WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
6:00P.M.

The Work Session Meeting of the Garfield Mayor and Council for September 8, 2026 was called to order by City Manager/City Clerk Erin Delaney at 6:18PM. 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 Kevin Boswell, City CFO Nicholas Prochilo, and City Attorney Richard Malagiere.
**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/pages/legal-ads

Action Items:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
   A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Kane and seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso to approve the August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. The motions carried by those present, with Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond abstaining.

2. **RESOLUTIONS:**

R-434-26	Approving Liquor License Transfer – Person to Person – 0221-33-069-017
R-435-26	Expressing the Intent of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield to Proceed with the Purchase of Real Property Located Between Ray Street and Garwood Court East

3. **ORDINANCES:** **SECOND READING**

R-436-26	Introduce Ord. #3161 **CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE $40,000 FOR GENERAL SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVES**

R-437-26	Introduce Ord. #3162 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WATER MAIN AND LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES ALONG UNION AVENUE, PROSPECT STREET AND LIBERTY STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $850,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**
R-438-26	Introduce Ord. #3163 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220, ENTITLED "NOISE" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

R-439-26	Approval of Bills List
R-440-26	Amending Resolution R-17-26 and Resolution R-154-26 to Adjust Attorney Not to Exceed Amounts
R-441-26	Amending Resolution R-89-26 to Adjust Attorney Not to Exceed Amount
R-442-26	Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 2 to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Construction of the Banta Avenue Drainage Improvement Project
R-443-26	Authorizing Approval of Change Order No.'s 3, 4 & 5 to Madina Restoration Inc. in Connection with the Fire Co. 2 Façade & Roof Rehabilitation Project
R-444-26	Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 6 to Madina Restoration, Inc., for Construction Services Provided in Connection with the Fire Company 2 Façade & Roof Rehabilitation Project
R-445-26	Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 42 to National Metering Services for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 2
R-446-26	Authorizing the Purchase of 10 Fire Hydrants from Ferguson Waterworks through Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 159595
R-447-26	Authorizing the Purchase of a Truck for the DPW from All American Ford of Paramus
R-448-26	Authorizing Reimbursement to the Borough of Lodi for the City of Garfield's Share of Costs Associated with the Harrison Avenue Roadway Improvement Project
R-449-26	Approving Refund of Deposit Fees for Building Usage
R-450-26	Approving Refund of Dwelling Permit Fee
R-451-26	Approving Sewer Payment Refund
R-452-26	Approving Sewer Payment Refund
R-453-26	Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87

R-454-26	Authorizing Application for a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant for Fire Company No.2 Support
R-455-26	Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

5. ORDINANCES: **FIRST READING**

R-456-26	Re-Introduce Ord. #3156 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 164, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD**
R-457-26	Introduce Ord. #3164 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 224, "PARADES AND SPECIAL EVENTS," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL EVENTS**

6. RESOLUTIONS:

R-458-26	Consenting to the Lowering of the Posted Speed Limit on a Portion of River Drive
R-459-26	Establishing an Application Fee for Parades and Other Special Events
R-460-26	Adopting Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
R-461-26	Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement with The Borough of Lodi for Use of Fuel Storage and Pump Facility Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40a:65-1

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-434-26

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – PERSON TO PERSON
#0221-33-069-017

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0221-33-069-017, from Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine LLC t/a Ceviche Peruvian Cuisine, (Enrique Sosa, 70 Seger Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 who will own 34% of the shares of the Corporation and Karina Flores, 109 West 3rd Street, #2, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 who will own 33% of the shares of the Corporation and Victor Flores, 61 Scrivens Street, Totowa, New Jersey 07512 who will own 33% of the shares of the Corporation), to Ceviche 517 Pisco Lounge LLP, (Victor Flores, 61 Scrivens Street, Totowa, New Jersey 07512 who will own 33.34% of the shares of the partnership, Karina Flores, 109 West 3rd Street #2, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 who will own 33.33% of the shares of the partnership and Enrique Sosa, 70 Seger Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 who will own 33.33% of the shares of the partnership located at 517 River Drive, Suite #2, Garfield, New Jersey 07026; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted a background investigation and the applicant and premises are suitable for licensing; and

WHEREAS, a "Tax Clearance - Transfer Certificate" has been issued and has been received as required pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective September 8, 2026, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License, Ceviche 517 Pisco Lounge LLP and does hereby direct the City Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Ceviche 517 Pisco Lounge LLP, effective September 9, 2026"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this license is transferred on the condition that no Go-Go, live entertainment or discotheque be used in connection with this license; (A fee of $223.90 was collected for the City of Garfield and $200.00 was collected for the State of New Jersey in connection with the person to person license transfer).

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

Mayor Garnto requested that the resolution be tabled and brought to a vote and the Regular Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2026. Councilman Delaney questioned the intent of postponing it as his vote would remain the same. Mayor Garnto expressed his wish that it be voted on in front of the public for transparency purposes

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-435-26

TABLED BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE

EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN RAY STREET AND GARWOOD COURT EAST

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield have considered the potential acquisition of a strip of real property located between Ray Street and Garwood Court East, as more particularly identified on the proposed subdivision plan last revised August 14, 2025, on file in the Office of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the potential acquisition of said property warrants further consideration for a public purpose and use by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it is appropriate and in the best interests of the City to formally establish whether the governing body supports proceeding with the potential acquisition of said property prior to the expenditure of additional municipal funds for negotiations, appraisals, legal work, financing, or other professional services associated with the proposed purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that any acquisition of the property shall remain subject to the City's compliance with all applicable statutory requirements, including any required authorization by ordinance, availability and appropriation of funds, and, if applicable, authorization of bonds or other financing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the Mayor and Council hereby approve proceeding with the acquisition of the strip of real property located between Ray Street and Garwood Court East, subject to the negotiation of acceptable terms and conditions and subject to all further approvals required by law, including any required ordinance, appropriation, and financing authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to continue discussions and negotiations with the property owner and to develop and present to the Mayor and Council a proposed purchase agreement, together with the anticipated purchase price, associated costs, proposed funding mechanism, and any other information necessary for the Mayor and Council to determine whether to proceed with the formal acquisition of the property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained herein shall constitute the final authorization or approval of the acquisition of the property, the expenditure of funds, or the issuance of debt, all of which shall remain subject to any further action required by law and by the governing body of the City of Garfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

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

Record of Council Vote to Table

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Rigoglioso		X		
Delaney	X			
Kane	X			
Raymond			X	
Garnto	X			

This resolution was tabled by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Work Session Meeting held on the 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-436-26

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3161
SECOND READING

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE $40,000 FOR GENERAL SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVES

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on August 18, 2026 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3161

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE $40,000 FOR GENERAL SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVES

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds and determines that $40,000 is required for the general sewer improvements, and $0 is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, there are available funds in the general capital reserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. The sum of $40,000 is hereby appropriated to the aforementioned project. No down payment is required for this ordinance as it will be fully funded through the capital reserves. Said project has been and shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof has been nor shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the project is not a current expense of said City, and (2) the capital reserves are sufficient to fully fund the capital ordinance pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose authorized by the General Capital fund is $40,000 and is for the project and hereby stated, $0 of which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses.

