

Englewood, N.J., January 18, 2008

A Formal Meeting of the City 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 4:00 PM.

Present: Council President Ken Rosenzweig; Council members Charlotte Bennett Schoen, Scott Reddin, and Gordon Johnson.

Absent: Mayor Michael Wildes; Council member Jack Drakeford.

Also present Robert Casey, City Manager; Lenore Schiavelli, City Clerk; William Bailey, City Solicitor.

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

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President Rosenzweig stated that consideration would be given to the following ordinance:

08-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

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

Norman Davis, 68 Dwight Pl, Historical Society, thanked the Council for adopting the ordinance and asked that the Society be involved in any discussions regarding the use of the property.

Sandy Greenberg, 449 Liberty Road, asked about maintenance of the property and possible Green Acres designation.

Joseph Clark, John St, asked about special provisions for the relative of Ms. Harvey.

Cornelia Rogers, Humphrey St, asked about the use of the structure on the property.

Phyllis Breen, 15 Van Nostrand Ave, Englewood Cliffs, stated that Ms. Harvey wanted the house used by the Historic Society.

Elie Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave, asked who would ensure that the property would not be used by neo nazis.

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

Mr. Reddin moved that the Ordinance pass on final reading and be adopted and that the ordinance be published once, by title only, with the usual legal notice in the Press Journal. Mr. Johnson 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 opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions.

Inasmuch as there was no further business to come before the City Council, the Council President adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk

Englewood, N.J., January 15, 2008

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: Mayor Michael Wildes; Council President Ken Rosenzweig; Council members Charlotte Bennett Schoen, Scott Reddin, Jack Drakeford, and Gordon Johnson; Also present were Robert Casey, City Manager; Lenore Schiavelli, City Clerk; William Bailey, City Solicitor.

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.

The City Manager discussed several items with the City Council and agenda review.

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

Mr. Johnson moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Reddin 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.

Mayor Wildes and Council members commented on past and upcoming events.

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

Mr. Drakeford 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. WHEREAS, the world's scientific community has reached consensus that human activity since the advent of the industrial revolution has caused a build-up of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere which is causing climate change at the global and local level and may result in severe environmental, economic and social disruptions; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, recognizing the dangers posed by climate change, adopted the "Global Warming Response Act of July 7, 2007" which makes aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, cities and communities in New Jersey and around the world have and are adopting sustainability as a goal of local government; and

WHEREAS, sustainability means being mindful of future generations as well as our own as we make decisions for Englewood; that economic concerns, social issues, and the environment must be considered together to provide a healthy, flourishing community; and

WHEREAS, sustainability at the municipal level means a policy in which decisions made about municipal purchasing and operations incorporates environmental stewardship, economic growth, and social equity so that meeting the needs of the present generation does not compromise the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that implementing sustainability programs and projects will result in improved public health, improved environmental health, cost savings, preservation of property values, and quality of life benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Englewood Environmental Commission has proposed a series of recommendations delineated below that will assist the City in implementing sustainability programs and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, that the City of Englewood endorses the concepts of sustainability programs and the City Manager is authorized to consider the following concepts of sustainability in all decision making, purchasing, and operations, where applicable and financially advantageous:

1. An energy audit for City buildings and operation;
2. Improve the City's fleet's fuel economy by considering hybrids, flex fuel, or biodiesel vehicles, high efficiency gasoline cars, etc. ;
3. When authorized by the Division of Code and Standards of the State Department of Community Affairs, encourage new and mixed-use commercial construction in the City of Englewood to comply with the U.S Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Environmental Design) environmental standards, at minimum the Certification level;
4. Request that the Planning Board review the City's Land Use procedures and recommend changes that would review the statuses regulating Environmental Impact Statements, and consider lowering the threshold for an EIS;
5. Request that the Planning Board review the City's Land Use procedures and recommend changes that would requesting developers to submit plans to the Environmental Commissions as well as the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment in order to control development and preserve open space, and to render reports thereto;
6. Review the ordinance and fines that limit the removal of trees, and publicize the regulations;
7. Authorized all City departments to purchase recycled materials whenever possible and buy high efficiency rated Energy Star equipment, mechanicals, and appliances when available and appropriate and economically feasible;
8. Develop an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy such as that required for schools, and apply to municipal buildings and outdoor spaces where applicable by usage and DEP regulations;
9. Consider commissioning a study on the creation of bike trails to reduce vehicular traffic;
10. Consider solar installations as well as vegetated roofs and white roofs on appropriately oriented municipal buildings;
11. Consider alternatives to salting roads such as sand or other materials that are less corrosive and more environmentally sensible;
12. Develop recommendations and outreach letters or brochures to residents on minimizing water usage and reducing or eliminating chemical fertilizer applications for their lawns, and backyard composting;
13. With regard to the Department of Public Works, review recycling polices and materials accepted with the aim of reducing the waste stream such as local collection of electronics and household batteries, community paper shredding events, etc., and publicize and post on the annual calendar;
14. Consider traffic lights with LEDs where municipal government has decision making authority, subject to the availability of funding;
15. Review the New Jersey State anti-idling law for appropriate updates; provide publicity, signage, and enforcement;
16. Review the installation of timing devices on playing fields to limit night lighting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Englewood Environmental Commission to work with the City Manager to assist in the analysis, development, and implementation of sustainability programs and projects and authorizes the Englewood Environmental Commission to report to the City Manager on a regular basis as to the progress of the City in implementing sustainability programs and projects.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the budget of the Special Improvement District for the fiscal year 2007-2008 commencing July 1, 2007 and continuing until June 30, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in The Press Journal and that a hearing on the budget will be held at the Public Safety Complex on February 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 may be presented by the taxpayers, fee payers, or other interested persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to make charges and payments for the Special Improvement District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Englewood does hereby approve the following as the Special Improvement District budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008:

