

**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2026
6:00P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for January 13, 2026 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 6:17PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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, City Engineer Kevin Boswell, City CFO Nicholas Prochilo, and City Attorney Richard Malagiere.

**Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond arrived at 6:21PM.*

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 5, 2026 and published on January 7, 2026. This notice can also be found on our website at: www.garfieldnj.org/notices

Action Items:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Rigoglioso and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kane to approve the December 29, 2025 Special Meeting, January 2, 2026 Firematic & Reorganization Meeting, and January 6, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

2. ORDINANCES:

R-43-26

FIRST READING

Introduce Ordinance #3115

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243, SECTION 243-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “VACANT PROPERTIES” TO REVISE THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

R-44-26

Introduce Ordinance #3116

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, “CANNABIS”, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

R-45-26

Approval of Bills List

R-46-26

Authorizing the Payment of Payment Requisition No. 34 to National Metering Services, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 2

R-47-26

Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application through the BMED Gateway Fund

R-48-26

Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager/Clerk to Execute a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for a Maintenance/Repair Shared Service for Vehicles

R-49-26

Approving Widow’s Pension

R-50-26

Approving 2026 Outdoor Café Licenses

- R-51-26 Approving 2026 Vehicle Repair and Auto Body Repair Facility Licenses
- R-52-26 Approving Handicap Parking Space
- R-53-26 Approving Handicap Parking Space
- R-54-26 Approving Handicap Parking Space
- R-55-26 Declaration of Official Newspapers
- R-56-26 Approving 2026 Cannabis Licenses
- R-57-26 Rescinding Resolution R-572-25
- R-58-26 Enabling Resolution - Supplemental Funding State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Garden Court East Park Project
- R-59-26 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-43-26**

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3115
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243, SECTION 243-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “VACANT PROPERTIES” TO REVISE THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

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 Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3115**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 243, SECTION 243-5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD ENTITLED “VACANT PROPERTIES” TO REVISE THE VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that § 243-5 of the City Code, entitled “Fee Schedule,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 243-5 Fee schedule.

The initial registration of a vacant property shall be **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)**.

Upon renewal of the registration, the following annual fees shall apply:

- **Second year renewal:** three hundred dollars (\$300)
- **Third year renewal:** three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375)
- **Fourth year renewal:** four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$475)
- **Fifth year and each year thereafter:** six hundred dollars (\$600)

; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 13, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Discussion ensued regarding the fee structure and potentially implementing a tiered structure based on revenue in the future.

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-44-26**

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3116
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, “CANNABIS,” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

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 Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3116**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100, “CANNABIS,” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield regulates cannabis establishments pursuant to Chapter 100 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to clarify and amend the fee structure applicable to annual license renewals for cannabis establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the establishment of specific renewal fees is necessary to defray the continuing administrative, regulatory, and enforcement costs associated with cannabis operations within the City;

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

Section 1. Amendment to § 100-4A.

Section 100-4A, **License fees; renewal; late fees**, of the City Code is hereby amended by **adding a new subsection A(5)** to read as follows:

(5) Annual license renewal fees.

Notwithstanding subsections A(1) and A(2) above, the **annual license renewal fee** shall be as follows:

(a) For all cannabis establishments permitted to operate in the City of Garfield, **other than an alternative treatment center**, the annual license renewal fee shall be **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)**.

(b) For a cannabis establishment operating as an **alternative treatment center**, the annual license renewal fee shall be **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)**.

Section 2. Legislative Clarification (Non-Codified).

This Ordinance is intended to **preserve the existing initial application and annual license fees** set forth in § 100-4A(1) and § 100-4A(2) of the City Code. The renewal fees established herein shall apply **only to the annual renewal of an existing cannabis license** and shall not be construed to modify or replace the initial application fee or initial annual license fee requirements.

Section 3. Codification.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to codify this Ordinance as part of Chapter 100 of the City of Garfield Code, **except for Section 2**, which shall not be codified.

Section 4. Repealer.

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

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: January 13, 2026

Adopted:

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-45-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve totaling \$0.00 and the Current Fund totaling \$4,563,070.39 and the Water Reserves totaling \$0.00 and the Water Fund totaling \$19,243.11 and the Grants totaling \$7,657.34 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$6,182.05 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$22,659.37 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated September 9, 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 \$4,618,812.26 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 12, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-46-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 34 (GAR 2025-12) 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 Metering Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, National Metering Services, Inc., has provided services for this project for work completed through November of 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes the payment of \$8,337.84 to National Metering Services for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-06-55-222-947-300 and PO# 25-01476.