Section 3. There will be no issuance of debt and as such, there is no need to provide a self-liquidating calculation or Supplemental Debt Statement.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

APPROVED: _____
Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Introduced: August 18, 2026
Adopted: September 8, 2026

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-437-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3162
SECOND READING

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WATER MAIN AND LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES ALONG UNION AVENUE, PROSPECT STREET AND LIBERTY STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $850,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on August 18, 2026 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3162

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WATER MAIN AND LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES ALONG UNION AVENUE, PROSPECT STREET AND LIBERTY STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $850,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

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

Section 1. The City of Garfield, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "City") is hereby authorized to replace the water main and lead water service lines along Union Avenue, Prospect Street and Liberty Street in, by and for the Water Utility of the City. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of $850,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this ordinance. No down payment is required for this bond ordinance pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) and 40A:2-7(h). It is anticipated that funds contributed by the Garfield Board of Education (the "Board of Education") shall be received by the City pursuant to an interlocal service agreement to be entered into between the City and the Board of Education to finance the cost of the water main replacement component of the improvements (the cost of which is estimated to be $600,000) described in Section 1 hereof. Said funds shall be applied as set forth in Section 10 hereof. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said City, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said City pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is $850,000, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is $850,000, and (5) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of $105,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the Water Utility would have been self-liquidating, as defined in Section 47(a) of the Local Bond Law, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, had there been included in the interest and debt redemption charges for such year an amount equal to interest for one year at the rate of four and one half per centum (4½%) per annum on said bonds or notes, and the amount of the first installment of serial bonds legally issuable to finance such purpose plus an amount for charges as aforesaid with respect to all bonds and notes authorized but not issued for such Water Utility.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said City of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $850,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said City of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $850,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said City and attested by the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of thirty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said City, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by $850,000, but said $850,000 shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 44(c) of the Local Bond Law and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance is permitted by an exception to the

debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law as provided in Sections 47(a) and 7(h) of the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from the Board of Education, private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The City intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the City incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the City hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the City, and the City shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the City for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

APPROVED: _____
Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Introduced: August 18, 2026
Adopted: September 8, 2026

Mayor Garnto opened the floor for a public hearing. No one wished to be heard. Upon casting their votes, Deputy Mayor Kane noted that he votes no to section 6-C and Mayor Garnto noted that he votes no to work on holidays and Sundays.

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-438-26

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3163
SECOND READING

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220, ENTITLED "NOISE," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on August 18, 2026 and that further consideration of this ordinance would be taken up at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, all persons interested in said ordinance were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, that said ordinance pass on final reading.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3163

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220, ENTITLED "NOISE," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield has previously adopted Chapter 220, "Noise," of the Code of the City of Garfield to regulate excessive sound and protect the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") has issued an updated Model Noise Control Ordinance dated June 10, 2026, providing updated standards and requirements for municipal noise control ordinances adopted pursuant to the State's Noise Control Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP Model Noise Control Ordinance provides updated definitions, exemptions, sound-level standards, standards for sound production devices, restricted activities, motor vehicles, and enforcement procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 220 to incorporate the applicable updated provisions of the NJDEP Model Noise Control Ordinance and maintain the City's noise-control regulations in conformity with applicable State requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires that the provisions of Chapter 220 remain consistent with applicable Federal and State law;

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. Amendment to § 220-2, Definitions.

Chapter 220, § 220-2, "Definitions," is hereby amended by adding the following definition:

EMERGENCY — An unexpected occurrence or situation resulting from natural or unnatural causes that endangers or has the potential to endanger a public or private facility or the health, safety or resources of citizens, and as such, necessitates prompt action and response at the site of the emergency.

SECTION 2. Amendment to § 220-2, "Minor Violation."

The definition of **MINOR VIOLATION** contained in § 220-2 is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

MINOR VIOLATION — A violation that is not the result of the purposeful, knowing, reckless, or criminally negligent conduct of the alleged violator; and/or the activity or condition constituting the violation has not been the subject of an enforcement action by any authorized local, county or state enforcement agency against the violator within the immediately preceding 12 months for the same or substantially similar violation.

SECTION 3. Amendment to § 220-4, "Exemptions."

Section 220-4 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection **D**, as follows:

D. Assisted mobility devices, when used for the intended purpose within a dwelling, including but not limited to wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches, provided that the equipment is properly maintained and feet or tips are rubberized where available.

Existing § 220-4 shall otherwise remain unchanged.

SECTION 4. Amendment to § 220-7, "Maximum Permissible Sound Levels."

Section 220-7(B), "Impulsive Sound," is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

B. Impulsive Sound.

(1) Outdoors.

(a) Impulsive sound shall not equal or exceed **80 dBA**. This applies to all receptors and at all times, except as provided in Subsection B(1)(b).

(b) Between **10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**, for residential receptors, impulsive sound that repeats four or more times in any hour shall not equal or exceed **50 dBA**.

(2) Indoors.

(a) Impulsive sound that repeats less than ten times per hour shall not equal or exceed **70 dBA**. Impulsive sound that repeats ten or more times in any hour shall not equal or exceed **60 dBA**. This applies to all receptors and at all times, except as provided in Subsection B(2)(b).

(b) Between **10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**, for residential receptors, impulsive sound that repeats four or more times in any hour shall not equal or exceed **40 dBA**.

(c) This subsection shall only apply when the source and the receptor are separated by a real property line and they also share a common or abutting wall, floor or ceiling, or are on the same parcel of property. This subsection shall not apply to noise associated with footfalls between dwelling units.

SECTION 5. Amendment to § 220-8, "Sound Production Devices."

Section 220-8 is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

§ 220-8. Sound Production Devices.

A. Outdoor Measurements.

No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the operation of any sound production device operated on any source property listed in § 220-3(A) in such a manner as to create a sound level that equals or exceeds the applicable sound level standards set forth in Tables I or III when measured at or within the real property line of any of the receiving properties listed in Tables I or III.

B. Indoor Measurements.

No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the operation of any sound production device operated on any source property listed in § 220-3(A) in such a manner that the sound crosses a real property line and exceeds the sound level standards in Table II or raises the total sound levels above the neighborhood residual sound level by more than the maximum permissible

sound level standards set forth in Table IV when measured within the residence of a complainant according to the measurement protocol in § 220-6(B) of this chapter.

The sound level measurements shall be conducted with the sound level meter set for **"A" weighting, "slow" response** for measurements pursuant to Table II and **"C" weighting, "fast" response** for measurements pursuant to Table IV.

C. Minor Violations.

A violation of this section shall be considered minor, as defined herein, pursuant to the Grace Period Law, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-125 et seq., except for sound emissions from the following property categories:

1. Residential; and
2. Commercial where the use of a sound production device is a non-essential function of business, such as background music at a bar or restaurant.

SECTION 6. Amendment to § 220-9, "Restricted Uses and Activities."

Section 220-9 is hereby amended by deleting and replacing subsections **A through D** with the following:

A. Residential Power Tools and Maintenance Equipment.

Excluding emergency work, power tools, home maintenance tools, landscaping and/or yard maintenance equipment shall not be operated on a residential property between the hours of **8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.**, unless such activities can meet the applicable standards set forth herein.

