

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2025
5:00P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 5:24PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing an annual meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 2, 2025 and published on January 7, 2025.

3. ROLL CALL:

On Roll Call present members were: Councilmembers Rigoglioso, Deputy Mayor Kane, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond*, and Mayor Garnto. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Delaney and City Attorney Richard Malagiere.

**Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond arrived at 5:58PM.*

4. FLAG SALUTE:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kane and seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso to approve the January 10, 2025 Firematic Reorganization & Special Meeting minutes. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

6. PROCLAMATION:

R-38-25 Congratulating the International Academy of Tae Kwon Do Black Belt Recipients

The proclamation was held for approval until the end of the meeting. After the approval of the resolution, the Mayor and Council shared their congratulatory remarks. The students of the International Academy of Tae Kwon Do also put on a short exhibit for the Governing Body.

7. STORMWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY PRESENTATION:

City Manager/City Clerk Delaney gave a brief review of the grant that the City received for technical assistance to have a stormwater feasibility study conducted. Staff members from Ramboll and Kleinfelder gave an introductory presentation on the grant, functions of a stormwater utility, and their progress on the study thus far. It was noted that staff will also attend the February 11, 2025 Work Session meeting to go over the draft study in more detail. Discussion ensued between the Governing Body, City Manager, and assigned staff.

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing.

Stanislaw Serafin, Bergen Street, asked if the stormwater utility is required by the state. He also inquired about the homeowner's cost for a utility.

It was noted that the grant is only funding the production of a study and the Governing Body would then discuss whether or not they wish to establish a stormwater utility as it is not a requirement of the grant to proceed.

8. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

- R-39-25 Introduce Ord. #3055
AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
- R-40-25 Introduce Ord. #3056
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 5 - BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

- R-41-25 Approval of Bills List
- R-42-25 Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 22 to Creamer-Sanzari, A Joint Venture for Construction Services Provided in Connection with River Drive Improvements & Passaic River Bikeway (Phase 2)
- R-43-25 Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 23 (GAR 2024-10) to National Metering Services, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 2
- R-44-25 Approving Progress Payment No. 9 for the Columbus Park Improvements Project
- R-45-25 Approving Refund of Deposit Fees for Building Usage
- R-46-25 Authorizing Approval of Change Order #1 to Conquest Construction, Inc., for Construction Services Provided in Connection with the Prospect Street Improvement Project
- R-47-25 Approving Refund of Food Truck Application Fee
- R-48-25 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Amendment for Prescription Drug Management Services with Benecard Services, LLC for Participation in the Public Employer Benefit Trust (PEBT) to Provide Prescription Drug Benefits to Eligible Active and Retired Employees
- R-49-25 Re-Appointing Fire Department Chaplain
- R-50-25 Approving Handicap Parking Space
- R-51-25 Approving 2025 Cannabis Licenses
- R-52-25 Committing to DCA's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Present Need and Prospective Need Numbers
- R-53-25 Approving Resignation Active Member – Fire Department
- R-54-25 Approving Resignation Active Member – Fire Department
- R-55-25 Approving Resignation Active Member – Fire Department
- R-56-25 Approving Regular Active Member – Fire Department
- R-57-25 Approval of 2025 Towing Licenses
- R-58-25 Approving 2025 Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facility Licenses
- R-59-25 Approving 2025 Vehicle Sales Business Licenses
- R-60-25 Authorizing Payment of Payment Invoice No. GAR 2025-01 (Retainage) to National Metering Services, Inc., for Additional Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program, Phase 2
- R-61-25 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

10. GREEN ACRES GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING:

- R-62-25 Authorizing the Submission of a Green Acres Program Grant – Jake's Playground – Garden Court East Park

11. PUBLIC HEARING:

12. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-38-25**

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

**CONGRATULATING THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TAE KWON DO
BLACK BELT RECIPIENTS**

WHEREAS, the International Academy of Tae Kwon Do, located at 153 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, owned and operated by Master Pascual Pacheco, recently held their Black Belt Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the following students received their Black Belt; Elizaveta Sidorenko, Julian Boaheng, Jerzy Wawrzonek, Maja Michalak, Fany Mejia, Jaymie Magana, Jeremy Ramos, Mihail Todoson, Gabriel Tezgerevski, Joshua Rivera, Maja Wawrzonek and Ramon Rivera; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of publicly acknowledging these fine individuals on their justly deserved awards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the students of the International Tae Kwon Do Academy are hereby Congratulated for receiving this high honor.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-39-25**