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 12, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-47-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE
BMED GATEWAY FUND**

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield affirms its understanding that the BMED Gateway Fund offers a grant opportunity to its member agencies who wish to initiate a partnership with the Fund to incentivize employee participation in health and wellness programming and awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield understands that the grant is a matching grant and that participation in the Program requires local budgetary support and administration; and

WHEREAS, the application for grant consideration requires a resolution of the governing body's understanding and support for promoting health and wellness concepts within their employee population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garfield authorizes the submission of a grant application for \$10,000 to the BMED Gateway Fund to enable their participation in the Fund's Health and Wellness Program for the 2026 calendar year, of the which the City has a 1:1 match obligation.

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 12, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-48-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER/CLERK TO EXECUTE A
SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS FOR A
MAINTENANCE/REPAIR SHARED SERVICE FOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A65.1 et seq., allows any municipality or county to enter into a contract with any other municipality or county for the joint provision of any services within their joint jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield and the Borough of Paramus seek to enter into a Shared Services Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide maintenance and repair to vehicles which are directed to the Borough of Paramus by the City effective January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has reviewed and approves of the "Agreement" between the Borough of Paramus and the City of Garfield as on file with the Office of the City Clerk for the term of the contract and the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield agrees to authorize Mayor and City Manager/Clerk to execute the "Agreement" between the Borough of Paramus and the City of Garfield.

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 12, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-49-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING WIDOW'S PENSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the proper officers are hereby authorized to issue monthly pension checks in the sum of \$100.00 for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026, to Mrs. Linda Yondoino, wife of deceased Nicholas A. Yondolino, who resides at 2247 Greenville Turnpike, Port Jervis, NY 12771, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1839 entitled: "An Ordinance Concerning the Payment of a Pension to the Widow and Dependent of Nicholas Yondolino, in the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey", adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on October 2, 1984.

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 12, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-50-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING 2026 OUTDOOR CAFÉ LICENSE

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted their application for an outdoor café license for the year 2026;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
Firehouse Restaurant	42 Plauderville Avenue	January 14, 2026

; and

WHEREAS, it is certified that they have conformed with provisions of Ch. 151, “Food Handling Establishments”, Article 1 entitled “Outdoor Cafe”, adopted 3-25-2025 by Ord. No. 3062;

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 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-51-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**APPROVING 2026 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 2026;

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL</u>
VO Auto Body	86 Bogart Avenue	January 1, 2026
Tinas Mechanic Shop	92 Bogart Avenue	January 1, 2026
Lincoln Auto Body	67 Lincoln Place	January 1, 2026
Garfield Auto Repair	330 Midland Avenue	January 1, 2026

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 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond inquired about how the Mayor and Council can reject a handicap parking space when a doctor's note was submitted. City Attorney Malagiere advised that it could be discretionary as opposed to obligated.

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-52-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Paula E. Tamburo, of 41 Palisade Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3094335, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at her 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 west curb line of Palisade Avenue commencing 150 feet south of the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Passaic Street and continue an additional 25 feet south 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.

FAILED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 failed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-53-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Eduarda Diroche Calcaino, of 14 Irving Place Apt. 1, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3020117, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at her 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 west curb line of Irving Place commencing 161 feet north of the intersection of Frederick Street and Irving Place and continue an additional 20 feet north 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 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-54-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Luis A. Canelo, of 25 Belmont Ave Apt. 1, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3055291, 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 north curb line of Belmont Avenue commencing 36 feet west of the intersection of Orchard Street and Belmont Avenue 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 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-55-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DECLARATION OF OFFICAL NEWSPAPERS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield wish to designate the North Jersey Media Group, The Record and Herald News of Woodland Park, as the official newspapers for the City of Garfield for the year 2026 and hereby directs all ordinances, legal advertisements, etc. to be published therein; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2025, c. 72 requires that starting March 1, 2026, municipalities publish their public notices on the municipal website;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Garfield’s public notices will also be available at www.garfieldnj.org/notices starting March 1, 2026, in compliance with P.L. 2025, c. 72; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution R-07-26 be and is hereby rescinded, to be replaced by this resolution upon adoption.

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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 Work Session Meeting held on the 13th day of January 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-56-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVING 2026 CANNABIS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted their application for a cannabis license for the year 2026;

NAME	ADDRESS	CLASS	DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL
Garfield Gardens Dispensary (formerly Yuma Way NJ LLC)	517 River Drive	Class 5 Retail	January 1, 2026

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 13, 2026

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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City Manager/City Clerk

Dated

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-57-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-572-25

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Resolution R-572-55 “Enabling Resolution – Supplemental Funding State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program – Garden Court East Park Project” approved on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 be and is hereby rescinded due to an incorrect amount listed on the contract by the NJDEP.