At all other times, the standards set forth herein do not apply.

All motorized equipment used in these activities shall be operated with an original, properly functioning, manufacturer-installed muffler and/or sound reduction device or an original equipment manufacturer acoustically equivalent muffler and/or sound reduction device.

B. Nonresidential Power Tools and Maintenance Equipment.

Power tools, landscaping and/or yard maintenance equipment, excluding when used for emergency work, shall not be operated on a commercial facility, community service facility, industrial facility, or public space unless such activities can meet the applicable standards set forth herein.

All motorized equipment used in these activities shall be operated with an original, properly functioning, manufacturer-installed muffler and/or sound reduction device or an original equipment manufacturer acoustically equivalent muffler and/or sound reduction device.

C. Construction and Demolition.

Construction and demolition activity, excluding emergency work, shall not be performed between the hours of **6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays**, or between the hours of **6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and federal holidays**, unless such activities can meet the applicable standards set forth herein.

At all other times, the standards set forth herein do not apply.

All motorized equipment used in construction and demolition activity shall be operated with an original, properly functioning, manufacturer-installed muffler and/or sound reduction device or

an original equipment manufacturer acoustically equivalent muffler and/or sound reduction device.

D. Motorized Snow Removal Equipment.

Motorized snow removal equipment shall be operated with an original, properly functioning, manufacturer-installed muffler or an original equipment manufacturer acoustically equivalent muffler and/or a sound reduction device when being used for snow removal. The standards set forth herein do not apply.

SECTION 7. Amendment to § 220-10, "Motor Vehicles."

Section 220-10(A) is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

A. No person shall remove or render inoperative, or cause to be removed or rendered inoperative or less effective than originally equipped, other than for the purposes of maintenance, repair, or replacement, any device or element of design incorporated in any motor vehicle for the purpose of noise control. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle which has been so modified, as determined by an NCO or NCI to be causing excessive or unusual noise pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-70. A vehicle not meeting these requirements shall be deemed in violation of this provision if it is operated stationary or in motion in any public space or public right-of-way.

The existing subsections **B, C and D** of § 220-10 shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 8. Amendment to § 220-11, "Enforcement; Violations and Penalties."

Section 220-11 is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

§ 220-11. Enforcement; Violations and Penalties.

A. Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be cause for a Notice of Violation ("NOV") or a Notice of Penalty Assessment ("NOPA") document to be issued to the violator by the Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty for each offense of not more than the maximum penalty authorized pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40:49-5**. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it occurs shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense.

C. Upon identification of a violation of this chapter, the Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator shall issue an enforcement document to the violator. The enforcement document shall identify the condition or activity that constitutes the violation and the specific provision of this chapter that has been violated. It shall also indicate whether the violator has a period of time to correct the violation before a penalty is sought.

D. If the violation is deemed by the Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator to be a minor violation, as defined in § 220-2, an NOV shall be issued to the violator.

(1) The document shall indicate that the purpose of the NOV is intended to serve as a notice to warn the responsible party/violator of the violation conditions in order to provide the violator with an opportunity to voluntarily investigate the matter and voluntarily take corrective action to address the identified violation.

(2) The NOV shall identify a time period of **not less than 30 days and not more than 90 days**, pursuant to the Grace Period Law, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-125 et seq., during which the responsible

party's/violator's voluntary action can prevent a formal enforcement action with penalties being issued.

The NOV shall state that it does not constitute a formal enforcement action, a final agency action, or a final legal determination that a violation has occurred and, therefore, may not be appealed or contested.

E. If the violation is deemed by the Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator to be a non-minor violation, the violator shall be notified that if the violation is not immediately corrected, a NOPA with a civil penalty of not more than the maximum penalty authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-5 will be issued.

If a non-minor violation is immediately corrected, an NOV without a civil penalty shall still be issued to document the violation.

If the violation occurs again within 12 months of the initial violation, a NOPA shall be issued regardless of whether the violation is immediately corrected or not.

If an NOV, i.e., a warning without penalty, is issued, a NOPA may be issued the same day if a subsequent violation is documented.

F. The violator may request from the Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator an extension of the compliance deadline in the enforcement action.

The Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator shall have the option to approve any reasonable request for an extension, not to exceed **180 days**, if the violator can demonstrate that a good-faith effort has been made to achieve compliance.

If an extension is not granted and the violation continues to exist after the grace period ends, a NOPA shall be issued.

G. The recipient of a NOPA shall be entitled to a hearing in a municipal court having jurisdiction to contest such action.

H. The Noise Control Officer or Noise Control Investigator may seek injunctive relief if the responsible party does not remediate the violation within the period of time specified in the NOPA issued.

I. Any claim for a civil penalty may be compromised and settled based upon the following factors:

1. Mitigating or any other extenuating circumstances;
2. The timely implementation by the violator of measures which lead to compliance;
3. The conduct of the violator; and
4. The compliance history of the violator.

SECTION 9. New § 220-12, “Consistency, Severability and Repealer.”

Chapter 220 is hereby amended by adding a new § 220-12 as follows:

§ 220-12. Consistency, Severability and Repealer.

A. If any provision or portion of a provision of this chapter is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this chapter shall not be invalidated.

B. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

C. No provision of this chapter shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy therefrom, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this chapter or from other law.

SECTION 10. No Other Amendments.

Except as expressly amended by this Ordinance, all provisions of **Chapter 220, "Noise," of the Code of the City of Garfield** shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealer.

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

SECTION 12. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. 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

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Introduced: August 18, 2026

Adopted: September 8, 2026

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-439-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
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 $3,094.17 and the Current Fund totaling $606,457.15 and the Water Reserves totaling $925.35 and the Water Fund totaling $31,937.09 and the Grants totaling $126,613.95 and the General Capital Fund totaling $0.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling $0.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling $18,595.85 and the Developer's Escrow totaling $0.00 per attached Computer Lists, dated September 8, 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 $2,608,924.01 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.

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-440-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AMENDING RESOLUTION R-17-26 AND RESOLUTION R-154-26 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 9, 2025; 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 2, 2026 Reorganization Meeting with specific not to exceed amounts for budgetary purposes via Resolution R-17-26; and

WHEREAS, the City subsequently adopted Resolution R-154-26 amending and increasing certain not to exceed amounts; and

WHEREAS, additional adjustments need to be made to not to exceed amounts to cover year to date attorney costs;

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 amount:

9. Richard Malagiere is hereby appointed as a Municipal Attorney for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed $125,000.00 to be paid from 6-01-20-155-155-020.

11. Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC is hereby appointed as Special Legal Counsel for the City of Garfield with compensation in the amount not to exceed $50,000.00 to be paid from 6-01-20-155-155-020.

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

_____ September 7, 2026

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-441-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AMENDING RESOLUTION R-89-26 TO ADJUST ATTORNEY NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT

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); and

WHEREAS, an additional adjustment needs to be made to a not to exceed amount to cover year to date attorney costs;

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 amount:

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 $23,000.00 to be paid from account 6-01-20-155-155-020.

