REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
GARFIELD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
6:00P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield was called to order on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:14PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, New Jersey.

2. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:**
Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing an annual meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the City Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 2, 2026 and published on January 7, 2026. This notice can also be found on our website at: www.garfieldnj.org/pages/legal-ads

3. **ROLL CALL:**
On Roll Call present members were: Councilmembers Rigoglioso & Delaney, Deputy Mayor Kane, Deputy Mayor/Mayor Advisor Raymond, and Mayor Garnto. Also present were City Manager/City Clerk Delaney and City Attorney Richard Malagiere.

4. **FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER:**

5. **RESOLUTIONS**:

Discussion ensued regarding the Mayor's request to permit a second public hearing for members of the public to ask questions or speak on agenda items prior to the Governing Body proceeding with a vote.

R-462-26	Amending Resolution R-06-26 Establishing the 2026 Meeting Schedule and Order of Business of the Governing Body of the City of Garfield
R-463-26	Authorizing Naming of Street After Alan Tani

Following the reading of the resolution, the Mayor and Council shared sentimental remarks regarding Alan Tani. It was noted that a date for the installation of the street sign will be coordinated with the family.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

7. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

R-464-26	Honoring Pastor John Czubkowski – 40 Years of Faithful Service
R-465-26	Congratulating and Celebrating the Garfield YMCA 100th Anniversary

Following the proclamations, congratulatory remarks were shared by the Mayor and Council.

8. **RESOLUTIONS:**

R-466-26	Affirming the Position of the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield Regarding the Continued Pursuit of the Potential Acquisition of Real Property Located Between Ray Street and Garwood Court East
R-467-26	Supporting the Proposed Purchase and Installation of Water Vending Machines

R-468-26 Memorializing the Mayor and City Council's Positions Regarding the Proposed Extension of Project Limits for the Harrison Avenue Road Improvement Project

9. ORDINANCES: <u>SECOND READING</u>

R-469-26 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-470-26 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

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

Prior to the Consent Agenda roll call, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond inquired about whether or not she can make a motion to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board. City Attorney Malagiere said that said motion can be perceived as a violation because it is a substantive motion and was not advertised 48 hours in advance. Councilman Delaney said that the Governing Body has made motions and approved items on several occasions in the past that were not originally included on the agenda and inquired as to why it is a problem now. He questioned what would happen if they decide to proceed and vote on it, to which Mr. Malagiere said it could become null and void. Mayor Garnto said that it was discussed to select the most qualified individuals and to interview candidates. Discussion ensued regarding how many candidate have submitted letters of interest/resumes. Councilman Delaney raised concerns about candidates calling councilmembers a liar and Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond stated that people interested in the events committee were never called. Ultimately, it was decided to hold the vote until the next meeting and that the Governing Body would review the resumes/cover letters of the interested parties prior to voting.

R-471-26 Approval of Bills List
R-472-26 Authorizing the Approval and Acceptance of a Proposal and Contract with Tic Tank Industry Consultants for the Evaluation of the 1,200,000 Gallon Belmont Welded Steel Ground Storage Tank and the 400,000 Gallon Boulevard Welded Steel Ground Storage Tank in the City of Garfield
R-473-26 Authorizing Payment of Payment Requisition No. 43 to National Metering Services, Inc., for Services Rendered in Connection with the Water Main Replacement Program Phase 2
R-474-26 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2027 Safe Routes to School Grant Program
R-475-26 Approving 2026 Outdoor Café License
R-476-26 Approving Handicap Parking Space
R-477-26 Approving Handicap Parking Space
R-478-26 Authorizing the Submission of a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant Application for Unprogrammed Funds – Garfield Senior Center Suppression System
R-479-26 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

11. PUBLIC HEARING:

12. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-462-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO

AMENDING RESOLUTION R-06-26 ESTABLISHING THE 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AND ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Garfield previously adopted Resolution R-06-26 establishing the regular meeting schedule and order of business for meetings of the Governing Body for calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to amend the Schedule of Business set forth in Paragraph 7 of Resolution R-06-26 to provide for an additional public hearing following the approval of meeting minutes and prior to the remaining business of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that providing an additional opportunity for public comment will facilitate the orderly conduct of municipal business and provide members of the public with an additional opportunity to address the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body intends that all public hearings conducted pursuant to this amended Schedule of Business shall remain subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and any other applicable law;

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

1. Paragraph 7 of Resolution R-06-26 is hereby amended and supplemented to revise the Schedule of Business for meetings of the Governing Body to read as follows:

7. Schedule of Business for meetings and actions shall be as follows:

A. Roll Call

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes

D. Public Hearing – First Public Comment Period on Agenda Items Only
(Open to the public allowing a five-minute time frame)

E. Proclamations

F. Special reports, presentations, or public hearings to be called in order of appointment

G. Special Resolutions

H. Introduction and passage of ordinances

I. Consent Agenda

J. Public Hearing – Second Public Comment Period
(Open to the public allowing a five-minute time frame)

K. Mayor & Council Comments

L. Adjournment

2. The second public hearing/public comment period established herein shall occur after the approval of the meeting minutes and shall constitute a separate opportunity for members of the public to address the Governing Body.