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO

SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3055

FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on, February 11, 2025 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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
ORDINANCE NO.: 3055**

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-1 65, the City must set salaries and state all compensation and benefits for non-contractual officers and employees, statutory employees and elected officials not directly subject to duly adopted collective bargaining agreements by separate ordinance; and

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

SECTION 1. The salary, wages, and compensation to be paid the following officers and employees of the City of Garfield, be and the same are hereby established as set forth as Exhibit A attached hereto.

SECTION 2. Longevity.

A. In addition to the foregoing compensation, all full-time officers and employees of the City of Garfield identified in this Ordinance, except for the Chief of Police, Sewer Water Facilities Manager, Assist. Water Supervisor, Assist. Water Superintendent, Superintendent/ Streets and Public Works, Supervisor of Streets and Public Works, Recreation Director, Assist. Municipal Parks Superintendent, hired on or before July 1, 1999 shall be entitled to longevity and compensation in the amount of:

- 4% of base salary for employment of not less than five (5) years through the end of the ninth (9th) year;
- 5% of base salary for employment beginning on the tenth (10th) year through the end of the fifteenth (15th) year;
- 6% of base salary for employment beginning with the sixteenth (16th) year through the end of the nineteenth (19th) year;
- 7% base salary for employment beginning with the twentieth (20th) year and annually thereafter.

Employees identified in this Ordinance hired on or after July 1, 1999 shall not be eligible for longevity compensation.

SECTION 3. Fringe and Healthcare Benefits.

All full-time officers and employees of the City of Garfield identified in this Ordinance, except for the Chief of Police, Sewer Water Facilities Manager, Assist. Water Supervisor, Assist. Water Superintendent, Superintendent/ Streets and Public Works, Supervisor of Streets and Public Works, Recreation Director, Assist. Municipal Parks Superintendent shall be entitled to the same fringe benefits as set forth in the then-in-effect Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Garfield and United Public Service Employees Union, including but not limited to the accrual of vacation and sick time. Any employee hired on or after January 1, 2025 shall be placed on the Tier 4 health benefit schedule.

SECTION 4. Chief of Police Fringe Benefits.

Any person appointed and serving under the title of Chief of Police shall be entitled to and receive fringe benefits as set forth in an Agreement between the Chief of Police and the City of Garfield. The salary established in the Agreement shall be final and the Chief of Police shall not be eligible for an additional or supplemental salary payments. The Agreement shall set forth the accrual of vacation and sick time, but the Chief of Police shall have no entitlement to overtime or compensatory time; however, the Chief of Police shall be paid out any compensation of overtime he/she may have accrued as a police officer prior to their appointment as the Chief of Police. The

same health benefits shall also be provided subject to the contribution requirements set forth by the Agreement and/or statute.

SECTION 5. Sewer Water Facilities Manager, Assist. Water Supervisor, Assist. Water Superintendent, Superintendent/ Streets and Public Works, Supervisor of Streets and Public Works, Recreation Director, Assist. Municipal Parks Superintendent Fringe Benefits.

Any person employed and serving as Facilities Manager, Assist, Water Supervisor, Assist. Water Superintendent, Superintendent/Street and Public Works, Recreation Director, Assist. Municipal Parks Superintendent shall be entitled to the same fringe benefits as set forth in the then-in-effect Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between The City of Garfield Bergen County, N.J. and Teamsters Local Union No. 469, an Affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, including but not limited to the accrual of vacation and sick time; excluding clothing allowance and any additional pay for endorsements, including but not limited to CDL and tanker endorsements. The same health benefits shall also be provided subject to the contribution requirements set forth in the then-in-effect Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between The City of Garfield Bergen County, N.J. and Teamsters Local Union No. 469.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

All ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed but to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 7. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the final passage, provided notice of same has been duly published as required by law. This Ordinance shall have a retroactive effect to January 1, 2025, to the extent necessary, as specified in applicable appointment letters.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 21, 2025

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

EXHIBIT A

	2025	
	Min	Max
Statutory		
Municipal Clerk	100,000	212,250
Chief Finance Officer* (*Chief Finance Officer/QPA/ Treasurer)	49,000	142,055
Chief Assessor	40,000	50,156
Municipal Tax Collector	65,000	92,882
Governing Body		
Council Member	7,531	10,064
Mayor	7,531	14,232
City Manager's Office		
City Manager	20,000	50,000
Assistant Affirmative Action EOO	1,200	1,273
Executive Secretary (Exec./Confidential)	33,000	69,104
City Clerk's Office		
Executive Secretary (Exec./Confidential)	33,000	63,860
Others		
Attorney - BD of Adjustment	5,490	6,061
Secretary/Clerk - BD of Adjustment (effective 10/4/21)	6,000	6,000
Attorney - Planning Board	6,774	6,774
Secretary/Clerk - Planning Board (effective 10/4/21)	6,000	6,000
Veterans Officer	3,821	4,055
Emergency Management Coordinator	5,000	5,573
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator(s)	1,000	1,114
P/T Fire Inspectors	\$29.10 per hour	\$32.77 per hour
P/T Recreation Counselors	\$15.45 per hour	\$15.45 per hour
P/T Lunch Program Monitor	\$15.45 per hour	\$15.45 per hour
P/T Recreation Teachers	\$21.23 per hour	\$23.93 per hour
Summer Teacher /Supervisor	\$25.00 per hour	\$25.00 per hour
Finance Department		
Confidential Finance Assistant	33,000	63,654
Building/Fire Prevention Department		
Construction Official/Plumbing Sub-code /Flood Plain Manager/Multi-Dwelling Inspector/Bldg. Inspector/Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Garfield Code 341-59/Bldg. Sub-Code/ Plumbing Sub-code/Plumbing Inspector Fire Sub-Code/Elect. Sub-Code (effective 8/1/23)	50,000	166,969
Fire Safety Official – Garfield Code 39-78-39-81 (Part-time effective 1/1/2022)/Multi-Dwelling Inspector	35,000	53,045
Municipal Court		
Municipal Magistrate	57,239	72,029

Muni. Court Administrator	65,000	117,277
Municipal Prosecutor	32,000	41,132
Public Defender	4,176	5,715
Alternate Municipal Prosecutor	10,000	10,000
P/T Constable	\$25.00 per hour	\$27.00 per hour
Alternate Public Defender	\$65 per diem	\$65 per diem
Shared Service Court Administrator	10,000	10,000
Department of Health		
Health Physician	10,000	17,777
Registrar	40,000	45,895
Social Worker	\$35 per hour	\$35 per hour
Police Personnel		
Crossing Guards	\$20.11 per hour	\$24.15 per hour
Parking Enforcement	\$20.00 per hour	\$20.00 per hour
Police Chief	170,357	240,000
Water Dept.		
Sewer/Water Facilities Manager	100,000	133,750
Assist Water Supervisor	65,000	90,000
Assist Water Superintendent	70,000	102,268
Water Collector	3,000	5,464
DPW		
Superintendent/ Streets and Public Works	90,000	149,285
Supervisor of Streets and Public Works	70,000	80,000
Recreation		
Recreation Director (if Full-time)	66,500	97,000
Recreation Director (if Part-time)	25,000	30,900
Assist Municipal Parks Superintendent	75,000	94,739
Municipal Park Maintenance	1,000	10,000
Unclassified		
Tax Assessing Aide	33,000	77,327
Part-time Employees	\$15.50 per hour	\$60 per hour

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-40-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3056
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 5 - BOARDS,
COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard at a meeting held on,
February 11, 2025 at 6:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any
persons interested in said ordinance can be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to
advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular
Meeting held on the 21st 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
ORDINANCE NO.: 3056**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 5 - BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield (the “City”) maintains in Part 1, Administrative Regulations, Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS” of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of City residents at this time to amend the City Code, Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” (the “Committee”) to allow the membership on the Committee, which currently permits up to 11 members, to permit up to 15 members; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City has further determined that it is further desirable to amend Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” to allow that 2 of the 15 members of the Committee may be members of the City Council whose terms shall be concurrent with their terms as members of the City Council;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the City of Garfield, that Part 1, Administrative Regulations Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” is hereby amended to include as follows:

Section 1. The following sections or subsections and current text of those sections or subsections of City Ordinance General Legislation, Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 5-28 entitled “Membership”.

