

Englewood, N.J., July 21, 2009

A Regular Formal Meeting of the Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Municipal Court in the Public Safety Building commencing at 7:30 P.M..

Present: Kenneth Rosenzweig; Council members Charlotte Bennett Schoen, Scott Reddin, and Gordon Johnson; Also present were Daniel Fitzpatrick, City Manager; Lenore Schiavelli, City Clerk; William Bailey, City Solicitor.

Absent: Mayor Michael Wildes; Council member Jack Drakeford.

President Rosenzweig called the meeting to order.

The City Clerk stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by the posting, filing and distribution of the Annual Notice of Meetings as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

President Rosenzweig asked those present to stand while the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Rosenzweig congratulated Alec Lee Carr for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The City Manager discussed several items with the City Council including business operating hours and agenda review.

The City Clerk stated that communications received for the Mayor and Council were listed on the Digest (page 1a of these minutes).

Ms. Schoen moved that the minutes of the July 7, 2009 Council Meeting be approved. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Rosenzweig declared the motion carried.

Mr. Reddin moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Rosenzweig declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD that the bills and claims as approved for payment by the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Englewood are hereby ordered paid and that the accompanying schedule thereof (pages 1b - 1d of these minutes) is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Council members commented on past and upcoming events and issues.

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President Rosenzweig stated that consideration would be given to the following ordinance. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

09-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 19 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD RELATED TO THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

President Rosenzweig declared the public hearing on the ordinance open and the following person spoke:

Elie Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave, asked what the ordinance was for.

When no one else wished to speak on the ordinance, President Rosenzweig closed the public hearing.

Mr. Johnson moved that the ordinance pass on final reading and be published once in full with the usual legal notice in the press journal. Ms. Schoen seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Rosenzweig declared the motion carried and the ordinance duly adopted.

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President Rosenzweig explained the Resolutions on the agenda and invited questions/comments on the items from the public.

Ms. Schoen moved that the following resolutions be adopted by unanimous consent. Mr. Reddin seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Rosenzweig declared the motion carried and the resolutions duly adopted.

1. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to sign, issue, and deliver an alcoholic beverage license to the persons, association, firm, corporation, or club on the list below to be effective only at the location set forth for the period beginning July 22, 2009 at 12:01 a.m. and ending June 30, 2010 at midnight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a periodic review of all liquor license will be done during the 2009-2010 year.

LICENSE	NAME	LOCATION
0215-43-021-002	WALTER VENTURA t/a Santa Barbara Groceries	79 Slocum Avenue

2. WHEREAS, a Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund application in the amount of \$50,000 has been proposed by the Flat Rock Brook Nature Association for renovation of the Backyard Habitat for Wildlife in the City of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the City Council; and

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

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the City and Flat Rock Brook Nature Association is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Englewood hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Director of Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

3. WHEREAS, the City of Englewood has entered into an agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:8A-1 et seq., to participate in the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the governing body of the community to be part of the Open Space Trust Municipal Park Improvement and Land Acquisition Program Regional Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1 through June 30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby appoints Merle Simons as it's representative to participate on the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee.

4. WHEREAS, every person in the City of Englewood and in the United States deserves access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the Englewood City Council recognizes that it is increasingly difficult for many Englewood residents to obtain affordable quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the number of Americans without health insurance now exceeds 47 million; and millions with health insurance have inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, Harvard researchers have estimated that the United States taxpayers could recover more than \$300 billion by replacing private insurance companies with a national Single Payer system; and

WHEREAS the State of New Jersey alone could save \$2.5 billion with a national Single Payer system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood now spends in excess of \$4,800,000 to provide health insurance to its employees and over \$800,000 to provide worker's compensation insurance, which could be saved by a national Single Payer system; and

WHEREAS, Congressional House Resolution 676, also known as the US National Health Insurance Act and Medicare for All would cover every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including outpatient services, primary and preventive care, emergency services, prescription drugs, hospital and surgical care, dental and vision care and mental health care; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 703 is a similar bill introduced in the US Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, supports HR 676 and S 703 because they provide for a Single Payer Health Care System for all residents of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council supports State Senator Loretta Weinberg's State Senate resolution calling on Congress and the President to enact H.R. 676, the "United States National Health Insurance Act" to establish universal health care in our country.

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Mr. Johnson introduced the following ordinances by title:

09-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-61(I) OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD PERTAINING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE VIOLATIONS AND COST OF ABATEMENT IN THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

09-17 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL FUND SURPLUS OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED AMBULANCE AND OTHER STATE MANDATED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE ENGLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Mr. Johnson moved that the ordinances pass on first reading and be published once, in full, in the Press Journal and that a public hearing thereon be held August 4, 2009. Ms. Schoen seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Rosenzweig declared the motion carried.

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President Rosenzweig declared the public session open and the following persons spoke: Teddy Karounos, 4West Diner, would like to operate his restaurant 24 hours per day which is not permitted under City ordinances.

Elie Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave, is in favor of a 24 hour diner; he objects to telling his name when he calls the police department.

Ann Sparanese, 146 St. Nicholas Ave, supports the single payer insurance plan.

Ann Dermansky, 300 Katherine St, asked why lights are on at Tryon Field.

Laura Vogel, 318 Marlboro Road, is in favor of recycling; she read about her mother in law, Judy Vogel.

Alva Jones, King Gardens, asked the status of the Recreation Center and commented on gang activity in the area.

Gerald Marion, 271 Franklin Road, Fire Dept, commented on a chemical spill and the Environmental Commission energy audit.

Ms. Williams, 125 Humphrey St, commented on speeding on her street and the closed gate at King Gardens.

Cornelia Rogers, Humphrey St., commented on the blocked walkway in King Gardens and the DPW policy of dropping off household waste; she commented on a police department personnel issue.

Sandy Greenberg, 449 Liberty Road, prefers the Tenafly message board and is opposed to financing the wayfinding project at this time; she wants bicyclists to wear helmets.

When no one else wished to address the Council, President Rosenzweig closed the public session.

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As there was no other business to come before the Council, the Council President adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk