

**WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2026
6:00P.M.**

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for February 3, 2026 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 6:12PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

On Roll Call present members were: Councilmembers Delaney & 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 Representative, Frank Rivellini.

**Councilman Rigoglioso left the meeting at 6:54PM.*

***Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond participated via teleconference.*

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. CONSENT AGENDA:

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| R-86-26 | Approval of Bills List |
| R-87-26 | Amending Resolutions R-17-25 and R-334-25 and R-588-25 to Adjust Attorney Not to Exceed Amounts |
| R-88-26 | Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda |

2. RESOLUTION:

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| R-89-26 | Appointing Certain Professional Appointments Pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law |
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**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-86-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO**

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve totaling \$35,466.73 and the Current Fund totaling \$685,944.51 and the Water Reserves totaling \$0.00 and the Water Fund totaling \$0.00 and the Grants totaling \$0.00 and the General Capital Fund totaling \$150,704.05 and the Water Capital Fund totaling \$27,774.18 and the Trust Accounts totaling \$17,924.05 and the Developer’s Escrow totaling \$0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated February 3, 2026 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 \$917,793.52 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

February 2, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 3, 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 3rd day of February 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-87-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

**AMENDING RESOLUTIONS R-17-25 & R-334-25 & R-588-25 TO ADJUST ATTORNEY
NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNTS**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed professionals at the January 1, 2025 Reorganization Meeting with specific not to exceed amounts for budgetary purposes via Resolution R-17-25; and

WHEREAS, adjustments were previously made to said not to exceed amounts to cover year to date attorney costs via resolutions R-334-25, R-472-25, and R-588-25; and

WHEREAS, an additional adjustment needs to be made to said not to exceed amounts to cover year to date attorney costs for 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey that the following change be made to the not to exceed amounts:

10. Richard Malagiere is hereby appointed as a Municipal Attorney for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed **\$161,300.00** to be paid from 5-01-20-155-155-020.

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

February 2, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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-88-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO**

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-86-26 through R-88-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 3, 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
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Reports of the Cabinet and City Council:

City Engineer's Report:

Mr. Boswell shared that the plans for the Spring Street/Little League turf field are complete for the Governing Body's review and consideration, of which he brought a physical copy. He reviewed the details of the plan and Mayor Garnto inquired about getting pricing for shaded bleachers as an alternate bid item. City Manager/City Clerk Delaney asked how long the project would take for completion, if construction would impede on the use of the other field located on site, and if the Little League organization reviewed the plans for input. The Governing Body also requested that Mr. Boswell include an updated kitchen/building in the plans. Mr. Boswell then went on to say that a manhole was repaired on Banta Avenue and that the remainder of the project will commence once the weather breaks. He stated that they are working with the City on another water claim and that all documents have been submitted for River Drive reimbursement/closeout. Lastly, Mr. Boswell advised that he still needs to follow up on the environmental piece related to Garwood Court.

City Council's Report:

Deputy Mayor Raymond inquired about a denied handicap spot located at 75 Cedar Street.

Report of the City Manager:

Ordinances:

1. **Follow-up Ordinances with Attorney** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that she is still waiting on the City attorney for the following ordinances: Junkyard Category Fee Increase, Business Limits as Per Deputy Mayor Kane, Timed Meter Parking, No Cash Ordinance for Certain Departments.
2. **Disabled Veteran Tax Relief** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney reviewed the ordinance that was requested by the Tax Assessor's Office. She noted it is a practice that the City follows, however, an ordinance is not currently on the books and is, therefore, needed. The Mayor and Council agreed to have the ordinance introduced at the February 17th, 2026 meeting. Ms. Delaney noted that the City Attorney needs to make edits to the ordinance prior to adoption.

Discussion:

1. **Follow-up: Illegal Housing Reporting** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney noted that a form was created to include on the City website and app for reporting purposes. She shared that she is waiting on confirmation from the City Attorney that the form can be posted as created.
2. **Special Labor Counsel** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared the submissions for the special labor counsel RFP for the Mayor and Council's consideration.
3. **Summer Camp Fees** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney reviewed the Recreation Director's request to increase fees for Summer Camp in 2026. The Mayor and Council were in favor of increasing to \$195 per week.
4. **Parking Program Website** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that there are technical difficulties with the parking company's new system (Passport) as some addresses are not coming up in the new system. She noted that the City could suspend the overnight parking requirement if the Mayor and Council chooses, however, she does not recommend doing so. The Mayor and Council agreed and requested that the Police Department put out an announcement detailing the issue and the remedy to be handled on a case by case basis.
5. **Anniversary Day** – City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that the Tax Assessor provided quotes for the cost for either a reassessment or revaluation, which will be required for the 2027 Tax Year. Discussion ensued regarding the pricing and difference between the two options. The Mayor and Council requested that the Tax Assessor provide a recommendation as far as which route he recommends.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Building Department January 2026** – No discussion ensued.
2. **Millennium Strategies through January 2026** – No discussion ensued.

Resolution:

**CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-89-26**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a legal notice and statement of criteria for submission of qualifications were prepared and issued by the City which solicited submissions by the various professionals no later than January 27, 2026; and

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

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

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

1. Christopher Nucifora of Kaufman Dolowich is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be paid from 6-01-20-155-155-020.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and each appointment is subject to confirmation by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for the purposes.

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

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

February 2, 2026
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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC
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Dated

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kane and seconded by Mayor Garnto 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 17, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.