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

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-442-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 2 TO D & L PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF BANTA AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc., in the amount of $182,181.04; and

WHEREAS, D & L Paving Contractors, Inc., provided construction services for this project for work completed through July 30, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes payment of Requisition No. 2 in the amount of $182,181.04 to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to e paid out of account C-04-55-253-081-300 and PO# 25-01789.

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

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-443-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.'S 3, 4, & 5 TO MADINA RESTORATION INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE CO. 2 FACADE & ROOF REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to Madina Restoration Inc., in the original contract amount of $350,610.00; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1, in the amount of $55,100.00, was approved for additional window lintel work on this project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2, in the amount of $5,000.89, was approved for additional roof framing replacement/reframing work on this project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3, in the amount of $1,138.20, is necessary for additional interior repair (framing & sheetrock) work on this project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 4, in the amount of $4,370.00, is necessary for electrical work on this project; and

WHEREAS, use of the contract allowance amount of $10,000.00 is authorized for the partial payment of Change Order No. 5, and is necessary for masonry and lintel repair work for the project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 5, in the amount of $3,150.00, is necessary for the balance of the masonry lintel work, (that exceeds the project allowance), for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that Change Order No.'s 3, 4 & 5, increasing amount of this project by $8,658, for a new contract amount of $419,369.09, following the use of the contract allowance amount, be and is hereby approved to be paid out of account C-04-55-243-042-400 and PO# 25-01319.

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

September 7, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Dated

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-444-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 6 TO MADINA RESTORATION, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE COMPANY 2 FACADE & ROOF REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield awarded a contract to Madina Restoration, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Madina Restoration, Inc. has provided services for this project and submitted Payment Requisition No. 6 in the amount of $65,075.00; and

WHEREAS, the City's Architect firm recommends the payment of Requisition No. 6 in the amount of $65,075.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garfield hereby authorizes payment of $65,075.00 to Madina Restoration, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-04-55-243-042-400 and PO# 25-01319-06.

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

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-445-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 42 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 Metering Services, Inc., provided services for this project for work completed through July 31, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield that the City hereby authorizes the payment of Requisition No. 42 (GAR 2607) in the amount of $12.571.44 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-06-55-222-947-300 and PO# 26-01476.

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

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-446-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TEN FIRE HYDRANTS FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NO. 159595

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and applicable regulations, may purchase goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program without public bidding when the requirements of the applicable cooperative purchasing contract and State law have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is a member of Omnia Partners, a cooperative purchasing organization utilized by public entities to obtain goods and services pursuant to competitively awarded cooperative contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Water Utility has a need to purchase ten (10) fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, the ten (10) fire hydrants are available for purchase from Ferguson Waterworks pursuant to Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 159595; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to purchase ten (10) fire hydrants from Ferguson Waterworks pursuant to the terms and conditions of OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 159595, for a total purchase price of $54,225.45 to be paid out of account C-06-55-726-010-010 and PO# 26-01781;

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

1. The appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to purchase ten (10) fire hydrants from Ferguson Waterworks through Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 159595 in an amount not to exceed $54,225.45, subject to the terms and conditions of said cooperative contract.
2. The appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to execute and/or issue any purchase order, contract, or other documents necessary to effectuate the purchase authorized herein.
3. The Chief Financial Officer's certification of the availability of funds for the purchase authorized herein is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
4. This purchase shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., applicable regulations, and the terms and conditions of the cooperative purchasing contract.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to Ferguson Waterworks, the Water Utility Supervisor, the Purchasing Agent, and the Chief Financial Officer.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

_____ September 7, 2026

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-447-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR THE DPW FROM ALL AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury or under State accepted Cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, BC Bids, is a group of governmental organizations, boards of education and other public bodies located in the United States, who pool their purchasing power together to receive discounted prices on a wide range of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield is a member of the BC Bids co-op; and

WHEREAS, the DPW has a need to purchase a 2026 Ford F350; and

WHEREAS, said 2026 Ford F350 truck is available for purchase through the BC Bids co-op under Contract BC-BID-24-43 with the All American Ford of Paramus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to enter into an agreement with the All American Ford of Paramus to provide the 2026 Ford F350 truck in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current contract BC-BID-24-43 for the purchase price of $56,926.40 to be paid out of account C-04-55-263-137-300 and PO# 26-01931.

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

1. The City Manager/City Clerk is hereby authorized to execute a contract with All American Ford of Paramus under the BC Bids co-op in the amount of $56,926.40 to provide one truck in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract BC-BID-24-43.
2. A certificate showing the availability of funds for the Contract authorized hereby shall be provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. The City Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to (i) All American Ford of Paramus; (ii) the City's DPW Supervisor; and (iii) the City's Chief Financial Officer.

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

_____ September 7, 2026

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-448-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF LODI FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD'S SHARE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HARRISON AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield ("City") and the Borough of Lodi ("Borough") are adjoining municipalities that share jurisdiction over portions of Harrison Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Harrison Avenue serves as a shared roadway between the City and the Borough, and both municipalities determined that coordinated improvements to the roadway would provide a benefit to residents, businesses, and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield and the Borough of Lodi entered into a Shared Services Agreement concerning the repaving and roadway improvements to Harrison Avenue, including the allocation of costs, responsibilities, and reimbursements associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, both municipalities applied for and received funding through the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") Local Transportation Program Fund ("LTPF") for improvements to Harrison Avenue, and the municipalities agreed to utilize their respective grant funding allocations, along with municipal contributions, toward the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, the municipalities agreed that costs associated with the project would be shared based upon the respective portions of work attributable to each municipality, with payments to be made in accordance with project invoices and applicable retainage requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lodi, as the lead municipality responsible for administration and payment of project costs, has advanced payments associated with the project and has requested reimbursement from the City for its share of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the project costs and supporting documentation submitted by the Borough of Lodi, including the applicable invoices, base bid costs, municipal contributions, NJDOT grant-funded portions, and retainage deductions; and

WHEREAS, the City's share of the project costs for Payment No. 3, after application of the two percent (2%) retainage deduction, totals $346,179.97;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield desires to authorize payment of the City's share of costs associated with the Harrison Avenue Roadway Improvement Project in accordance with the Shared Services Agreement and the supporting documentation provided by the Borough of Lodi;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to issue payment to the Borough of Lodi in the amount of $346,179.97 as reimbursement for the City of Garfield's share of costs associated with the Harrison Avenue Roadway Improvement Project to be paid out of account C-04-55-253-082-300 and PO# 25-01623.

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

_____ September 7, 2026

Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC Dated

City Manager/City Clerk

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-449-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

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 Boilermaker Huddle for the deposit made for the special event held August 21, 2026 at the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, a payment was received from Boilermaker Huddle, 140 Schley St, Garfield, New Jersey, in the amount of $500.00, as a deposit to compensate the City for DPW staff time used for the event; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has confirmed that the DPW did work the event and instead the members of the organization cleaned up after the event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that $500.00 be refunded to Boilermaker Huddle from Budget account line 6-01-26-290-290-016.

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

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-450-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

REFUND OF DWELLING PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Mayor and Council, have agreed that the City of Garfield should refund Darrick Kuttamperoor, residing at 131 Banta Ave, Garfield New Jersey for online payment for a Dwelling Certificate; and

WHEREAS, a payment was received from Darrick Kuttamperoor, in the amount of $60.00, for a Dwelling Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Bureau has investigated this payment and has determined that the payment should be refunded because Darrick Kuttamperoor is the homeowner of the property and do not require a Dwelling Certificate for the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that $60.00 be refunded to Darrick Kuttamperoor from Revenue account line 6-01-08-118-601.

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

_____ September 7, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-451-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

APPROVING SEWER PAYMENT REFUND

WHEREAS, the Receiver of Sewer Collections reports that she has received a request from property owner for a refund, due to erroneous billing for the year 2023-2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this payment and forward same to the Receiver of Sewer Collections for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner, to be paid out of account 6-01-08-166-601.

ACCOUNT #	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
3010-0	123 Pacific Ave Garfield LLC	O/P Refund	$330.00
5528-0	Ruiz, Ramona	O/P Refund	$649.62
4976-0	Rysina, Ekaterina	O/P Refund	$530.00
3085-0	48 Outwater LLC	O/P Refund	$370.00
6217-0	Full Gospel Church of Garfield Inc	O/P Refund	$3,390.00

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

September 7, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

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Dated

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-452-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

APPROVING SEWER PAYMENT REFUND

WHEREAS, the Receiver of Sewer Collections reports that she has received a request from property owner for a refund, due to erroneous billing for the year 2023-2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the proper offices are hereby authorized to issue a check refunding this payment and forward same to the Receiver of Sewer Collections for the purpose of noting her records and for mailing to the property owner, to be paid out of account 6-01-08-166-601.

ACCOUNT #	OWNER	REASON	AMOUNT
3447-0	Pereira-Sanchez, Fernando D	O/P Refund	$570.00

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

September 7, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

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Dated

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-453-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Service to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of $16,000.00 which is now available as part of the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant; from the State of NJ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $16,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant; in the amount of $16,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, online via the NJ FAST system for approval.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-454-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GRANT FOR FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately $200,000.00 to carry out a project for Fire Company 2 Support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Council do hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Council do hereby recognize and accept that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, in this case, the City Manager and City Council do further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Garfield and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-455-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE
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-439-26 through R-455-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Bergen County Animal Control Services

Representatives from the County were in attendance as the shared service agreement for animal control services is due to expire at the end of the year. Ms. Delaney noted that she asked them to be present as there are new members of the Governing Body that may not be familiar with their services. The representatives shared Garfield focused statistics and information on their services. They did acknowledge that there is a wait list for TNR, however, they recently employed a new veterinarian and two per diem veterinarians. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond shared concerns relating to the wait list and individuals being unable to TNR cats. She discussed a potential partnership with a veterinarian if Bergen County cannot keep up with our numbers. The representatives from the County said they no longer take cats that were trapped by individuals themselves as it raises safety concerns. Now, the County has to come out and trap. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond asked that further discussion take place. Ms. Delaney shared the current and proposed pricing structure and length options for the contract.

Reports of the Cabinet:

City Engineer's Report:

Mr. Boswell advised that his firm is working on a study for flooding related to the Phase II flooding project in the Prospect Street area. He noted they will have the report prepared next month which can be used as a master plan for grant applications moving forward as they will have more concrete information as to what is causing the problem. Mr. Boswell noted that they are televising the storm and sanitary lines on Banta Avenue, Division Avenue, and Semel Avenue. He spoke about the bond being approved for the Union Avenue water line and noted that bid specs will be sent to Ms. Delaney for advertisement. Mr. Boswell shared that they are working on grant applications with Ms. Delaney and that the City will be working with a NJDOT consultant for the design for Jewell Street and that his firm will handle the inspections. He announced that the work on Spring Street is complete. Ms. Delaney took this as an opportunity to confirm that the Governing Body does not want to hold a ribbon cutting until the clubhouse wok is complete. This led to discussion about simply giving the clubhouse a "facelift" instead of spending a considerable amount of money. The Mayor and Council noted that their main concern is the exterior and that they do not see why the building cannot improve with $15,000-$20,000 being invested. Mayor Garnto followed up with Mr. Boswell on quotes for fencing at Belmont Park by the City's water tank and the robot inspection to determine the steel width prior to painting.

City Attorney's Report:

Mr. Malagiere asked Mr. Boswell if a formalized report was done for the Columbus Park bond claim. Mr. Boswell stated he was not aware one was needed, to which Mr. Malagiere advised that something more formal with details would certainly help.

City CFO's Report:

Mr. Prochilo shared that at the recent BMED meeting it was noted that the City's healthcare would increase about 6-8.5% in 2027 which, while significant, is much lower than the State Health Benefit Plan increase. He shared that BMED will be putting in for a reserve request. Mr. Prochilo also shared that there have been articles about the misuse of opioid class action settlement funding amongst municipalities, however, he noted that the City has been using the funds appropriately. Deputy Mayor Kane inquired about using the funds for events such as National Night Out and mentioned a funding issue for extension cords and surge protectors, of which he was surprised there was no inventory within the City.

Report of the City Manager:

Ordinances:

1. **Licensing Public Storage Facilities –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that she received an e-mail inquiring if the City licenses public storage facilities. She noted that the City does not but, if permitted, could be something the City should enact as several other types of businesses require City licensing. Ms. Delaney noted that she would ask her Clerk list serve if any other municipality does so. City Attorney Malagiere noted that he would look into whether or not this is permissible. The Mayor and Council were in favor of doing so, if permitted.
2. **Sewer Charges Based on Usage –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney followed-up on discussion during budget planning where it was mentioned to explore updating the sewer bills so that residents are charged based on usage versus category. Ms. Delaney

inquired as to whether or not the Governing Body would like professionals to explore this option, to which they said yes.

3. **Rubbish, Refuse Ordinance Follow-up –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney circled back to a tabled ordinance from the June Regular meeting. Mayor Garnto mentioned that he would like to see this back on the agenda as he feels it could save the City money. Councilman Delaney stated that he feels that information is inaccurate. Mayor Garnto suggested that the Mayor and Council try it out and see if money is saved. Discussion ensued regarding adjusting the number of cans permitted for those businesses that do not have the property for a private dumpster. The ordinance was then re-introduced as follows:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-456-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

RE-INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3156
FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 164, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE, 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, September 22, 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 on the City's website a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3156

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 164, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, improved sanitation storage standards are vital to the revitalization of the City of Garfield and the improvement of the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Garfield believes it is in the best interest of the City of Garfield to Amend Part II General Legislation, Chapter 164, of the Code of the City of Garfield;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows: [additions/~~deletions~~]

Section 1.