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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-58-26
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ENABLING RESOLUTION – SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM
– GARDEN COURT EAST PARK PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has obtained a Green Acres grant of \$496,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

0221-25-086 Garden Court East Park Project

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

1. The City Manager and/or Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Garden Court East Park Project; and
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$165,334; and
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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-59-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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-45-26 through R-59-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: JANUARY 13, 2026

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			
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Dated

DPW Superintendent – Ordinance Review:

Mr. Garofalo shared his concerns related to the as drafted dumpster ordinance. He then spoke about the cost-savings the City could see by limited garbage pick-up for businesses, similar to other municipalities. The Mayor and Council were in favor of such an ordinance, which is to be drafted by the City Attorney. Mr. Garofalo also noted that the City currently picks-up garbage at no cost for the Housing Authority, which is costly. Lastly, Mr. Garofalo and Mr. Boswell shared that the City was provided a quote from PSE&G's contractor to complete roads they intend to partially pave. The quote would be for the City's portion should they wish to have the road paved in full. It was determined that the City would like to proceed, however, the QPA needs to provide approval due to the amount being \$36,000.00.

Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:

City Engineer's Report:

Mr. Boswell shared that the Banta Avenue project will have a Spring start. He noted that they are actively working on the design/early stages of the 20th Century Field splash park project as the City is applying for several grants, the bid specs for the Garden Court East ADA compliant playground, and Spring Street/Belmont Oval turf project, of which he reviewed the numbers with the CFO. Discussion briefly took place regarding recently awarded grants for Jewell Street. Ms. Delaney advised Mr. Boswell that his office needs to begin working on the Prospect Street, and surrounding areas, flooding project in which they received Congressional funding toward.

City CFO's Report:

Mayor Garnto inquired about payroll payments related to the Redevelopment Agency as their current CFO was not paid an entire year. Ms. Delaney advised that the Agency would need to redo his appointment resolution as it was not for a full-year. Discussion took place regarding recuperating the salary paid to the prior CFO for early 2025. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond inquired about the balance for the GARF account.

City Council's Report:

Mayor Garnto proposed having a set meeting or meetings to review meeting agendas as, oftentimes, the members of the Council don't review them in advance and have questions. He stated that he feels said meeting(s) would result in smoother work session/public meetings. Discussion ensued regarding frequency and day(s) to hold said agenda meetings. Ultimately, it was determined that an agenda meeting would be held the Monday prior to a Regular meeting at 3:30PM so that Department Heads are available should there be questions.

Deputy Mayor Kane shared research that he conducted relating to limiting types of businesses permitted in the City. Discussion ensued and City Attorney Malagiere advised that he is not sure if such a limit/ordinance is permitted. He noted that he would look into the matter and advise the Mayor and Council.

Report of the City Manager:

Ordinances:

1. **Follow-up Junkyard Category – Ordinance Fees** – City Manager/City Clerk followed-up with the attorney regarding drafting said ordinance.
2. **Follow-up Library Board Ordinance** – City Manager/City Clerk followed-up with the Mayor regarding the requested changes by the Board. He noted that he will review the request over the next week.

Discussion:

1. **Geese Management** –City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that the agency contracted by Teterboro Airport to provide geese management contact the City for renewal in 2026. She noted that the previous agreement was to not permit lethal methods, however, they could treat nests and eggs. The Mayor and Council agreed to the same agreement.
2. **EV Chargers – Green Acres** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that she contact Green Acres regarding having EV Chargers placed on City property that is designated on the City's ROSI and charging a fee for said chargers. Green Acres advised they would likely give approval should the revenues collected be reinvested

into the City's parks. The Mayor and Council suggested installation behind the High School on the City's property and behind the Recreation Center as opposed to 20th Century Field.

3. **Water Solutions** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared the results obtained by her office for the installation of water filters/dispensers for residential use. The Mayor and Council review the results and stated that they prefer the filter provided by Aguavida. They also agreed that they are interested in purchasing two for two locations, City Hall and the Health Department.
4. **Anniversary Day** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney followed up on the residential request for the designation of the City's Anniversary Day in March, acknowledging when the City first became a Borough. The Mayor and Council advised they wished to proceed.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Clerk's Office December 2025** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Building Department December 2025** – No discussion ensued.
3. **Millennium Strategies through December 2025** – No discussion ensued.
4. **Recreation Department December 2025** – No discussion ensued.

Executive Session:

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

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:

Investments of Public Funds

Investigations

Litigation

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 Kane and seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso to return to the public portion. The motions carried unanimously by those present.

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

These meeting minutes were approved at the January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.