3. Except as expressly amended and supplemented herein, all other provisions of Resolution R-06-26 shall remain in full force and effect.

4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this amendment and to provide notice thereof as required by applicable law.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk and made available for public inspection.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-463-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND

AUTHORIZING NAMING OF STREET AFTER ALAN TANI

WHEREAS, Alan "Al" Tani dedicated many years of service to the City of Garfield as a Volunteer Firefighter, Little League Coach, member of the Garfield Babe Ruth League for more than 30 years, and President of the Garfield Babe Ruth League for 25 years, as well as a coach of Garfield Girls Softball; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Babe Ruth League was Al's second home, where he devoted countless hours to the League and to the children of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as President, Al organized the annual Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser, dragged and lined the baseball fields, operated the concession stand, and worked alongside other members to improve the condition of the fields, including the construction of dugouts and a press box; and

WHEREAS, Al was the type of man who rarely said no when asked for a favor and who dedicated much of his life to volunteering and serving the residents of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to publicly express their gratitude for Al's many years of dedicated service to the City of Garfield and to honor Alan "Al" Tani for his commitment to the community and its youth; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Babe Ruth League and the name Alan "Al" Tani have become synonymous through his decades of service, leadership, and dedication to the League and the children of Garfield;

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

1. The driveway of Columbus Park, located off of Midland Avenue, shall hereby be named **"Al Tani Way."**

2. The Garfield Department of Public Works, at the direction of the City Manager, is hereby directed to install appropriate signage designating the driveway of Columbus Park off of Midland Avenue as **"Al Tani Way,"** in accordance with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Garfield Police Department, Department of Public Works and the City Attorney.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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			

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC — Dated

City Manager/City Clerk

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-464-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

HONORING PASTOR JOHN CZUBKOWSKI – 40 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

WHEREAS, Pastor John is a first-generation American, born to Polish refugee parents who fled the devastation of World War II in search of freedom and a better life in America; and

WHEREAS, Pastor John was raised and educated in the City of Garfield, where his childhood was shaped by its schools, neighborhoods, churches, and people. From proudly wearing the yellow sash of a crossing guard, to playing basketball for the Boys' Club and the Garfield Boilermakers, the lessons of faith, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance became the foundation of the man and servant he would become; and

WHEREAS, in December 1986, after completing his seminary training, Pastor John answered the call to become Lead Pastor of Praise Church, beginning a remarkable journey of **40 years of faithful service**; and

WHEREAS, Pastor John has faithfully built upon the legacy established by his father, who founded Praise Church in 1955, and has now served as its pastor for nearly a decade longer than his father—a remarkable testament to his devotion, perseverance, and love for his church and community; and

WHEREAS, together with his wife, Rebecca, he founded Northeast Christian Academy, serving generations of children for twenty years, and later served as a bishop overseeing more than 60 churches; and

WHEREAS, Pastor John chose to refocus his ministry on Praise Church and the City of Garfield, where he continues to serve as Chaplain to the Fire Department, Police Department, Mayor, and City Council, giving tirelessly to the community he has always called home; and

WHEREAS, his forty years of ministry represent far more than a measure of time. They represent countless lives touched, families strengthened, generations guided, prayers offered, burdens carried, and hope restored. His unwavering commitment, adaptability, and genuine love for people have made his ministry a lasting force in Garfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield proudly honor Pastor John for 40 years of faithful service to Praise Church and the City of Garfield.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC — Dated

City Manager/City Clerk

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-465-26

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

CONGRATULATING AND CELEBRATING THE GARFIELD YMCA 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Young Men's Christian Association of Garfield (Garfield YMCA) is celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a commemorative dinner on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Seasons Catering, located at 644 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield YMCA is honoring at this dinner Patricia Gallagher, YMCA CEO, with its Legacy Award; David Gray, YMCA Board Member, with its Distinguished Service and Leadership Award; Pastors John and Rebecca Czubkowski with its Social Responsibility Award; and Renee Neville and Michele Semancik with its Community Heroes Award, in appreciation of their service to the YMCA and to the greater Garfield community; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Gallagher worked in numerous roles at the YMCA throughout high school and college before becoming its CEO at the age of 23. Under her leadership, the Garfield YMCA expanded its child care programs, facilities, health and wellness initiatives, and community partnerships, while continuing to respond to the changing needs of children, families, seniors, and the greater Garfield community; and