The Event Planning and Recreation Advisory Committee shall consist of up to 15 members, with a diverse range of business interests, two of whom may be members of the City Council. All the members, except for the two members of the City Council who must be residents of Garfield, may or may not be residents of the City of Garfield. Committee members shall serve without compensation.

§ 5-29. entitled “Appointment; qualifications and term; quorum”, subsection B. The term of office shall be three years, except for the members of the City Council whose term or terms shall expire concurrently with the expiration of their term or terms as a member of the City Council. The terms of the original appointments shall be from one to four years to the end that no more than six terms will expire in any one year.

Section 2. The remainder of Chapter 5 entitled “BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS”, Article V entitled “EVENT PLANNING AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE” is ratified and remains in full force and effect.

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

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

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

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 21, 2025

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-41-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve totaling \$98,786.84 and the Current Fund totaling \$3,101,721.08 and the Water Reserves totaling \$19,664.16 and the Water Fund totaling \$14,163.96 and the Grants totaling \$.00 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$51,987.63 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated January 21, 2025 be ordered paid and the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue checks for same provided there are funds in the respective appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer in issuing checks in payment on the Ratification List, totaling \$3,286,323.67 to the meeting be ratified.

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

January 20, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-42-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 22 TO CREAMER-SANZARI, A JOINT VENTURE FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH RIVER DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS & PASSAIC RIVER BIKEWAY (PHASE 2)

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to Creamer-Sanzari – A Joint Venture; and

WHEREAS, Creamer-Sanzari – A Joint Venture has provided services for this project and submitted Payment Requisition No. 22 in the amount of \$275,929.21; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Engineering firm recommends the payment of Requisition No. 22 in the amount of \$275,929.21 to Creamer-Sanzari – A Joint Venture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the City hereby authorizes the payment of \$275,929.21 to Creamer-Sanzari – A Joint Venture for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account G-02-41-723-000-368.

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 20, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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-43-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 23 (GAR 2024-10) TO
NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC., FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PHASE 2**

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

WHEREAS, National Water Metering Services, Inc., provided services for this project for work completed through December 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the payment of Requisition No. 23 (GAR 2024-10) in the amount of \$23,898.28 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-06-55-222-947-001.

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

January 20, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 2025

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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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-44-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**APPROVING PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 9 FOR THE COLUMBUS PARK
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Contractor, Let It Grow Inc., 52 Ackerson Street, River Edge, NJ 07661 has submitted Progress Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$18,132.09 to the City of Garfield in connection with the Columbus Park Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Consulting Engineering Department has indicated that Let It Grow Inc. has completed the construction items included in this payment for the Columbus Park Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Consulting Engineering Department recommends the release of Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$18,132.09 to Let It Grow Inc. for the Columbus Park Improvements Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield does hereby authorize the release of Payment No. 9 to Let It Grow Inc. for the Columbus Park Improvements Project to be paid out of accounts C-04-55-243-041-400 & C-04-55-000-246-000.

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 20, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-45-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING REFUND OF DEPOSIT FEES FOR BUILDING USAGE

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Mayor and Council have agreed that the City of Garfield should refund Garfield United for deposit fees from building usage; and

WHEREAS, payments were received from Garfield United, in the amount of \$500.00 for a deposit for building usage; and

WHEREAS, the total costs incurred for said building usage were under the \$500.00 required deposit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to Garfield United in the amount of \$154.94 from account 5-01-26-290-290-041.

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 20, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-46-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 TO CONQUEST
CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROVIDED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE PROSPECT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to ConQuest Construction Inc., in the original contract amount of \$971,171.60 for the Prospect Street Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$71,800.00 is necessary for drainage repairs including pipe extension and installation by ConQuest Construction Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Change Order #1 increasing the amount of this project by \$71,800.00 be and is hereby approved to be paid out of account C-06-55-598-000-922.

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 20, 2025

Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-47-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING REFUND OF FOOD TRUCK APPLICATION FEE

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Mayor and Council have agreed that the City of Garfield should refund Alejandro Saenz of Oui Chief Pizza for a food truck application fee; and

WHEREAS, payments were received from Alejandro Saenz of Oui Chief Pizza, in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a food truck application fee; and

WHEREAS, the applicant no longer wishes to pursue said application/license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that these monies be refunded to Alejandro Saenz of Oui Chief Pizza in the amount of \$1,000.00 from account 4-01-28-340-340-063.

