities that may indicate potential fraud, noncompliance with appropriate laws, dishonesty or gross incompetence on the part of the approval officer, and to report all circumstances that could jeopardize its ability to continue operations or other interrupt the services provided to the City.
6. The payroll service must meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-17:5, requiring the approval officer to be assured that the service has its own internal controls and appropriately guard against theft and other adverse conditions.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-21-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**APPROVING AUTHORITY TO AWARD WINDOWING CONTRACTS BETWEEN
\$17,500 TO \$44,000 TO THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a), the threshold at which contracts as defined pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (“LPCL”), may be subject to competitive bidding if they are in excess of the amount designated by the Governor of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c) permits the Governor of New Jersey to adjust the bid threshold, originally set by statute at \$25,000.00, for the awarding of contracts pursuant to the LPCL with a designated Qualified Purchasing Agent (“QPA”), in an amount proportional to the index rate as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 every five (5) years from the date of the effective date of P.L. 1999, c.440; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to previously issued order of the Governor of New Jersey, the bid threshold for the awarding of contracts pursuant to the LPCL with a designated QPA was increased from \$40,000.00 to \$44,000.00 as of July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of April 15, 2024 Sharon Hoeland was appointed as the City’s part-time QPA and she was granted authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) requires that contracts up to the bid threshold that are required to be bid may be awarded by a QPA, or other employee so designated by the Governing Body by resolution, and such powers may be generally delegated to the QPA; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2023 Chapter 30, allows the QPA to award directly either through a fair and open or an enhanced disclosure method as appropriate such contracts which exceed the limits set forth in P.L. 2004, c 19, s. 3, but do not exceed the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold which was enacted to increase efficiency and adjust for changes in purchasing and business dynamics, and the City further wishes to confirm the statutory general delegation of this purchasing power Sharon Hoeland as the duly-appointed QPA; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2023 Chapter 30 repealed Section 1 of P.L. 2005, c. 271 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted rules and procedures in accordance with the repealed N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to be consistent with law the City now wishes to rescind such policies, forms and procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, as follows

1. That the City Council, as the Governing Body of the City, hereby maintains its bid threshold as \$44,000.00.
2. Sharon Hoeland shall be and is hereby confirmed as the City's QPA and, as such, she shall be and is hereby authorized to exercise the contracting powers granted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, including to prepare, sign, and execute such documents as needed for the purposes of such an award.

3. All provisions of the City’s rules and procedures previously adopted by the City in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 shall be and are hereby rescinded in their entirety.
4. The formal action(s) of the City Council of City of Garfield embodied herein are expressly contingent upon and subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-14(b).

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

 Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

 Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-22-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the appointment of:

Paola Lebowitz

to the Library Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2025 for a five-year term, expiring December 31, 2029, be and is hereby confirmed.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-23-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINTMENT OF GARFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COMMISSIONER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the appointment of:

Francis Calandriello

to the Garfield Redevelopment Agency for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029 be and is hereby confirmed.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-24-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the appointment of:

Paul Houlis

to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028 be and is hereby confirmed.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-25-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the appointment of:

Danielle Marcello

to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate #3 for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026 be and is hereby confirmed.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-26-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the appointment of:

John Czujko

to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate #4 for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026 be and is hereby confirmed.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-27-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING 2025 CANNABIS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted their application for a cannabis license for the year 2025;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
Yuma Way NJ LLC	517 River Drive	ATC	January 1, 2025
Yuma Way NJ LLC	517 River Drive	Class 5 Retail	January 1, 2025

WHEREAS, it is certified that they have conformed with provisions of Ch. 100, Cannabis, adopted 7-20-2021 by Ord. No. 2890, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue licenses to the above-named applicants, effective on the date for issuance/approval listed above.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-28-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO TRANSMIT REDEMPTION AND PREMIUM SUMS TO
THE PURCHASER OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE UPON REDEMPTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-58, the Governing Body or other officer of the municipality may act to authorize the redemption of tax sale certificates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield’s Tax Collector has recommended that a resolution be adopted changing the City’s policy that the Governing Body authorizes the redemption of tax sale certificates; and