WHEREAS, David Gray has been a member of the Garfield YMCA Board of Directors since 2012, including serving for 10 years as Chief Volunteer Officer. A lifelong Garfield resident, his 34-year career in public service and education reflects his deep commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Pastors John and Rebecca Czubkowski have dedicated their lives to ministry, education, and community service. They have been longtime supporters of the Garfield YMCA and continue to strengthen the community through their leadership and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Michele Semancik and Renee Neville, YMCA staff members, demonstrated quick thinking and courage when their CPR training and lifesaving skills, learned through the YMCA, helped save two lives; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield YMCA was founded in 1926, thanks in large part to the family of Samuel Hird, a woolen mill magnate, who helped facilitate the construction of the Garfield YMCA building at 33 Outwater Lane. Over the years, the Garfield YMCA has strengthened the community through youth development, the promotion of healthy living, social responsibility, and its commitment to ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that, upon the occasion of marking and celebrating its 100th Anniversary, the Garfield YMCA is hereby congratulated and thanked for its 100 years of dedicated service and for being an integral part of what makes Garfield a great place to live, work, and play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garfield extends its sincere congratulations to Patricia Gallagher, David Gray, Pastors John and Rebecca Czubkowski, Renee Neville, and Michele Semancik on their much-deserved awards and recognizes their outstanding contributions to the Garfield YMCA and the greater Garfield community.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernard Gustafson, Center Court, inquired if anyone on the Governing Body has been in their area around 8AM as traffic is a disaster. He addressed a rumor regarding two houses potentially being built if the piece of property is sold by Central Bergen. Mr. Gustafson inquired as to when the houses will be built if sold and raised concerns on emergency response. He ended by saying he feels it would be ridiculous to permit this building and advised that he hopes it gets knocked down.

Paul Komstead, Garden Court East, noted that building houses on the property in question is a mistake. He also raised questions about accessibility if there is an emergency and said that whoever supported the project would have to live with it. Mr. Komstead advised that the property manager for the current owner shared that the owner wants the City to purchase the property as opposed to the potential developer.

Eric Erszkowicz, Ray Street, shared that parking is difficult in their area due to the nearby pre-school and that, oftentimes, parents block residential driveways. He inquired if the City could make the property in question a parking lot if purchased as additional houses would not be favorable.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond inquired about the property in question and whether or not it is in court. City Attorney Malagiere stated that there was a lawsuit filed against the City's Planning Board for their denial of the subdivision of the property.

It was then explained what the resolution is that the council has in front of them this evening.

Sophie Dul, Garwood Court North, said that there are flooding issues in the area and inquired as to where the water would go if houses were built there. She noted that building there would be a disaster.

Katherine Ristoviski, Garwood Court North, advised that she is located on the corner by the nearby pre-school and that parking is a disaster. She cannot get out of her driveway at 2:30PM as people leave their car(s) to pick up their kid(s). Mr. Ristoviski also said that there are puddles in the area and more building would be chaotic and cause more parking issues. She requested that the City purchase the property and build something for the City.

Ramona Marischal-Serrano, Center Court, stated that the City needs to keep the neighborhood safe and that there are more kids, some of which have pets. With that being said, she feels that it would be nice to have something for the community at the property such as a park. Ms. Marischal-Serrano discussed speeding and elderly living in the area as well as flooding.

Adam, a juvenile, detailed how he plays with his friends along the property in question and spoke about his favorite past-times. He stated that he wants to keep it that way and not have houses there.

Antonina Pruzinsky, Garwood Court South, said that the neighborhood has changed and that she feels for her neighbors that live on "North" and, especially, "Center" as it is difficult for them to get out of their driveways and they are often trapped. She shared that she oftentimes makes her appointments for later in the day to avoid school traffic. Ms. Pruzinsky inquired about busing students. She ended by saying she personally would like to see a parking lot in the area as traffic is crazy.

Dorothy Dul, Garwood Court East, stated that she appreciated the explanation of the resolution and understands that it is just to confirm/show interest in the City purchasing the property. She asked that the Mayor and Council consider purchasing the property so that some of the problems discussed this evening can be fixed.

Charles Yoo, Garwood Court South, informed the Governing Body that he likes where he lives and the neighborhood. He noted that the space in question is utilized.

Kim DeRose, Center Court, inquired about whether or not the City can involve the County to take over the piece of property in question.

Sylwia Janiak, Center Court, detailed fond memories that she has using the space with loved ones and her dogs. She stated that the design to build homes is obnoxious and asked the City to purchase the piece of property for a park or parking lot. Ms. Janiak noted that she took a job based on the area's traffic times and that she had to adapt to the school schedule, however, many residents in the area are home during the day as they are retired.

Agnieszka Kalinowski, Center Court, noted that the Mayor and Council ran on quality of life and that said quality of life in the area is declining. She advised that there is high traffic due to the two nearby schools and that two schools is too much to accommodate in the area. Ms. Kalinowski requested that the Mayor and Council preserve comfort and support more green space.

During roll call, the following comments were made:

Councilman Rigoglioso thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He advised that those in attendance for this issue should be at the planning and zoning board meetings as what gets built there is determined by them, not the Mayor and Council. He went on to share that the Mayor and Council are only discussing the opportunity to potentially purchase the property. However, Councilman Rigoglioso raised concerns related to cost as it would cost money to purchase the property, clean up environmental factors, and develop the property. His estimate was upwards of $2 million. He requested that the zoning board consider a designation that no houses are to be permitted there, such as a deed restriction, which he feels may be possible. Councilman Rigoglioso confirmed he is not in favor of houses being built at the property but he is also not in favor of the City spending money on this on the dime of other taxpayers. City Attorney Malagiere touched base on the deed restriction suggestion as he did not believe it was possible. Discussion ensued and Councilman Rigoglioso asked him to look into it further.

Councilman Delaney touched base on flyers being circulated about the piece of property and this being the last meeting to decide its fate, which is inaccurate. He shared that he represents the entire City, not just this area, and his decision has to be based on that. Councilman Delaney noted that he has had family members that lived in the area and he used to always say why can't the neighbors buy and own the irregular property behind their homes. He went on to say that he understands the frustrations regarding the school traffic, however, the schools were built by the State. Councilman Delaney said that everyone loves their neighborhoods and if this purchase is approved residents from other neighborhoods would expect the same courtesy. He ended by sharing he feels the endeavor would cost more than $2 million, especially when you factor in interest on a bond.

Deputy Mayor Kane shared that he does not live in the area, however, it isn't often that you come across a piece of property available for purchase. He said that he plans on living in Garfield for a long time and that he has been trick or treating in the area, which he wishes all of Garfield was like. Deputy Mayor Kane detailed that there are grant opportunities the City can apply for to clean-up the property, however, it has to be owned by the City in order to apply. He compared this project/opportunity to River Drive in which the playground there is utilized by the entire City, not just one neighborhood. Deputy Mayor Kane ended by saying there is a lot of potential with this property and, while he is unsure of the feasibility, he would like to give it a chance and keep Garfield a small community.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond suggested that residents in the area come together to start an association and purchase the property behind their homes themselves. She said that she is against houses being built there but that she is also against bonding. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond said that there are traffic issues at every school and that she represents everyone. She spoke about the upcoming building of new school #5 and how she anticipates traffic and parking being a nightmare in that area too, however, the State has funded several new schools to which they do not build parking for. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond requested that the Police Department try to assist in the area to alleviate traffic/parking issues. She noted that she cannot put the City in debt for one area, though, and that taxes will increase.

Mayor Garnto thanked the residents for speaking about their concerns, especially the young juvenile. He spoke about the traffic and how there are four County roads in the City so some of those causing the traffic issues do not even live here. He shared how he has been in the area during school arrival and dismissal hours and how he feels for the residents as they are prisoners of their own home due to the unattended cars. Mayor Garnto shared that bonding is like a mortgage and that while it would cost more, he feels that it is a no brainer. He said that when he ran for office he ran to represent everyone and listen to everyone's concerns. Mayor Garnto noted that the subdivision denial was a stall tactic so that the City can get approval to purchase the property as his vision for it was a combined use of a park and parking lot to potentially lease

to the schools for parking. He advised that school is in session 10 months of the year so residents in the area deal with this issue for 10 months and that he is tired of kicking the can down the road. Mayor Garnto ended by saying he ran on improving quality of life which this would accomplish in addition to helping out the school district.

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-466-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE

AFFIRMING THE POSITION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD REGARDING THE CONTINUED PURSUIT OF THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN RAY STREET AND GARWOOD COURT EAST

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield ("City") have previously considered the potential acquisition of certain real property located between Ray Street and Garwood Court East; and

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on July 9, 2026, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution R-359-26, "Authorizing the City Attorney and City Manager to Negotiate a Term Sheet for the Purchase of a Strip of Real Property Located Between Ray Street and Garwood Court East"; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R-359-26 was adopted by a vote of 3-2, with Councilman Joseph Delaney and Councilman Richard Rigoglioso voting no; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the July 9, 2026 meeting, the City Attorney continued discussions concerning the potential acquisition and, on August 11, 2026, contacted counsel for the property owner regarding the City's interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, following discussions between the City Attorney and the property owner's attorney, the property owner's attorney advised that the owner was not interested in further discussions concerning the proposed transaction at that time; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney subsequently advised the Mayor and Council on September 21, 2026 of potential alternatives for pursuing the City's objectives, including the potential acquisition of the two lots located behind the rows of houses between Garwood Court East and Ray Street, either through a negotiated purchase or, if necessary, through condemnation proceedings, as further discussed in the City Attorney's correspondence to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney further advised that the municipal appraisal associated with the property values the subject property at $700,000; and

WHEREAS, should the Mayor and Council determine to proceed with the potential acquisition of the two lots, the City would need to consider the appropriate method of funding the acquisition, which would require a majority 4-person affirmative vote for bonding, subject to all applicable legal and financial requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the City has not entered into a purchase agreement for the property, has not authorized the filing of any condemnation action, and has not authorized the issuance of debt or the expenditure of funds for the acquisition of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now wish to formally memorialize their respective positions as to whether the City should continue pursuing the potential acquisition of the property, based upon the information presently available to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is solely to obtain and memorialize the current position of the Mayor and Council concerning whether the City should continue pursuing the potential acquisition and to provide direction for consideration of any future action; and

WHEREAS, any future purchase, contract, condemnation proceeding, appropriation, financing, bond issuance, or other binding action concerning the property shall require such additional action and approvals as may be required by law and shall not be deemed authorized by this Resolution.

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 Mayor and Council are hereby asked to state their respective positions as to whether the City of Garfield should continue pursuing the potential acquisition of the real property located between Ray Street and Garwood Court East, including the potential acquisition of the two lots located behind the rows of houses, as discussed by the City Attorney.
2. A vote in favor of this Resolution shall indicate that the member supports the City continuing to pursue the potential acquisition and further investigating and evaluating available options for accomplishing such acquisition.
3. A vote against this Resolution shall indicate that the member does not support the City continuing to pursue the potential acquisition at this time.
4. This Resolution shall not constitute authorization or approval of the purchase or acquisition of the property, authorization to enter into a purchase and sale agreement or other binding agreement, authorization to commence condemnation proceedings, authorization to issue bonds or incur debt, authorization of any expenditure, or any other legally binding commitment by the City.
5. Nothing herein shall prevent the City Attorney or City Manager from providing the Mayor and Council with additional information, legal advice, financial information, appraisal information, or other due diligence concerning the property for the purpose of allowing the governing body to consider any future action.
6. Any future action to acquire the property, whether by negotiated purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, shall be subject to separate consideration and approval by the Mayor and Council and compliance with all applicable statutory, regulatory, financial, and municipal requirements.

REJECTED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 rejected by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

Prior to roll call, Deputy Mayor Kane explained the intention behind the machines which would allow residents to purchase water at City buildings at a reduced cost.

During roll call, the following comments were made:

Councilman Rigoglioso stated that the maintenance and upkeep of the machines are all unknown costs and he feels that having these inside the buildings is limiting as far as access. He went on to say that he personally does not believe that osmosis reduces contamination.

Councilman Delaney pointed out that if anyone gets Dunkin' Donuts in town that they are drinking Garfield water and that his family ran a coffee business for years on Garfield water, which is clean. He shared that the City utilized their ARP funding for treatment/filters to address PFAS. Councilman Delaney said he does not want to be the first City to try something out as he wants to see samples of success.

Deputy Mayor Kane noted that over the years exposure to PFAS can build up and the more contact you have it could lead to cancer down the road, which is different from having a coffee from Dunkin' Donuts every now and then. He said that the idea is simple but if the City kicks the can down the road the machines will continue to increase in price and other communities will do it first. Deputy Mayor Kane stated that he is at a loss for words and guesses science doesn't matter.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond said that she personally buys bottles water and she does not see the feasibility of the machines getting used and residents carrying water jugs to City buildings. She noted that she personally would not utilize the machines and that she has concerns on the City's budget.

Mayor Garnto advised that the cost is only approximately $25,000 and the endeavor has the potential to bring in revenue, however, the can is being kicked down the road. He went on to say that as Mayor he has brought in a lot of revenue to the City over the last 8 months and cannot understand how the Council can say no to spending $25,000 on this but yet approved money spent on other items. He questioned whether or not they care.

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-467-26

RESOLUTION BY: MAYOR GARNTO
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WATER VENDING MACHINES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garfield ("City") have previously discussed the concept of purchasing and installing water vending machines that would allow residents to purchase water directly from the City; and

WHEREAS, at the January 13, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting, City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney presented various water vending machine options, including information regarding available companies, machines, and associated pricing; and

WHEREAS, following that presentation and discussion, the Mayor and City Council selected a preferred vendor and preferred water vending machine for further consideration; and

WHEREAS, at the March 10, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting, the City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that the City's Department of Public Works ("DPW") and Municipal Engineer had expressed concerns and/or reservations regarding the placement of water vending machines outside of City buildings, including, but not limited to, potential liability concerns, minimum required operating temperatures, weather conditions, and other operational considerations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those concerns, the possibility of locating the water vending machines inside City-owned buildings was discussed as an alternative to exterior installation; and

WHEREAS, the matter was further discussed at the May 12, 2026 Mayor and Council meeting, at which time the City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that, due to the anticipated cost of the proposed machines, she wished to confirm that the necessary votes would be available to authorize the financing/bonding required for the project before the City proceeded any further; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the anticipated purchase price was approximately $11,899.00 per machine, exclusive of shipping; and

WHEREAS, the price has since increase to $12,199.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated additional costs included approximately $320.00 per machine for packing and handling, as well as approximately $799.00 per machine for exterior and interior wrapping with UV protection and a three-year warranty; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing pricing did not include installation costs, which would be an additional expense to the City; and

WHEREAS, following the May 12, 2026 meeting, additional questions and considerations concerning the proposed water vending machines and their operation were raised, and the City Manager provided follow-up information and responses by email to the Mayor and members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the prior discussions and the selection of a preferred vendor and machine, the Mayor and City Council have not obtained the four affirmative votes necessary to proceed with the proposed bonding/financing for the project; and

WHEREAS, there are currently insufficient funds within the City's regular operating budget to purchase the proposed water vending machines and pay the associated costs of shipping, packing and handling, protective wrapping/warranty, installation, and any other costs associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager wishes to obtain clear direction from the Mayor and City Council as to whether the Governing Body remains interested in proceeding with the proposed water vending machine project, understanding that the project would require the City to pursue appropriate financing/bonding; and

WHEREAS, if the Mayor and City Council remain interested in pursuing the project, additional steps would be required, including confirmation of the final number and location of machines, final project costs, installation requirements, financing requirements, and any necessary review or recommendations from the City's professionals and/or bond counsel;

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

1. The Mayor and City Council are hereby advising that they support pursuing the proposed purchase and installation of water vending machines for use by City residents.
2. The Mayor and City Council acknowledge that the proposed project is not currently funded through the City's regular operating budget and that proceeding with the project would therefore require the City to identify and obtain an appropriate source of financing, including bonding or other financing as may be legally authorized.