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 20, 2025

Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-48-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL AMENDMENT
FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH BENECARD
SERVICES, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYER BENEFIT
TRUST (PEBT) TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE
ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has undertaken the responsibility to provide certain active and retired employees and their dependents and COBRA eligible members with prescription drug benefits, through its participation in the Public Employer Benefit Trust (“Trust” or “PEBT”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, having determined the scope and extent of its prescription drug benefits and the participant-contribution level, desires that its benefits be administered on a uniform basis for all its cardholders and dependents according to the City’s plan specifications; and

WHEREAS, Benecard Services, LLC is engaged in the business of providing administrative services in connection with prescription drug benefits for various groups, according to each group’s plan specifications; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that Benecard Services, LLC continue provide such administrative services for the City’s prescription drug benefits as part of an arrangement whereby the City becomes a member of the Benecard Association (the “Association”) and will receive coverage under an excess loss insurance policy issued by Insurance Carrier and made available to members of the Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby directs the City Manager to execute the Renewal Amendment for Prescription Drug Management Services with Benecard Services, LLC effective immediately for participation in the Public Employer Benefit Trust (PEBT) to provide prescription drug benefits to eligible active and retired employees.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-49-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

RE-APPOINTING FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

WHEREAS, statutory authority provides that the Mayor and Council for the City of Garfield by Ordinance may create the appointment of a Chaplain to the City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 2930 which amended Chapter 23, Article 1 of the City Code, the position of Fire Chaplain was created; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid City Code, the position of Fire Chaplain is a volunteer position and shall be subject to the control of the Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid City Code, the Chief of Police has recommended one (1) individual who meets the qualifications in order to serve in the position of Fire Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended that Pastor John Czubkowski, Praise Church, 145 Main Street, Garfield, NJ 07026 be appointed to serve in the position of Fire Chaplain;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Pastor John Czubkowski be and is hereby appointed to serve in the position of Fire Chaplain in accordance with Ordinance 2930 and applicable state statutes, term ending December 31, 2025.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-50-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Wladyslaw Dziaba, of 30 Willard Street, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P2898373, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at his address; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated and recommend approval of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for “Handicap Parking”, located on the south curb line of Willard Street commencing 234 feet west of the intersection of Cambridge Avenue and Willard Street and continue an additional 20 feet west from that point; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-51-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
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>
Hera Solutions LLC	141 Lanza Avenue, Unit 20-H	Class 2 Manufacturer	January 22, 2025
Lily Extracts, LLC.	163 Belmont Avenue	Class 2 Manufacturer	January 22, 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 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-52-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**COMMITTING TO DCA'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENT
NEED AND PROSPECTIVE NEED NUMBERS**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law an Amendment to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 *et seq.*) (hereinafter "Amended FHA"); and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA requires the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") to produce non-binding estimates of fair share obligations on or before October 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the DCA issued a report on October 18, 2024 ("DCA Report") wherein it reported its estimate of the obligation for all municipalities based upon its interpretation of the standards in the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Report calculates Garfield's Round 4 (2025-2035) obligations as follows: A Present Need or Rehabilitation Obligation of 322 and a Prospective Need or New Construction Obligation of zero; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the amended FHA provides that "the municipality's determination of its fair share obligation shall have a presumption of validity, if established in accordance with Sections 6 and 7 of the amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA provides that the DCA Report is non-binding, thereby inviting municipalities to demonstrate that the Amended FHA would support lower calculations of Round 4 affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA further provides that "[a]ll parties shall be entitled to rely upon regulations on municipal credits, adjustments, and compliance mechanisms adopted by COAH unless those regulations are contradicted by statute, including P.L. 2024, c.2, or biding court decisions" (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311(m)); and

WHEREAS, COAH regulations authorize vacant land adjustments as well as durational adjustments; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, Garfield accepts the DCA calculations of Garfield's fair share obligations and commits to its fair share of 322 units present need units and zero units of prospective need, subject to any adjustments to its present need that may be a function of recent rehabilitation efforts to be presented as part of the City's forthcoming housing element and fair share plan to be filed as part of the Fourth-Round process, as detailed below; and