§ 164-3 Hours **for placing at curb; commercial properties.**
The property owner shall be responsible for any garbage, refuse, solid waste, recyclables or any other materials placed for disposal or pickup at the curb for pickup prior to 4:00 p.m. of the day before said pickup is scheduled. [Each property owner operating an establishment as a bar, restaurant and/or tavern, whose primary purpose is the sale at retail of prepared meals or food and/or beverages for consumption on the premises of such bars, restaurants or taverns, shall be required to utilize a private dumpster for the disposal of any garbage, refuse, solid waste, recyclables or any other materials.] Each property owner who violates this section shall be punished as follows:

A. First offense: A $500 fine, payable by mail or in person or online. Court appearance is not required.

B. Second offense within a twelve-month period: A $750 fine, payable by mail or in person or online. Court appearance is not required.

C. Third offense within a twelve-month period: A fine of $1,000 payable by mail or in person or online. Court appearance is not required.

D. Fourth offense and each offense thereafter, within a twelve-month period: A fine of not less $1,000 and not greater than $2,000 and a mandatory court appearance. The City Municipal Judge shall have the authority to sentence the offending party to not less than 100 hours and no more than 200 hours of community service.

§ 164-3 **Storage and placement.**

A. Storage. Garbage, refuse, solid waste, recyclables or any other materials awaiting collection shall be deposited in a covered container(s) or receptacles in accordance with Chapter 201 of the City code, which shall be kept in an upright position and regularly disinfected.

B. Placement. Refuse receptacles shall not be stored in front or on side of buildings or houses between collections, except in a fully enclosed structure; or kept in such place or places so as not to become a nuisance to the occupants of any dwelling.

C. Dumpsters. [Editor's Note: recently amended through Ord. 3121] Dumpsters must be enclosed on four sides by an opaque material to completely mask the view of the

dumpster therein. Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a dumpster must ensure that such container is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out, overflowing, leaking or otherwise having the contents exit the confines of the container. If a business is unable to close off an area of their property to place a dumpster, they must rely on maximum of 5 garbage cans similarly closed off and covered. For construction, demolition, or renovation purposes, those in control of a dumpster.

Section 2. **Severability.**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Introduced: June 9, 2026

Tabled: June 23, 2026

Re-Introduced: September 8, 2026

Adopted:

Ordinances (continued):

4. **Cost Recovery for Events –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney circled back to the special events ordinance that she was asked to pull from an agenda. She noted that the ordinance is putting regulations on the record for when outside organizations hold events within the City in which City staff and resources are required. The ordinance establishes the deposit and reimbursement requirements officially so that the City can recoup the costs. The ordinance was introduced as follows:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-457-26

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3164
FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 224, "PARADES AND SPECIAL EVENTS," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL EVENTS

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, September 22, 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 on the City's website a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 3164

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 224, "PARADES AND SPECIAL EVENTS," OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL EVENTS

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

SECTION 1. Amendment to § 224-1, Purpose.
Chapter 224, § 224-1, entitled **"Purpose,"** is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 224-1. Purpose.
This chapter establishes the standards for the issuance of permits for parades, athletic events, and other special events in the City of Garfield in order to protect the public health and safety, preserve and protect the public rights-of-way and property of the City, and require applicants and sponsors to bear the costs reasonably incurred by the City in connection with such events, including the costs of municipal personnel, equipment, services, inspections, traffic and crowd control, cleanup, and restoration, to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION 2. Amendment to § 224-12, Traffic Control Fees.
Chapter 224, § 224-12, entitled **"Traffic control fees,"** is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

§ 224-12. Traffic Control Fees and Municipal Personnel Costs.
A. Police traffic and crowd control fees.
Upon approval of an application for a special event permit, the Chief of Police shall provide the applicant with a statement of the estimated cost of providing police officers for crowd and traffic control at the event. The applicant/sponsor of the event shall be required to prepay the estimated police traffic and crowd control fees prior to the issuance of a special event permit. Traffic and crowd control by officers include clearing the event route or site of unauthorized vehicles, diversion of traffic around the event, and directing pedestrian and vehicular traffic along the route of an event.

B. Computing police traffic and crowd control fees.
The traffic control fees will be computed by determining the number of police officers who will be required for crowd and traffic control in addition to those who would otherwise be on duty at that time, the number of hours the officers will be on duty for the event, and the City's full cost of providing officers on an hourly basis as established by the Police Department fee schedule. Should the actual full cost to the City by reason of the event exceed the estimated cost, the applicant/sponsor shall pay the balance upon demand by the City Clerk.

C. Municipal personnel and service costs.
In addition to the police traffic and crowd control fees set forth herein, the applicant/sponsor of a special event shall be responsible for the **actual costs incurred by the City for municipal personnel, equipment, and services reasonably required in connection with the event.** Such costs may include, but shall not be limited to, costs incurred by the Police Department, Department of Public Works, Health Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, or any other City department, division, office, agency, or personnel providing services necessitated by the event.

D. Department of Public Works costs.
Municipal personnel and service costs shall include, as applicable, the City's actual costs for Department of Public Works personnel, equipment, and services required in connection with the event, including, but not limited to, the placement, maintenance, and removal of barricades, traffic control devices or other equipment; setup and breakdown; cleanup; removal of refuse; restoration of City property; and other services necessitated by or directly attributable to the event.

E. Health Department and Fire Prevention Bureau costs.
Municipal personnel and service costs shall also include, as applicable, the City's actual costs for Health Department and Fire Prevention Bureau personnel required to attend, inspect, monitor, or otherwise provide services at or in connection with the event.
The costs imposed pursuant to this subsection are **separate and distinct from any application, permit, inspection, licensing, or other fees imposed by the Health Department or Fire Prevention Bureau pursuant to applicable State law, regulation, or ordinance.** Payment of any such application, permit, inspection, licensing, or other fee shall not relieve the applicant/sponsor of responsibility for municipal personnel and service costs incurred pursuant to this section.

F. Determination of personnel and services required.
The City, through the appropriate department head or designee, shall determine the number and type of municipal personnel, equipment, and services reasonably required based upon the nature, size, location, duration, anticipated attendance, anticipated traffic or pedestrian impacts, structures or activities involved, and other circumstances associated with the proposed event.

G. Estimated costs and prepayment.
Upon approval or conditional approval of an application, the City may provide the applicant/sponsor with an estimate of the municipal personnel, equipment, and service costs anticipated to be incurred in connection with the event. The City may require the applicant/sponsor to prepay all or a portion of the estimated costs prior to issuance of the special event permit.

H. Final costs.
Following the event, the City shall determine the actual costs incurred in providing municipal personnel, equipment, and services. If the actual costs exceed the amount prepaid, the applicant/sponsor shall pay the balance upon demand by the City Clerk. If the amount prepaid exceeds the actual costs incurred, the excess shall be refunded to the applicant/sponsor.

I. Calculation of costs.
Municipal personnel and service costs shall be calculated using the applicable rates established by the City, including, where applicable, the employee's regular or overtime rate, contractual premium or differential, payroll-related costs, equipment costs, and other direct costs incurred by the City in providing personnel, equipment, or services for the event.

J. Waiver or reduction of municipal personnel and service costs.
The City Manager, in his or her discretion, may waive or reduce all or a portion of the municipal personnel, equipment, and service costs otherwise payable under this section when the event is sponsored by or conducted for the benefit of a nonprofit organization, charitable organization, civic organization, community group, or other entity or activity that provides a substantial public or community benefit, or when the City Manager determines that such waiver or reduction is otherwise warranted by the circumstances of the event.
Any waiver or reduction granted pursuant to this subsection shall apply only to costs otherwise imposed pursuant to this section and shall **not** waive or reduce any fee, permit requirement, inspection fee, license fee, or other charge imposed pursuant to State law, regulation, or any other applicable ordinance unless such waiver is otherwise authorized by law.