3. The Mayor and City Council further acknowledge that the current anticipated cost of each machine is approximately $12,199.00, exclusive of shipping, packing and handling, protective wrapping/UV protection and warranty, installation, and any other associated costs, and that final project costs remain subject to confirmation.
4. The Mayor and City Council acknowledge that, based upon concerns raised by the City's DPW and Municipal Engineer, the proposed machines may be located inside City-owned buildings rather than outdoors, subject to further review and determination of appropriate locations.
5. If the Mayor and City Council are in favor of continuing to pursue the project, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to continue coordinating with the City's professionals and appropriate financing professionals to obtain updated pricing, confirm the proposed locations, determine the total project cost, and prepare the necessary documentation for consideration by the Mayor and City Council.
6. No purchase order, contract, financing commitment, or expenditure shall be authorized pursuant to this Resolution unless and until separately approved in accordance with applicable law and by the appropriate action of the Mayor and City Council.
7. The City Manager shall report back to the Mayor and City Council with the final anticipated project cost and proposed financing requirements prior to any final commitment by the City.

REJECTED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 rejected by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield at a Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

During roll call, the following comments were made:

Councilman Rigoglioso questioned why this resolution was on the agenda. He said he feels extending the project by one block does not make sense, however, he is happy that Harrison Avenue is finally complete. Councilman Rigoglioso advised that the City is exploring grant opportunities to continue the repaving from where the joint project with Lodi ended down to Marsellus Place.

Councilman Delaney noted that this project was the first of its kind as it got completed as a joint project with the Borough of Lodi, in which both municipalities obtained grant funding as the majority of the road is a split road. He shared that the project idea began with the City Manager. Councilman Delaney advised that he does not understand why the City would extend the project by one block, when the majority of that block is owned by one family, and not continue down to Marsellus Place. He shared that he feels that does not set a good precedent and that he represents the entire City. Councilman Delaney said that continuing the project one block, that is fully Garfield, under this joint project negates the partnership with Lodi.

Deputy Mayor Kane said that Harrison Avenue has been a nightmare for six months and advised that the section from Clark to Frederick was ripped up because of pipe replacement. He shared his disappointment with the project in general and that there is still a lot of work to get done such as fixing soft spots and signage. Deputy Mayor Kane ended by affirming that they do not owe one family anything.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond raised questions on bonding.

Mayor Garnto commended the Lodi Mayor and DPW as he said it was a good experience working alongside them, however, that it was a poor experience with Neglia Engineering and that he will never vote for them again. He shared that the resolution is on the agenda as he does not want conversations to just be held behind closed doors and he wants to be more transparent, though the Council has the right to vote how they want to vote. Mayor Garnto stated that he feels the project was a mess from the beginning as he asked questions that were responded to with lies, such as if all curbs and sidewalks were being done. He also shared his dismay with the contractor's quality of work and timeline.

Councilman Delaney questioned why extending the project was an option if there was such disappointment with the job.

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-468-26

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN RIGOGLIOSO

MEMORIALIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL'S POSITIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PROJECT LIMITS FOR THE HARRISON AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield ("City") previously entered into a contract with Smith Sondy Asphalt Construction Co. ("Contractor") for the Harrison Avenue Road Improvement project with the Borough of Lodi; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the project, the possibility of extending the project limits to include additional work/areas was discussed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the project limits would require additional project funding in the estimated amount of $260,000.00, exclusive of any additional engineering costs; and

WHEREAS, because the additional project costs would require a supplemental bond ordinance, the City Manager advised that four affirmative votes of the governing body would be necessary to authorize the supplemental bond ordinance and permit the City to proceed with the proposed extension of the project limits; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, City Manager/City Clerk Erin Nora Delaney circulated an email to the Mayor and members of the City Council requesting their position regarding the proposed extension of the project limits and seeking direction from the governing body; and

WHEREAS, responses were received from four members of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Joseph Delaney and Councilman Richard Rigoglioso responded that they were not in favor of the proposed extension of the project limits; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane and Mayor Everett E. Garnto Jr. responded that they were in favor of the proposed extension of the project limits; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Tana Raymond did not provide a response to the August 4, 2026 email request; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the August 4, 2026 correspondence, the Contractor's mobilization period concluded and the Contractor is no longer mobilized for the project; and

WHEREAS, as a result, an extension can no longer be practically effectuated at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested that the matter be placed before the Mayor and City Council by formal resolution in order to memorialize the positions of the members of the governing body concerning the proposed extension and to establish an official record of the matter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to formally memorialize the positions previously communicated by the Mayor and members of the City Council and not to authorize an extension that is no longer capable of being effectuated;

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

1. The Mayor and City Council hereby acknowledge and memorialize the August 4, 2026 request for direction concerning the proposed extension of the Contractor's mobilization/contract period.
2. The positions previously communicated by the members of the governing body are hereby recorded as follows:
    - **Mayor Everett E. Garnto Jr. — In Favor**
    - **Deputy Mayor Kevin Kane — In Favor**
    - **Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Tana Raymond — No response received**
    - **Councilman Joseph Delaney — Not in Favor**
    - **Councilman Richard Rigoglioso — Not in Favor**
3. The Mayor and City Council acknowledge that the Contractor is no longer mobilized for the project and, accordingly, that the proposed extension is no longer capable of being effectuated at this time.
4. This Resolution is intended solely to memorialize the positions of the Mayor and City Council regarding the proposed extension and shall not be construed as authorizing, approving, or directing the execution of an extension of the Contractor's contract or mobilization period.
5. The City Manager/City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to maintain this Resolution with the City's official records concerning the project.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all prior actions taken by the City Manager/City Clerk in communicating with the Mayor and City Council concerning the proposed extension are hereby acknowledged as having been undertaken for the purpose of obtaining direction from the governing body.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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.