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET
2007-2008

Salaries & Benefits	62,000.00
Business Leadership Training/other	15,000.00
Loan Payment (Biz-W. Palisade)	33,000.00
Promotions	125,000.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Advertising & Marketing	30,000.00
Annual Audit	5,000.00
Total Budget Expenditures	295,000.00

3. BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Englewood that the following appointments are hereby approved:

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Shirley Smith, 374 W. Palisade Ave, reappointed to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2010.

Louis Lopez, 147 Lake St, reappointed to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2010.

Amy Levenson, 363 Lydecker St, appointed to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2010.

Scott Reddin appointed to a one year term as Council liaison for the year 2008.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Betty Grossman, 398 Marlboro Road, reappointed to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2009.

David Litvin, 90 Tracey Place, reappointed to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2009.

C. Wayne Hamer, 371 Shepard Avenue, reappointed to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2009.

PLANNING BOARD

Charlotte Bennett Schoen, Class III, appointed to a one-year term commencing January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2008.

4. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Englewood welcomes the participation and input of residents and guests in the affairs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the public has the right to speak on any issue and in order that everyone has an opportunity to participate in our public hearing process, there are basic ground rules that will better allow this participation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood that the following guidelines be followed during public meetings of the City Council:

1. All speakers shall be courteous to everyone present;
2. If a member of the public disagrees with a speaker, to heckle or otherwise interrupt the speaker is not allowed;
3. All questions and comments will be addressed to the Chair of the meeting. If the Mayor, Manager, or another members of Council wish to respond or is requested to provide a response, the Chair will so recognize that person;

4. In order to allow everyone present to present their opinions within a reasonable time frame, each speaker is limited to 5 minutes, including responses from Council, Mayor, or Manager;
5. There is no transfer or "ceding" of time from one speaker to another;
6. No speaker is allowed to speak twice until those wishing to have had a chance to speak once;
7. At the start of the public session, the Chair will announce the length of time for the session. The Public Session will be a maximum of 90 minutes or until 11 pm, whichever occurs first, unless the Council by a majority vote of those present agrees to extend these time limits;
8. For the record, each speaker will clearly state their name, address, and any organization they may represent. If the speaker has written information she/he wishes to give to the Council, it will be provided it to the City Clerk who will provide copies to the elected officials.
9. The order of speakers is as follows:
- 1) Englewood residents or business owners,
 - 2) Residents of other municipalities.

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Mr. Drakeford introduced the following ordinances by title:

- 08-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 13 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD TO ADD THERETO SECTION 25-53.2, LOT N, PARKING AT THE TOWNE CENTER.
- 08-04 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-13 AND REAPPROPRIATING \$333,333, PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS PARKS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND BY THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.

He 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 February 5, 2008. Mr. Johnson 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:

Alva Jones, King Gardens, questioned Mr. Johnson regarding his comments on public housing.

Cornelia Rogers, Humphrey St, is concerned about the costs associated with the Bowman/Jackson matter.

Mary Truesdale, Parkview, is concerned that her son was teased at school.

Crystal Brown, Environmental Commission, thanked the Council for the sustainability resolution.

Caroline Stenzel, Sunset Ave, thanked the Council for the sustainability resolution.

Joe Clark, John St, commented on the Bowman/Jackson matter.

Peter Clark, Oakland St, feels the Bowman/Jackson matter needs to be resolved to encourage unity in the City.

Curtis Caviness, 41 E. Forest Ave, believes that justice for Bowman/Jackson has been delayed; he commented on Captain Hollenfer's position; he wants a community center.

Sandra Slipp, 220 Chestnut St, believes that any matters being handled by the City Council are the result of former administrations.

Ila Satterfield, 251 S Dean St, would like parking restrictions near her house to allow for better visibility.

Elie Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave, does not like students to go to other municipalities to use sports facilities and urged the Council to monitor the Board of Education.

Howard Haughton, Miller Ave, asked for clarification of part of the Charter.

Sondra Greenberg, 449 Liberty Rd, believes that experts should be appointed to the

Planning Board.

Mr. Ricardo, 287 Shepard Ave, commented on City unity.

Jack Silverman, Murray Ave, believes that the Council should take over running the City on a day to day basis.

Carter Jackson, NAACP, asked about activities for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month.

Gloria Allen, Teaneck, commented as the property manager for King Gardens and stated that the facility is well run.

Shanikwa Marsey, Du Bois Ct, asked about funding for a community center.

Fred Green, Teaneck, wants the Bowman/Jackson matter resolved.

Jenna McDuffy, King Gardens, as a member of the board of directors, King Gardens is well run.

Gloria Fahey, King Gardens, commented on Mr. Johnson's statements regarding public housing.

Warren Neuman, 143 Engle St, supports Bowman/Jackson.

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

Inasmuch as there was no further business to come before the City Council, the Council President adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk