

PLANNING BOARD, CITY OF GARFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Conducted on June 26, 2025

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Tamweber at 7:15 p.m. who thereupon read the statement required by the Open Public Meeting Act. Secretary called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Everett Garnto
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane
Vice Chairman John Tamweber
James Clark
Michael Garcia
Costantino Conte
Fasil Khan
Suny Mellawa, 1st Alternate
Gerald Walis, 2nd Alternate

Absent:

Chairman James Kovacs

Others present were:

Alyssa Cimino, Esq., Attorney of the Planning Board
Eileen Boland, Planning Board Engineer
Lyndsay Knight, Planning Board Planner
Beth Calderone, Certified Court Reporter

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SUNSHINE LAW: Read by Chairman James Kovacs
PUBLIC LAW 1975 CHAPTER 231 "OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT" PUBLIC
HEARING: November 21, 2024 Council Chambers, City Hall Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

1. Hearing on whether to adopt the City of Garfield Housing Element and Fair Share Plan prepared by Joseph Burgis, P.P., AICP of Burgis Associates, Inc. dated May 22, 2025.

Ms. Cimino stated that the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was presented at the May 22, 2025 meeting. At the last meeting it was discovered that there were two errors in the report and that proper notice may not have been given to neighboring municipalities. The Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is the same, with the exception of the two corrections which were made at the last meeting. Also, proper notice has been given to the neighboring municipalities prior to this meeting.

John Szabo from Burgis Associates was contacted via telephone to answer any questions from the Board.

The Vice Chairman asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Szabo. None of the Board members had any questions.

The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the City of Garfield Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated May 12, 2025 and amended on May 22, 2025.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane
Second: Michael Garcia

Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr. – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Abstain
Michael Garcia - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Fasil Khan – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes from the meeting held on May 22, 2025.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 22, 2025.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane
Second: Fasil Khan

Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr. – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Abstain
Michael Garcia - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Fasil Khan – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion to open the public session.

Moved: James Clark
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr. – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Michael Garcia - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Fasil Khan – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Vice Chairman asked if anyone from the public wanted to come forward.

The Vice Chairman stated that no one from the public came forward.

Motion to close the public session.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr.
Second: Michael Garcia

Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr. – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Michael Garcia - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Fasil Khan – Aye
Motion Approved.

The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Motion to close meeting.

Moved: Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr.
Second: Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane

Mayor Everett Garnto, Jr. – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane - Aye
Vice Chairman John Tamweber – Aye
James Clark - Aye
Michael Garcia - Aye
Costantino Conte – Aye
Fasil Khan – Aye
Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Cimino
Planning Board Attorney

Approved at the meeting on July 24, 2025.

ALYSSA CIMINO
Planning Board Attorney