WHEREAS, Garfield reserves the right to comply with any additional amendments to the FHA that the Legislature may enact; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Housing Authority has an ongoing rehabilitation program that has addressed a significant number of Garfield's rehabilitation obligations, and the extent of that program's ongoing activities shall be detailed as part of Garfield's forthcoming updated housing element and fair share plan to be filed as part of the Fourth-Round process; and

WHEREAS, Garfield also reserves the right to adjust its position in the event of any rulings in the *Montvale* case (MER-L-1778-24) or any other such action that alters the deadlines and/or requirements of the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a third party challenges the calculations provided for in this Resolution, Garfield reserves the right to take such position as it deems appropriate in response

thereto, including that its Round 4 Present or Prospective Need Obligations should be lower than described herein; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, nothing in the amended FHA requires or can require an increase in the City's Fourth Round obligations based on a successful downward challenge of any other municipality in the region since the plain language and clear intent of the amended FHA is to establish unchallenged numbers by default on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Mayor and Council of The City of Garfield finds that it is in the best interest of Garfield to declare its commitment to the obligations reported by the DCA on October 18, 2024 subject to the reservations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above, the Acting Administrative Director issued Directive #14-24, dated December 13, 2024, and made the directive available later in the week that followed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Directive #14-24, a municipality seeking a certification of compliance with the FHA shall file an action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint in the county in which the municipality is located within 48 hours after adoption of the municipal resolution of fair share obligations, or by February 3, 2025, whichever is sooner; and

WHEREAS, Garfield seeks a certification of compliance with the FHA and, therefore, directs its City Attorney to file a declaratory relief action within 48 hours of the adoption of this resolution in Bergen County;

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

1. All of the above Whereas Clauses are incorporated into the operative clauses of this resolution.
2. Garfield hereby commits to the DCA Round 4 Present Need Obligation of 322 units and the Round 4 Prospective Need Obligation of zero units described in this resolution, subject to all reservations of rights set forth above.
3. Garfield hereby directs its City Attorney to file a declaratory judgment complaint in Bergen County within 48 hours after adoption this resolution, attaching this resolution.
4. Garfield authorizes its City Attorney to attach this resolution as an exhibit to the declaratory judgment action that is filed and to submit and/or file this resolution with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program or any other such entity as may be determined to be appropriate.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-53-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING RESIGNATION ACTIVE MEMBER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Jose Guzman of 275 Oak Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 as an active member, effective December 7, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-54-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING RESIGNATION ACTIVE MEMBER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 4 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Mark Lemanski as an active member, effective January 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 4 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-55-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING RESIGNATION ACTIVE MEMBER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 5 has advised that they have accepted the resignation of Shahil R. Patolla of 24 Summit Avenue, Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407 as an active member, effective December 7, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the action taken by Fire Company No. 5 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-56-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING REGULAR ACTIVE MEMBER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Company No. 2 has advised that they have accepted Jason Noboa, 36 Atlantic Street, Garfield, New Jersey 07026, as a regular active member, effective December 7, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the action taken by Fire Company No. 2 with respect to the above matter, is hereby approved.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-57-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING 2025 TOWING LICENSES

WHEREAS, five (5) towing applications have been filed for a towing license in the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the City's towing ordinance sets the City's limit to three (3) licenses; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Garfield Police Department to award said licenses to previously appointed towers within the City, all of whom are up to date on their administration fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having determined the public convenience and necessity, allows and requires such license and the applicants have been deemed fit and have the necessary equipment, including a storage area pursuant to Chapter 229; and

WHEREAS, a \$500.00 license fee has been received by the City Clerk in connection with the applications pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Manager/Clerk is authorized to notify:

Belfi's Auto and Truck Repair, Inc. 208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
David's Auto Body, 70 Lincoln Place, Garfield, New Jersey 07026
Nutchies Service Station LLC, 72 South Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey 07644

that they have received a 2025 Towing License pursuant to the City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all towers shall comply with all the pre-conditions and requirements of the towing license.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-58-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**APPROVING 2025 VEHICLE REPAIR AND AUTO BODY REPAIR FACILITY
LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted their application for a vehicle repair and auto body repair license for the year 2025;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
VO Auto Body	86 Bogart Ave	January 1, 2025
Tinas Mechanic Shop LLC	92 Bogart Ave	January 1, 2025
Chester's Auto Repair Service	45 Monroe St	January 1, 2025
Falcon Garage Auto Mechanic	33 Passaic St	January 1, 2025
Benigno Alignment	1 Belmont Avenue	January 1, 2025
Victorio Auto Body	568 River Drive	January 1, 2025
MJ Traders	610 River Drive	January 1, 2025