Danielle Marcello, Krakow Street, stated that sometimes people produce more than three cans of garbage at home and questioned what businesses are supposed to do if they don't have the space. She said that three cans is on the slim side and asked the Mayor and Council to be mindful.

Nick Melfi, Banta Avenue, stated that he has gotten a ticket for his garbage can in front of his house but yet the dumpster outside of Venice Bakery is constantly an eyesore and problematic. He stated every commercial dumpster should be fenced in.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond to increase three cans to five cans, which was seconded by Councilman Rigoglioso. The motions carried unanimously.

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-469-26

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: MAYOR GARNTO

RE-INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3156
SECOND READING

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk 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

was re-introduced and passed at a meeting held on September 8, 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 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

_____ _____
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: September 22, 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-470-26

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR KANE

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #3164
SECOND READING

WHEREAS, a public notice has been given by the City Clerk 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

was introduced and passed at a meeting held on September 8, 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 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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 includes 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: _____

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC, CMC

City Manager/City Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Everett E. Garnto Jr., Mayor

Introduced: September 8, 2026

Adopted: September 22, 2026

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond noted that she votes no on bills for Passaic Valley Water Commission that are related to billing services/customer services. Deputy Mayor Kane and Mayor Garnto voted no on all Passaic Valley Water Commission bills.

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-471-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Current Year Reserve totaling $470.00 and the Current Fund totaling $51,0773.63 and the Water Reserves totaling $3,215.84 and the Water Fund totaling $133,801.21 and the Grants totaling $0.00 and the General Capital Fund totaling $15,132.00 and the Water Capital Fund totaling $0.00 and the Trust Accounts totaling $5,305.84 and the Developer's Escrow totaling $0 per attached Computer Lists, dated September 22, 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 $209,0671.18 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 21, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-472-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT WITH TIC TANK INDUSTRY CONSULTANTS FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE 1,200,000 GALLON BELMONT WELDED STEEL GROUND STORAGE TANK AND THE 400,000 GALLON BOULEVARD WELDED STEEL GROUND STORAGE TANK IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has received a Proposal and Contract for the City of Garfield from TIC Tank Industry Consultants for the evaluation of Garfield's Belmont and Boulevard's welded steel ground storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reviewed the proposal and recommends that the City of Garfield approve and accept TIC Tank Industry Consultants Proposal and Contract dated June 11, 2026 (copy attached), to perform the following required work:

- 1,200,000 Gallon Belmont Welded Steel Ground Storage Tank
  ROV Evaluation of the Interior, Exterior Evaluation and Report $6,750.00

- 400,000 Gallon Boulevard Welded Steel Ground Storage Tank
  ROV Evaluation of the Interior, Exterior Evaluation and Report $6,250.00

TOTAL $13,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the Proposal and Contract submitted by TIC Tank Industry Consultants is hereby approved and accepted for the total amount of $13,000.00 to be paid out of account C-06-55-239-000-000 and PO# 26-02110.

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

_____ September 21, 2026
Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-473-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PAYMENT REQUISITION NO. 43 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 August 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. 43 (GAR 2608) in the amount of $12,074.58 to National Water Metering Services, Inc., for services rendered in connection with this project to be paid out of account C-06-55-222-948-300 and PO# 25-01476.

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

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Nicholas Prochilo, Chief Financial Officer

September 21, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-474-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY2027 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey desires to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for grant funding under the Safe Routes to School Program to conduct improvements along Lanza Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Lanza Avenue Improvement Project meets all the criteria necessary to receive funding under the Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, the Lanza Avenue Improvement Project will enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school and will make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle from an early age; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield agrees to assume a commitment of maintenance of the project after construction is completed; and

WHEREAS, responsibilities for administering the proposed project in accord with federal and state guidelines (to be known as the Responsible Charge) will be City Manager Erin Delaney, a full-time employee of the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield fully supports the proposed Safe Routes to School project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Garfield, State of New Jersey, authorizes the City Manager to submit an electronic grant application identified as "SRS-2027-Lanza Avenue Improvement Project-00011" to the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Safe Routes to School Program on behalf of the City of Garfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Garfield and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-475-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVING 2026 OUTDOOR CAFÉ LICENSES

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

NAME	**ADDRESS**	**DATE FOR ISSUANCE/APPROVAL**
Jersey Dough	496 River Drive Unit A	September 23, 2026

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

N**OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Garfield that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue licenses to the above-named applicants, effective on the date for issuance/approval listed above.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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			

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-476-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Teresa De Arias, of 125 Morris Avenue, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3204401, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at her address; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated and recommend approval of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicap Parking", located on the north curb line of Morris Avenue commencing 272 feet east of the intersection of Ray Street and Morris Avenue and continue an additional 20 feet east from that point; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-477-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

APPROVING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, Tracy Robinson, of 3 Farnham Avenue Apt. 1, who is the holder of a Disabled Person I.D. Card No. P3001444, has filed an application for a handicap parking sign to be placed at her address; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has investigated and recommend approval of the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield that one parking space be designated as reserved for "Handicap Parking", located on the north curb line of Farnham Avenue commencing 35 feet west of the intersection of MacArthur Avenue and Farnham Avenue and continue an additional 20 feet west from that point; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Safety Control Division is hereby authorized and directed to erect an appropriate sign at the above location.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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			

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

CITY OF GARFIELD
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-478-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS – GARFIELD SENIOR CENTER SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant totaling $5,000.00 has been proposed by the City of Garfield for a suppression system replacement at the Senior Center in the municipality of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Garfield hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd 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-479-26

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: DEPUTY MAYOR RAYMOND
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN DELANEY

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-471-26 through R-479-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of September 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arlene Patire, Midland Avenue, stated that there has been misinformation on social media accusing the Zoning Board for approving redevelopment and PILOTS. She announced that the Zoning Board does not oversee redevelopment and asked the Governing Body to confirm the same.

Danielle Marcello, Krakow Street, advised that there is an issue related to the feeding of wildlife and, as a result, they are not infiltrating backyards. She said that the amount of food that is purposely left out for wildlife at 20th Century Field is out of control and suggested that the City increase signage. Discussion ensued and it was mentioned to potentially also create a social media campaign. Ms. Marcello thanked the City for having the bathrooms opened at 20th Century Field but noted that the porta john by Emmanuel Street is being utilized all night long and that it is loud/disruptive. She requested that it either be relocated or removed as a whole.

Larissa Ihsan, Garden Court North, inquired about whether or not there is a social media policy for representatives of the City that may be using certain explicative language and discussing work performance of employees. She stated that if someone represents the City they should be utilizing a certain decorum.

City Manager/City Clerk Delaney addressed a comment made on social media calling her shady and alleging that she was discouraging residents from attending the meeting. She announced that she wanted to make it clear that she prefers residents attend the meeting to get accurate information rather than relying on social media, which oftentimes has inaccurate information.

MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Rigoglioso stated that this will not be the last colorful meeting and that some decisions are difficult to make and not always in favor of what everyone wants. He said that his decisions are not personal but based on what he feels is best for the City as a whole. Councilman Rigoglioso affirmed that he voted no on supporting three different bonds as he does not want to see taxes go up as a result, while others may disagree he sees everyone's arguments. He said that the Governing Body will move forward as he believes they all have the best interest of the City in mind. Councilman Rigoglioso went on to confirm he does not want to see houses built in the area but he cannot support a bond to purchase the property. He ended by thanking everyone for coming and watching.

Councilman Delaney concurred with Councilman Rigoglioso's sentiments that while there may have been arguments, the Mayor and Council will get through it and that there is something wrong if the Governing Body votes aye all of the time. He reiterated that he was not sure why the three bonding resolutions were placed on the agenda again as he made it clear from the beginning how he felt and how he would be voting. Councilman Delaney assured the residents of the Garwood Court area that he is not against them, however, he cannot consciously vote yet as he represents the entire City and that the same goes for Harrison Avenue. He advised that his vote would not have changed if there was one person in the audience versus two-hundred. Councilman Delaney announced the upcoming carnival. He ended his remarks by saying that the country is, unfortunately, always separated by social media and said that those representing the City should have some couth and common sense with what they post.

Deputy Mayor Kane advised that it has been a long night and if he has anything to say he will post it on Facebook as he is not going to pretend everything is honky dory.

Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond thanked everyone for coming and shared that the Governing Body needs to start watching the budget. She does not want to tie up the entire City for one neighborhood but confirmed that she does not support houses being built there either. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond again suggested that the residents look into starting an association to purchase the property behind their homes. She reiterated the parking issues at all of the schools and requested a police presence if possible. Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond also confirmed that she did not receive Mr. Melfi's resume as she was not in attendance at the meeting he was present at and had difficulties with her e-mail.

Mayor Garnto thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that he would love to have this size of a crowd at all meetings. He noted that he agrees the Governing Body will get past this, however, that some things will be hard to overlook. Mayor Garnto apologized to the residents of the Garwood Court area and advised that City representatives met with bond counsel on this project. He said that he hopes that no houses will be built at the property in question as it will change the landscape of the neighborhood and that it is unfortunate that residents in the area are already held prisoner due to the traffic issues. Mayor Garnto announced that while he is disappointed with some decisions, people have the right to say yes or no. While he respects their opinions, he is baffled and can't understand why they would vote no on the water machines. Mayor Garnto advised that the reason the three resolutions were placed on the agenda was because he wants the public to know who voted how and why. Lastly, he shared details regarding the upcoming carnival.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Garnto and seconded by Deputy Mayor/Mayoral Advisor Raymond 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 November 10, 2026 Regular meeting of the Mayor & Council.