

Englewood, N.J., February 5, 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/Acting 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.

Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes of the January 8, 15, and 18, 2008, Council Meetings be approved. Ms. Schoen seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Rosenzweig declared the motion carried.

Mr. Johnson moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Reddin seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Mr. Drakeford abstained; all other 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 1a - 1c 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.

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

- 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.

The City Clerk read the ordinances by title.

President Rosenzweig opened the public hearing on the ordinances and when no one wished to speak on the ordinances, he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Drakeford moved that the ordinances pass on final reading and be adopted and that the ordinances 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 ordinances duly adopted.

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Ms. Schoen moved that the following resolutions be adopted by Unanimous Consent. Mr. Drakeford 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, there is a periodic need for notifications to be made to residents and businesses in the City of Englewood to alert them about certain emergencies and precautions that should be taken; and

WHEREAS, technologies exist by which both telephonic and text message communications can be broadcast within a short timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of an emergency notification system will serve the public interest and enable the citizens of Englewood to be better protected when such events may occur; and

WHEREAS, a committee with representation from the City Manager's office, the Police Department, and Fire Department has conducted a review to identify the emergency communication system needs for the City, and has met with various companies who offer these services; and

WHEREAS, a report was delivered to the City Council on December 18, 2007, and a recommendation made that the City contract with Swift Reach Networks to implement the emergency notification system based on their technological capabilities, future adaptability, performance record, and cost; and

WHEREAS, Swift Reach Networks is the current service provider through the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management to more than thirty municipalities in the County; and WHEREAS, the committee, subsequent to its report, met with one additional company to review its technology, qualifications, and costs; and

WHEREAS, the committee maintains its recommendation that Swift Reach Networks will best serve the needs of the City for an emergency notification system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Swift Reach Networks for the establishment and operation of an emergency notification system; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to use of this system for non-emergency notifications, the City Manager shall provide to the City Council a recommended set of criteria for other uses.

2. BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Englewood that the following appointment is hereby approved:
HOUSING AUTHORITY
Ira Demansky, 300 Katherine Street, appointed to a five-year term commencing January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2012.

3. WHEREAS, the City of Englewood is in need of expert impartial review and analysis of the communications systems and data processing systems in the Police Department of the City; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Center for Information Age Technology, a state sponsored and operated agency, provides assistance to municipalities in conducting these reviews; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from C.I.A.T. to conduct this study and recommendation at a cost of \$900 per day for a maximum of 25 days at a cost not to exceed \$22,500; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed this proposal and deemed the costs to be reasonable; and

4 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (2) allows public contracts to be awarded to state agencies without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for award of this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement under the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(2) with the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Center for Information Age Technology in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 for the review, analysis, and recommendations on the communications and data processing system in the Englewood Police Department.

4. WHEREAS, Carol Lisa was committed to the children and students of the City of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as Superintendent of Schools she was a ubiquitous presence and committed to the education of the children of the City of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her warmth, strength, and tireless efforts she has improved the schools in the City of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her tremendous accomplishments and dedicated service to the residents of the City of Englewood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, on behalf of the residents of the City, that Carol Lisa is hereby honored for her leadership, commitment, and public service.

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Mr. Johnson introduced the following ordinance by title.

08-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE X OF SECTION 25-18 AND SCHEDULE XXII OF SECTION 25-32 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD PERTAINING TO PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES ALONG A PORTION OF SOUTH VAN BRUNT STREET AND HUMPHREY STREET AND ESTABLISHING METERED PARKING ALONG A PORTION OF SOUTH VAN BRUNT STREET AND HUMPHREY STREET.

He moved that the ordinance pass on first reading and that a public hearing thereon be held March 4, 2008, and that the ordinance be published once, in full, in the Press Journal. Mr. Reddin seconded the motion.

Upon roll call all Council member 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:
Public Session: The following people commented

City Manager Casey in response to questions from Council President Rosenzweig commented on street repairs on Williams Street and South Van Brunt.

Joe Clark questioned why the parking garage was closed on Martin Luther King day. The Manager replied that it was in error; the garage should have been opened.

Mrs. Rogers commented on the status of Chief Bowman and the veracity of Court Clerk D. Barr

Skurnik commented on the city's action on the Affirmative Action requirements and questioned developer contributions to planning board members

E. Kelly questioned the Avon Walk for Cancer, the Jimney Bus and the use of joint buses by the City and Board of education

James Evans commented upon Canada Geese feces on the football fields

Alva Jones commented on the Bowman / Jackson / Clarke personnel issue

C. Caviness congratulated Rev. Walton on his appointment to the Board of Freeholders, the absence of a Health Officer, and prejudice in the community

H. Burr questioned how election wards were created and commented on the lack of sidewalks at S. Dean / Grant Sts.

H. Haughton questioned the Charter provisions on the election of the City Clerk.

G. Roberts commented on the Canada Geese problem

G. Hinkston commented on the Homeowners and Bank Protection act and urged to Council endorsement

C. Nichols commented that the police dept. was too small for the city growth

E. Kelly commented on the Harvey estate, the Whistle blower Act and the health dept.

Mrs Rogers commented that Councilman Johnson should recluse himself from any

decisions concerning Chief Bowman and the Canada Geese problem

Alva Jones commented upon the Canada Geese problem

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

At 10:15 the Council entered into a Closed Session to discuss personnel issues.

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

City Clerk