; and

WHEREAS, it is certified that they have conformed with provisions of Ch. 330, Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facilities, adopted 9-12-2023 by Ord. No. 3005;

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 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-59-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

APPROVING 2025 VEHICLE SALES BUSINESS LICENSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that Erin N. Delaney, City Manager/ City Clerk, is hereby authorized to issue the following licenses for Vehicle Sales Business for the year 2025 described in application, duly filed:

Sudol's Auto Sales 1 Belmont Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
Joe Dee's Auto Body 9 Marsellus Place Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00
Golden Gear Motors 376 Midland Avenue Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
Payless Auto Wholesales 601 River Drive Garfield, NJ 07026	\$ 365.00
MJ Traders 610 River Drive Garfield, New Jersey 07026	\$ 365.00

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 21st 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-60-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT INVOICE NO. GAR 2025-01
(RETAINAGE) TO NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL
SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER METER
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, PHASE 2**

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

WHEREAS, it was necessary for National Water Metering Services, Inc., to provide additional services for this contract; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum Agreement was entered into between the City of Garfield and National Metering Services, Inc., on November 13, 2024 to provide these additional services; and

WHEREAS, National Water Metering Services, Inc., is requesting payment of their Invoice No. GAR 2025-01 (Retainage) in the amount of \$42,525.95 for the additional services for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the payment of Invoice No. GAR 2025-01 (Retainage) in the amount of \$42,525.95 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for additional services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account G-02-41-723-000-368.

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 20, 2025

Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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-61-25**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
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-41-25 through R-61-25 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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 Manager/City Clerk Delaney provided a review of the Green Acres Jake’s Playground grant opportunity. She also gave a summary of the City’s application that will be submitted. The Governing Body inquired about the design of the project and location. Ms. Delaney shared the positive feedback received from the community survey that was advertised.

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing. No one wished to be heard.

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-62-25**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GREEN ACRES PROGRAM GRANT –
JAKE’S PLAYGROUND – GARDEN COURT EAST PARK**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to further the public interest by obtaining total funding in the amount of \$510,000.00, in the form of a \$510,000.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Garden Court East Park Improvement Project, at a cost of \$680,000.00.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield resolves that:

1. Erin Delaney or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make an application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$170,000.00.
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED: JANUARY 21, 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
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Raymond	X			
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnny Batista, Lanza Avenue, stated that he acquired a property on Lanza Avenue approximately two years ago that he is looking to make into a vehicle sales business. He noted that it has previously been approved for an autobody/towing business. Mr. Batista advised that his application was denied by the Building Department and requested that the Mayor & Council consider its approval. The City Attorney, Mayor, and City Manager stated that they would look into the matter to ensure it is approved for said use and whether or not a license is available.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Rigoglioso congratulated “Master P” and the black belt recipients. He also congratulated Mayor Garnto and the Deputy Mayors for the televising of council meetings. To conclude, Councilman Rigoglioso wished everyone a Happy upcoming Valentine’s Day.

Deputy Mayor Kane applauded the Taw Kwon Do exhibition. He also shared his enthusiasm for the Jake’s Playground grant application as he is happy to hear the City is exploring opportunities for those with special needs. Deputy Mayor Kane encouraged residents, including those watching, to attend meetings as the Governing Body won’t know their concerns unless they attend.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond apologized for her tardiness and commended the Tae Kwon Do students. She noted that she was especially pleased to see a female contingency amongst the group. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond requested that residents continue to come to meetings and was pleased that they are now being televised so that residents at home can be aware of what is going on. She concluded by noting that the Jake’s Playground application is a great idea.

Mayor Garnto congratulated the black belt recipients and commended the talent displayed this evening. He reiterated that the stormwater feasibility study presentation given is just a study and does not mean that the City will be moving forward with a stormwater utility. Mayor Garnto advised that the Governing Body will be receiving more information on the grant, study, and details of a utility before they make a group decision on whether or not to move forward. He also reiterated that the City will look into Mr. Batista’s concern. Mayor Garnto ended his remarks by saying he would like to see the public continue to attend meetings and that it is their intent to put together a citizens advisory committee of residents from different sections of the town.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kane and seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso to adjourn. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

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

These meeting minutes were approved at the February 11, 2025 Work Session meeting of the Mayor & Council.

**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 21, 2025
5:30P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for January 21, 2025 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 6:48PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmember Rigoglioso*, Deputy Mayor Kane, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond, and Mayor Garnto were present. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, City CFO Nicholas Prochilo, and City Attorney Richard Malagiere.

**Councilmember Rigoglioso left the meeting at 7:08PM.*

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing an annual meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 2, 2025 and published on January 7, 2025.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

Project/Grant Updates:

City Manager/City Clerk Delaney provided the Mayor and Council with an update on all ongoing and upcoming projects and grants. Discussion ensued regarding the language for the new Columbus Park archway. Ms. Delaney advised that she would need to obtain an updated quote and adjust the recent change order resolution. When discussing the Harrison Avenue lead line and paving project, it was requested that the DPW attempt to patch some of the holes until work can commence. Mayor Garnto inquired about prior plans for the Splash Park. It was noted to the City Engineer that the Splash Park must be operational for the 2025 season. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond questioned whether or not a developer can contribute to the cost of a new DPW building. Lastly, Mayor Garnto requested that the City obtain quotes for fencing along the City property that the High School uses near their stadium.

Budget Report:

City Manager/City Clerk Delaney provided the Mayor and Council with information regarding anticipated increases in the budget for 2025 including, but not limited to: yearly library contribution, salaries & wages, health benefits, pension contributions, debt service, general contracts, filming of meetings, fire stipend, etc. She requested that the Governing Body keep this in mind when discussions begin regarding the 2025 budget.

Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:

City Engineer's Report:

Mr. Boswell provided a written report on current projects, many of which were discussed under the project/grant update, including but not limited to: River Drive Phase 2, Harrison Avenue lead & water line upgrades and paving, Prospect Street Improvements, and Banta Avenue Improvements. Ms. Delaney reminded Mr. Boswell of the final Green Acres extension for River Drive.

City CFO's Report:

Mr. Prochilo provided a report on the City's fund balance from 2024 and prior years. He noted that 2024 is not yet accurate as the Audit and Annual Financial Statement are not yet complete.

City Council's Report:

Mayor Garnto inquired about the Court Department monthly report provided in their packet.

Deputy Mayor Kane requested information regarding the City's sewer ordinance and its rates. As an example, he questioned how much a two-family home is charged vs. a multi-unit apartment building. Deputy Mayor Kane then provided the Governing Body with a proposal for a Chamber

of Commerce to review at their leisure. Lastly, Deputy Mayor Kane provided information on a City-based app. The Governing Body was in support of said endeavor and Ms. Delaney advised that she would schedule a meeting with the company provided.

Report of the City Manager:

Discussion:

1. **Filming of Meetings** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that Council meetings will be aired on Optimum on Mondays at 6PM and Tuesdays at 8AM. She noted that the City is working on getting their streaming back with Verizon and that the meetings are also featured on the City website and YouTube channel. Livestreaming can be in place for February.
2. **Banner Design** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney requested approval on a new banner design from the vendor that obtains sponsorships from City businesses. The Mayor and Council requested a new design and suggested that they use either the City Hall building or Monument as inspiration.
3. **Police Department Decoy Grant** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney informed the Governing Body that the City received another round of decoy grant funding. The operation will take place during warmer weather.
4. **Events Committee Project Requests** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney review two project requests from the outgoing events committee. The Mayor and Council elected to not move forward with the requested projects at this time as the audit of the account is still taking place.
5. **City Event Dates** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared proposed dates for 2025 City events, which were approved.

Departmental Reports

1. **Clerk's Office – December 2024** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Building Department – December 2024 & Year-End** – No discussion ensued.
3. **Court Department – Through November & December 2024** – No discussion ensued.
4. **Recreation Department – December 2024** – No discussion ensued.
5. **Millennium Strategies – Through December 2024** – No discussion ensued.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mayor Garnto and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kane to adjourn. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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