K. City-sponsored events.
Events sponsored by the City of Garfield and otherwise exempt from the special event permit requirement pursuant to § 224-3.1 shall not be subject to the cost-recovery requirements of this section.

SECTION 3. Amendment to § 224-9, Permit Issuance.
Chapter 224, § 224-9, entitled **"Permit issuance,"** is hereby amended and supplemented by adding a new subsection D as follows:

§ 224-9.D.
Payment of all estimated police traffic and crowd control fees, municipal personnel and service costs, and any applicable cleanup deposit required pursuant to this chapter shall be a condition of issuance of the special event permit, unless waived or modified by the City Manager pursuant to § 224-12(J) or otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 4. Amendment to § 224-13, Cleanup Deposits for Certain Special Events.
Chapter 224, § 224-13(C), entitled **"Cleanup deposits for certain special events,"** is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 224-13.C.
If the property used for the event has not been properly cleaned or restored, the applicant/sponsor shall be billed for the actual cost incurred by the City for cleanup and restoration, including the cost of Department of Public Works personnel, equipment, materials, and other services. The cleanup deposit, or a portion thereof, shall be applied toward payment of the bill. Any costs incurred by the City in excess of the cleanup deposit shall be the responsibility of the applicant/sponsor and shall be payable upon demand by the City Clerk.

SECTION 5. Continuing Effect.
Except as hereby amended, all other provisions of Chapter 224, **"Parades and Special Events,"** of the Code of the City of Garfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Severability.
If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealer.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 8. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

City Manager/City Clerk

Introduced: September 8, 2026

Adopted:

Ordinances (continued):

5. **Utility Pole Removal – Fees/Permits –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that she received an e-mail from a company inquiring about the costs associated for a utility pole removal. She noted that currently, there is no structure in place for the City to require an application with an applicable fee. City Attorney Malagiere advised that he would look into whether or not the City can establish an application and an associated fee for said utility pole removals. Ms. Delaney offered to check with her Clerk list serve on this item as well and noted that the Construction Official suggested a zoning permit and bond/escrow.

Resolutions:

1. **County Response River Drive Speed Limit –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney circled back to the County's response regarding reducing the speed limit on River Drive, which was received via e-mail in July. Discussion ensued regarding the disappointment about the lack of reduction for River Drive as a whole. However, if the Mayor and Council is agreeable to the approved section for a reduced speed limit, a resolution affirming the same is required. A resolution passed as follows:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-458-26

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

CONSENTING TO THE LOWERING OF THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF RIVER DRIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield has received correspondence dated July 22, 2026 from the County of Bergen, Department of Planning & Engineering, regarding a speed limit evaluation conducted along River Drive between Monroe Street and Outwater Lane; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen conducted a speed survey and reviewed the roadway conditions, crash data, existing traffic conditions, and adjacent land use along River Drive submitted by the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, based upon its review and evaluation, the Bergen County Department of Planning & Engineering has recommended that the posted speed limit on River Drive between Belmont Avenue and Lizette Street be lowered from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change will provide a continuous posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour along River Drive between Marsellus Place and Morris Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has advised that, upon receipt of the City's consent, the County will adopt the necessary ordinance to effectuate the change in the posted speed limit and will provide for the replacement of the applicable speed limit signage; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has further advised that it will install Signal Ahead warning signs on both approaches to River Drive at Outwater Lane and schedule the installation of backplates on the signal heads at the intersection of River Drive and Outwater Lane; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield has reviewed the County's recommendation and desires to provide its consent to the proposed reduction in the posted speed limit.

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

1. The City of Garfield hereby consents to the proposed reduction of the posted speed limit on River Drive between Belmont Avenue and Lizette Street from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.
2. The City hereby authorizes and consents to the County of Bergen adopting the necessary County ordinance and taking such actions as may be required to effectuate the reduction in the posted speed limit and the installation or replacement of applicable traffic signage.
3. The City acknowledges the County's representation that it will install Signal Ahead warning signs on both approaches to River Drive at Outwater Lane and will schedule the installation of backplates on the signal heads at the intersection of River Drive and Outwater Lane.
4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any additional administrative actions necessary to effectuate the City's consent as set forth herein.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Bergen County Department of Planning & Engineering and any other appropriate County or City officials.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Resolutions (continued):

2. **Special Event Permit Cost –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that the permit cost for a special event permit application is $20. She noted that the fee is non-refundable, however, she inquired if the Mayor and Council would like to increase said fee as it has not been adjusted in quite some time. Discussion ensued regarding a new fee and whether or not it should be reimbursable if the event is not approved. Ms. Delaney advised that the ordinance would need to be amended if the Mayor and Council would like to change the fact that it is non-refundable. They elected to keep non-refundable the same and increase the fee to $200.00. A resolution was passed as follows:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-459-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION FEE FOR PARADES AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2532 the City Council established a requirement for a permit for a parade or other special event; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provided, in Section 178-4 for a non-refundable permit application fee in an amount to be determined by the City Clerk and authorized by Resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have recommended a fee in the amount of $200.00 for such permit;

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

1. A fee in the amount of $200.00 is hereby authorized and established which shall be the permit application fee required by Section 178 of the Code of the City of Garfield entitled "Parades and Other Special Events";
2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to advise necessary Departments of the amount of this fee which shall be collected, in advance, upon the submission of an application for the same.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Resolutions (continued):

3. **Policy Manual Updates –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that updates needed to be made to the City's policy and procedure manual. An update regarding FMLA was required by the JIF as there were amendments to legislation. There was also an optional update related to the use of AI, to which the City's labor attorney made recommended edits based on the template sent by the JIF. Ms. Delaney also noted that adjustments needed to be made as the City is not on State temporary disability benefits. Deputy Mayor Kane suggested holding a mandatory AI training for staff. A resolution was passed as follows:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-460-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

ADOPTING REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Policies and Procedures Manual serves as a governing document for personnel matters involving employees, volunteers, appointed officials, and independent contractors of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the City administration and labor counsel have recommended certain revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual to remain compliant with law and/or to adhere to best employment practices; and

WHEREAS, all revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Mayor and City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby adopt the revised Policies and Procedures Manual for 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policies and procedures revised in the new Policies and Procedures Manual shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the revised Policies and Procedures Manual will be distributed and made available to all current and future City employees, volunteers, appointed officials, and independent contractors.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Resolutions (continued):

4. **Law Enforcement Bill Support –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney disseminated correspondence received regarding a proposed legislative bill to support law enforcement. She noted that some municipalities are passing resolutions of support. The Mayor and Council advised that they would review the bill and decide down the road.