WHEREAS, permitting the redemption of tax sale certificates to take place internally and without Council approval provides property owners more opportunities to redeem tax sale certificates allowing them to pay with less interest and penalties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of the Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as directed by the City’s Tax Collector, the Chief Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized to transmit redemption and premium sums to the purchaser of a tax sale certificate upon redemption without the necessity of the Governing Body passing a resolution for each individual certificate or a group of certificates.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-29-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

COMMENDING EX-CHIEF ANDREANO ON 50 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE

WHEREAS, Ex-Fire Chief Andreano, is being honored for his 50 years of active service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department with a dinner at the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive in Garfield, on Friday, January 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Andreano's devotion and dedication is extended not only to the Garfield Fire Department but also to his community. He was sworn in as a member of our Fire Department in 1974. Since said time, he moved up in rank within the department. In 1995 he was elected as Chief of the Garfield Fire Department. He has also served as Elected Vice President and Trustee of Fire Company One, President of the Garfield Exempt Firefighters Association and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Garfield Relief Association. Ex-Chief Andreano has also served as a Commissioner on the City of Garfield Redevelopment Agency and is currently serving as the Chairman; and

WHEREAS, aside from being a firefighter, Ex-Chief Andreano served in the United States Army Reserve from December 1972 to March 1994. He was employed by the United States Postal Service in the Northern New Jersey District, retiring as Safety Manager in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Andreano, away from the Fire Department, enjoys going to the Elmwood Park-Paterson Elks Lodge #60. He also enjoys spending time with his wife Kathy, his 3 sons, two daughters in laws, and his three wonderful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of publicly recognizing Ex-Chief Andreano for his decades of dedicated and faithful service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, and for his public-spiritedness which has served to enhance the lives of the citizenry of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Ex-Fire Chief Andreano is hereby publicly commended and honored, with deep and grateful appreciation, for his five decades of distinguished service, during which he has provided a model of commitment and dedication that will serve to inspire and encourage all future firefighters.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-30-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECOGNIZE GLENN MATI AS HONORARY CHIEF
FOR 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE GARFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Glenn Mati was admitted to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mati has held positions of service in the City as Police Captain, Councilmember, Deputy Mayor, and as a member of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, as a Volunteer Fire Fighter he has been actively involved in helping the community and keeping safe the residents of the City of the Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to officially recognize and congratulate Mr. Mati for his work over the course of his distinguished career;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that we wish to thank and commend Glenn Mati for 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Garfield and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City is hereby authorized to bestow upon Glenn Mati the ceremonial title of Honorary Chief of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department in recognition of his service.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-31-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**COMMENDING HONORARY CHIEF GLENN MATI ON 50 YEARS OF ACTIVE
SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Honorary Fire Chief Glenn Mati, is being honored for his 50 years of active service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department with a dinner at the Venetian Restaurant located at 546 River Drive in Garfield, on Friday, January 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Chief Mati's devotion and dedication is extended not only to the Garfield Fire Department but also to his community. He became a Firefighter in 1974 and continues to serve. Since then he has accomplished many amazing rescues and has served in different areas of Fire Company #1. He has also served as a member of the Garfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps., the Garfield Police Department, and he was Commander of the Garfield Police Honor Guard; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Chief Mati, away from the Fire Department, enjoys working as a School Security Specialist, playing golf and riding his motorcycle. He also enjoys the company of his wife Debra and sons, Glenn and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of publicly recognizing Honorary Chief Mati for his decades of dedicated and faithful service to the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, and for his public-spiritedness which has served to enhance the lives of the citizenry of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Honorary Fire Chief Mati is hereby publicly commended and honored, with deep and grateful appreciation, for his five decades of distinguished service, during which he has provided a model of commitment and dedication that will serve to inspire and encourage all future firefighters.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-32-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**APPOINTING DEPUTY MAYOR GAETANA “TANA” M. RAYMOND AS MAYORAL
ADVISOR**

WHEREAS, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield do hereby wish to make an appointment for “Mayor Advisor”, to serve alongside Mayor Everett E. Garnto Jr.; and

WHEREAS, said individual will utilize their experience and guidance to contribute to the Mayor and City’s benefit and success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield do hereby appoint Deputy Mayor Gaetana “Tana” M. Raymond as Mayoral Advisor to run concurrently with her term as Councilmember/Deputy Mayor through December 31, 2028.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-33-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

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-06-25 through R-33-25 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: JANUARY 1, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond	X			
Garnto	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Reorganization Meeting held on the 1st day of January 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for public comment.

