

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY OF GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
July 22, 2025  
5:30P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for July 22, 2025 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:31PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

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.

**Fire Company #2 Presentation:**

Members from Fire Company #2 informed the Mayor and Council that their current company engine is from 2005. They advised they are attending for permission to begin building out specs for a new apparatus as the current lead time is 37-52 months, which would bring the current apparatus to or beyond the 25-year mark. Discussion ensued regarding the process and financing. Ultimately, the Mayor and Council approved the Company to proceed with building the preliminary specs for the apparatus.

**Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:**

*City Engineer's Report:*

City Engineer Representative Pete TenKate stated that their firm obtained 5 quotes for the emergency DPW roof job, which is to be awarded. He noted that the solar panels are to be removed prior to the job beginning by the company, Amberjack. Mr. TenKate shared that they will be conducting additional televising of lines on Prospect Street due to flooding complaints. He went on to say that the Harrison Avenue NJDOT repaving project will be out to bid on August 12, to be awarded at the August meeting and that they are waiting approval to go out to bid for Banta Avenue. Mr. TenKate spoke about the change order for the lead line replacement project as well.

**Report of the City Manager:**

Discussion:

- 1. Library Municipal ID Program** – City Manager/City Clerk shared that she recently met with the new Library Director who discussed a potential partnership for a municipal ID program, which would double as a library card. He stated that the program would increase foot traffic for the library. Ms. Delaney stated that the City can tie it into registration as a requirement, such as the City's splash park. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not it can be tied into the school ID system. It was noted that the suggestion would be to have one worker, through the library, run the program and the cost for the ID would cover their wages and equipment necessary. The Mayor and Council requested that the Library Director submit a more formal plan for their consideration, though they are not opposed to the program

2. **New Banner Proposal** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney reviewed 4 new samples of banner proposals submitted by the company Breez who organizes the sponsorship program with businesses. The Mayor and Council selected design number 4.
3. **Paid/Metered Parking Program** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney reviewed a proposal for the City’s paid/metered program. She requested the Mayor and Council’s approval to relay any fees associated with credit card payments to the customer, which was approved.
4. **FY26 CPF Submission – Nellie Pou** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney informed the Governing Body that Congresswoman Nellie Pou did not support the City’s FY26 CPF Submission for lead line replacements.

Resolution:

1. **Attorney Fees** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that the City Attorney has surpassed the not to exceed amount adopted via resolution at the City’s Re-organization Meeting in January. She noted that after his May bills, there is only \$2,945.49 remaining on that line item. Ms. Delaney said that adjustments were made to other attorney line items in order to dedicate additional monies to Mr. Malagiere via resolution on the agenda this evening. However, she cautioned the council as the fees are high and the City will go over budget in legal fees this year.

Ordinance:

1. **Ordinance for Special Events** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that the City needs to adopt an ordinance for the health department fees for special events.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Recreation Department June 2025** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Clerk’s Office June 2025** – No discussion ensued.
3. **Building Department June 2025** – No discussion ensued.
4. **Millennium Strategies through June 2025** – No discussion ensued.
5. **Court Department through June 2025** – No discussion ensued.

*City Council’s Report:*

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond inquired about the work that was requested to be done on Palisade Avenue under the Prospect Street project’s change order. Additionally, she went on to say that there needs to be enforcement of the new ordinance passed related to parking on Palisade Avenue, in addition to proper signage installed – if not already done. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor inquired about the amount of fire inspectors the City employees and requested reports from all applicable departments on how many summonses were issued vs. fines collected.

Mayor Garnto spoke about dilapidated buildings in reference to Ordinance 3079. He shared several addresses that are of concern related to the ordinance and general property maintenance. Mayor Garnto then inquired about whether or not certain properties that recently were redeveloped went in front of the proper boards and/or if variances were needed at said properties. He then stated that he was made aware of several calls that the Fire Department had to respond to related to elevator issues at 141 Lanza, in which he questioned whether or not the property owner should be held responsible. Mayor Garnto requested an update on Columbus Park repairs, Jewell Street permanent fixtures, and the School Resource Officer negotiations with the school district. He went on to question enforcement of City ordinances and it was suggested that a Quality of Life meeting be scheduled. Mayor Garnto then requested that the following be looked into: PSE&G poles on River Drive, improper storage of an ice machine on a sidewalk, yellow lines throughout the City, dogs being unleashed and owners not utilizing bags, dead flower planters on Passaic Street, and fire zones.

**Executive Session:**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

**Litigation**  
**Personnel**

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond and seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso to return to the public portion. The motions carried unanimously.

**CITY OF GARFIELD  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-367-25**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH DELANEY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2025 Joseph Delaney was appointed to the position of Police Chief;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to enter into an employment agreement with Police Chief  
Delaney;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby approves the  
Mayor, Everett E. Garnto, Jr., to execute said agreement, as on file in the Office of the City  
Manager.

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

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Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

July 21, 2025  
Dated

APPROVED: JULY 22, 2025

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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				
Delaney				
Kane				
Raymond				
Garnto				

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Work  
Session Meeting held on the 22nd day of July 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

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

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Dated

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

*These meeting minutes were approved at the September 9, 2025 Work Session Meeting of the Mayor & Council.*