Discussion:

1. **Passaic Street Planter Boxes –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney inquired about the Governing Body's wishes for the planter boxes on Passaic Street. She noted that the installment of the artificial greenery was put on hold due to an idea where businesses would "sponsor" a planter box. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the DPW should proceed with installing the artificial greenery.
2. **NJ Transit Grant Senior Bus –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney announced that she had submitted a FY23 grant to NJ Transit for a replacement bus for the senior transportation program, similar to the application submitted to the NJDEP for an EV bus. Ms. Delaney advised that NJ Transit's grant application process is rather long and the City was just notified that they were approved for a standard cutaway rear lift vehicle.
3. **Volunteer Firefighter Tax Relief Program –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney shared that Deputy Mayor Kane requested that the City look into an incentive program for property tax relief for City volunteer firefighters that live in the City. City Attorney Malagiere inquired about the legality of the program. He stated that he would need to look into whether or not this is permitted further.
4. **Mural NJ Transit –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney advised that she began working on the mural paperwork from NJ Transit. However, there was some information that she did not have that was required. She noted the Mayor and herself will be meeting with NJ Transit in person and she will follow-up with questions in person.
5. **Fuel Shared Service – Lodi –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney stated that an opportunity to enter into a shared service with the Borough of Lodi for fuel has arisen. She shared the estimated cost savings generated by finance based on our monthly fuel usage. Ms. Delaney did advise that a concern was raised by the Police Chief as the Lodi DPW is known to flood. Therefore, she suggested that the City maintain their relationship with Wex so that they can obtain fuel elsewhere during emergencies when Lodi is inaccessible. The Mayor and Council were in favor of the shared service and this plan. A resolution was passed as follows:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-461-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LODI FOR USE OF FUEL STORAGE AND PUMP FACILITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:65-1

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act authorizes contracts among municipalities for the sharing of services within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Bodies of the City of Garfield and Borough of Lodi deem it to be in their best interests to enter into an Interlocal Community and Conditional Consent Agreement for the sharing of fuel storage and pump facility located at the Richmond Street Department of Public Works Garage, Lodi, New Jersey on a non-exclusive basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. that the City Manager/Clerk is hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Lodi for the sharing of fuel storage and pump facility located at the Richmond Street Department of Public Works Garage, Lodi, New Jersey on a non-exclusive basis in a form on file with the Office of the City Manager.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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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	X			
Delaney	X			
Kane			Recuse	
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 8th day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Discussion (continued):

6. **James Szucs Street Dedication Request –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney presented a street dedication request submitted by James Szucs. Discussion ensued regarding the potential for establishing a precedent that could result in additional street dedication requests. The Mayor and Council expressed that, while they did not wish to diminish or discredit anyone's contributions or dedication to the City, the limited number of streets available would not accommodate all such requests. It was suggested that the criteria for street dedication requests be made more stringent. The possibility of dedicating a tree at 20th Century Field was discussed as an alternative, as well as the City's existing bench dedication program.
7. **SRTS Grant –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney informed the Governing Body about an upcoming grant application that is open through the NJDOT known as Safe Routes to Schools. She shared that the paperwork and grant process for NJDOT grants is rather cumbersome and inquired about whether or not the Mayor and Council have a project in mind. There was an internal debate on whether the City should apply for School 10 or School 7. Ultimately, it was agreed upon that an ideal location would be the Middle School with a main focus on installing a crosswalk directly across from the main entrance as one currently does not exist and several students cross at that location.
8. **BOE Grass Cutting Shared Service –** City Manager/City Clerk Delaney provided an update on the discussion with the school district on a potential shared service for grass cutting. She said that the school district currently proposed paying the City $45,000 annually for the City DPW to handle grass cutting on school grounds. The intention behind the proposed figure is that it would allow the City to hire an additional staff member within the DPW, as that is their starting salary, exclusive of health/fringe benefits. Mayor Garnto noted that he was advised that the quote they received from an independent contractor was approximately $80,000. Discussion ensued regarding the City being responsible for fuel and equipment costs as well. As a result of this being an additional cost, plus the health/fringe benefits, the Mayor and Council agreed to a counter-offer of $75,000.

Departmental Reports:

1. **Clerk's Office August 2026 –** No discussion ensued.
2. **Building Department August 2026 –** No discussion ensued.
3. **Millennium Strategies through August 2026 –** No discussion ensued.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mayor Garnto and seconded by Councilman Delaney 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:

Personnel
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 Councilman Delaney and seconded by Mayor Garnto to return to the public portion. The motions carried unanimously.

Reports of the City Council:

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond inquired about a property on Van Bussum Avenue, outstanding water bills, Green Acres property on River Drive, installation of a speed bump on Krakow Street, and outstanding bills related to TNR. Ms. Delaney advised that the Police Department did not recommend the speed bump on Krakow Street. She also provided an update that they began contacting those properties that have outstanding bills and the City has seen recent payments. Ms. Delaney advised that they hope to complete water shut offs for large, outstanding bills prior to the winter termination program beginning in November. As far as Green Acres property, she stated that Green Acres is strict and that the parcel in question on River Drive is not on the City's ROSI and is privately owned. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond stated that she will be coordinating a self defense course for interested staff to participate in, in collaboration with the school district.

Councilman Rigoglioso wanted to inform the Mayor and Council that it is very likely that the First Lady of Poland will be coming to the City of Garfield via the Middle School. He noted that he will keep everyone apprised of the visit if it comes to fruition.

Deputy Mayor Kane advised that he will follow-up on the information for payroll savings. He requested that the Mayor and Council consider voting to ban flock cameras and AI data centers at the next meeting. City Attorney Malagiere advised that the AI data center issue would likely be for the planning board.

Mayor Garnto requested an update on the parking meter program and asked if the September roll-out was still on schedule. He noted that he was upset to hear that the Fire Chief did not permit the Fire Department to assist with the move for the family who tragically lost their son in the Passaic River drowning. Mayor Garnto went on to say that some firehouses were excluded from being on scene at National Night Out and were given direction to remain across the street, to which he questioned. He then went on to speak about a conversation he had with Ms. Delaney related to Fire Prevention week in the schools and the cancellation of the program this year. Mayor Garnto requested that the Governing Body come up with ideas so that the program can continue this year. Ms. Delaney noted that due to budgetary issues, unfortunately, the Fire Official and herself had to make the unfortunate decision to cancel the program that costs the City approximately $10,000. Discussion ensued regarding the unfamiliarity of the program by some councilmembers. Mayor Garnto advised that he would like items that require bonding to be placed on the agenda for an official recorded vote, even when it is evident that the four votes are not secured. For example, he requested that the vote to extend the Harrison Avenue project by one block be included on the September 22, 2026 agenda. Mayor Garnto announced that 27 trees will be donated and planted on October 31st and requested that the Mayor and Council donate to the organization. Lastly, he noted that the City's planner will be submitting a codification proposal for 2027.

Councilman Delaney expressed his concerns about Deputy Mayor Kane's Facebook post related to the fireworks as a generalized comment about city officials wanting to cancel the fireworks was made and he received phone calls from residents asking him why he wants to cancel the event. He advised that the statement was untrue and asked that similar posts be avoided in the future.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Rigoglioso and seconded by Mayor Garnto 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 October 15, 2026 Work Session Meeting of the Mayor & Council.