Christina Khalil, VanWinkle Avenue, stated that she is proud of Mayor Garnto and Deputy Mayor Raymond & Kane. She presented them with floral arrangements and said that they are an inspiration.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Rigoglioso wished everyone a Happy New Year. He expressed his gratitude to his family, friends, and supporters. Councilman Rigoglioso went on to share that while serving on the Council comes with stress, he is appreciative of the opportunity he had in serving as Mayor and that he looks forward to the future of Garfield as he transitions to Councilman. He thanked his Vision team and Councilman Delaney for his friendship. Councilman Rigoglioso noted that it was the greatest honor to serve as Mayor and that he stands by the decisions that he made, which were not made to be divisive, though not everyone may have agreed with him. He congratulated and welcomed the new council and advised that he will support their vision and hopes that everyone can put any negativity aside and work together. Councilman Rigoglioso said that he feels he has grown, learned, and improved & looks forward to moving the City forward. He wished Mayor Garnto the best and stated that time flies as Mayor.

Councilman Delaney wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that he had the pleasure to serve with Councilman Rigoglioso for 8 years and noted that he has not seen such enthusiasm and commitment, which he also anticipates from Mayor Garnto. Councilman Delaney thanked all of the candidates that took the time to run for election to make Garfield a better place. He thanked his supporters and shared that he is honored and humbled to be able to continue to sit on the council. Councilman Delaney went on to share stories about the City and fellow Councilmembers while noting how much the City has to offer the community. He concluded by thanking his family and announced that Mayor Garnto is the first former Board President to serve as Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Kane thanked his supporters for the opportunity and honor to serve on the council. He also said that it was an honor to run with his running mates. Deputy Mayor Kane went on to share his gratitude for his co-workers that covered his shifts during the election, his running mates, his supporters, and the former council for their time served on the council. He noted that the council will work hard to do their best and that he believes it will be enjoyable. Deputy Mayor Kane concluded by saying "Save Garfield" was not a campaign, but a movement/

Deputy Mayor/Mayor Advisor Raymond said that it is an honor to serve on the council having been a lifelong resident of Garfield, of which she considers her home. She stated that they have been elected to serve the residents and how she encourages resident input. She expressed her gratitude to her son, grandson, and supporters. Deputy Mayor/Mayor Advisor Raymond advised that she did not think she would run for office again but that she was approached by a great team that became family, so she could not say no. She thanked her team for all of their hard work and efforts. Deputy Mayor/Mayor Advisor Raymond said that they have a large bucket list after receiving feedback from residents and that she hopes to accomplish a large portion of it over the next four years. She concluded by saying that she will serve with integrity, dignity and honesty to improve the quality of life for everyone & that she is ready to get to work.

Mayor Garnto expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his girlfriend, family, officers (former brothers and sisters), former councilmembers, and all of those in attendance. He wished the outgoing councilmembers well in their future endeavors and thanked Councilmembers Delaney & Rigoglioso for their kind words. Mayor Garnto thanked his team and said that he intends to work together with the entire council for the betterment of Garfield so that the City moves forward in a positive direction. He shared that he previously served on the Board of Education for seven years & has firsthand knowledge how much serving in an elected position can take out of you, however, he is honored to be elected. Mayor Garnto said that he did not have any intention on running until Deputy Mayor Kane reached out to him. He noted that Deputy Mayor Kane is an up and coming rock star and thanked him for convincing him to run for office. Mayor Garnto thanked his colleagues for selecting him to serve as Mayor. He went on to say that he would like

to reaffirm his commitment of transparency and open dialogue. Mayor Garnto concluded by saying that he plans to lead with integrity and dignity & once again thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kane to adjourn. The motions carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

These meeting minutes were approved at the January 10, 2025 Special Meeting of the Mayor & Council.