

Englewood, N.J., December 18, 2007

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 Charlotte Bennett Schoen; Council members Ken Rosenzweig, Scott Reddin, Jack Drakeford, and Gordon Johnson.

Also present were Robert Gorman, Assistant City Manager; Lenore Schiavelli, City Clerk; William Bailey, City Solicitor.

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

City Manager discussed several items with the City Council 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.)

Mr. Rosenzweig moved that the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting be approved. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Schoen declared the motion carried and the Minutes duly approved.

Mr. Johnson moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Rosenzweig seconded

the motion Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Schoen 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 (page 1b-1e of these minutes) is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor Wildes commented on past and upcoming events and the continuing suspension of Police Chief Bowman.

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President Schoen reviewed the Resolutions on the agenda.

Mr. Drakeford moved that the following resolutions be adopted by Unanimous Consent. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Council members present voted "Yes". President Schoen declared the motion carried and the resolutions duly adopted.

1. WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, a top priority of the PARIS grants program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and

WHEREAS, in the 2008-09 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to shared services projects, including those between a county and its municipalities; and











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WHEREAS, the City of Englewood desires to collaborate with the County of Bergen in the performance of the Clerk to Clerk Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood urges the County of Bergen to develop a proposal for the Clerk to Clerk Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood is acknowledging that the County of Bergen would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City of Englewood supports participation in the PARIS grant for the purposes set forth above.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the following license is hereby approved by the City Council of the City of Englewood:  
RAFFLE - Jenna's Rainbow Foundation, Inc. - to be held January 25, 2008.

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD that, in accordance with New Jersey law regulating the holding of public meetings, the City Council of the City of Englewood will hold the 2008 Reorganization Meeting on January 8, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., at the Public Safety Complex.

4. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that budget transfers must take place prior to December 31, 2007 for the 2007 Budget; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for budget transfers due to unforeseen circumstances and the need to provide funds to cover imminent obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make transfers from Current Fund Budget Accounts for the year 2007 where a deficit would possibly occur on or before December 31, 2007 pursuant to and in accordance with provisions N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 and according to the Schedule A attached hereto. (Schedule A is on page 2a of these minutes.)

5. WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Englewood on December 18, 2007 for Project Number 110721, Route 4 Demolition, City of Englewood, following public advertisement and in accordance with specifications therefor in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, the low bid was that submitted by Tricon Enterprises, 322 Beers Street, East Keyport, New Jersey 07735, in the sum of \$159,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has reviewed said bid and has recommended the award of the contract to Tricon Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds, on the advice and recommendation of the City

Engineer, that it is in the best interest of the City of Englewood to award the contract for Route 4 Demolition, City of Englewood, to Tricon Enterprises, in accordance with its bid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey that the bid of Tricon Enterprises, in the total sum of \$159,000 for Route 4 Demolition is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Englewood and Tricon Enterprises to carry out the foregoing purposes together with change orders in an amount not to exceed 20% of the contract price, subject to the availability of funds therefore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funds for this contract are available and that the Finance Officers Certificate of Availability of Funds is on file in the office of the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

6. WHEREAS, the City of Englewood has heretofore adopted Ordinance No. 95-21 authorizing an exchange of land between the City of Englewood and Shiloh Craftsman Club, Inc., specifically Lot 10.2 in Block 2207 (Forest Avenue), owned by the City of Englewood, for Lot 26 in Block 26 (Bennett Road), owned by Shiloh; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said ordinance, the parties entered into an Exchange of Property Agreement dated March 11, 1997 and amendments thereto dated January 20, 2000, April 20, 2004, and October 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Shiloh Craftsman Club, Inc. has requested an extension to said agreement to allow the agreement to continue to June 30, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Englewood finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Englewood to grant such an extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, an amendment to the Exchange of Property Agreement between the City of Englewood and Shiloh Craftsman Club, Inc. to extend the contingency dates contained therein, a copy of which amendment is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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President Schoen declared the public session open and the following persons spoke:

Cornelia Rogers, Humphrey St, is aware of the police presence in the court during meetings of late; she wants the Paula Jenkins and Chief Bowman reinstated.

Alice Green, 352 Howland Ave, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

Thelma Henderson, Hackensack, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

William Satterfield, S. Dean St, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

Fred Pulice, PBA, stated that the Englewood PBA voted 71% no confidence in Chief Bowman and 71% approve Acting Chief O'Keefe as Chief.

Diana Lachman, Cumberland St, commended the City Manager for handling a difficult situation.

John Edwards, Teaneck, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

Gerald Chambers, Garden St, commented on parking in the downtown and asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

Curtis Caviness, 41 E Forest Ave, is concerned about the perception of racism in the City.

Mr. Levien, 81 E. Hamilton Ave, believes that the Court acquittal of Chief Bowman did not determine his suitability to return to work and the administrative process is necessary.

Craig Brown, 319 Rosemont Pl, stated that leaders are example to the youth and should uphold the law by reinstating Bowman.

Carter Jackson, NAACP, commented that Chief Bowman is only human and the City Manager should move swiftly.

Howard Houghton, 375 Miller Ave, would like the Council to develop a plan to reunite the City.

Joelle Culver, ParkView, wants a community center and asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Ethel Fuller, Rock Creek, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman.

Dorothy Ward, Rosemont Pl, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Dorothy Thomas, asked about a new fire station and the time restraints of the administrative process regarding Chief Bowman.

Alva Jones, King Gardens, asked about the City debt and offset of ratables; she asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Jack Silverman, Murray Ave, asked about the tree planting schedule and suggested that the shade tree operation be hired out.

Howard Hawkins, Teaneck, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Michael Lewis, American Legion, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Ms. Hunt, American Legion, would like the sidewalks repaired on Liberty and Knickerbocker; she would like a community center; she asked for the reinstatement of Chief

Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Rosemary Scott, 315 Shepard Ave, asked what plan was in place at the time of the Chief's suspension.

Ellie Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave, believes that the police are targeting fraternal organizations and asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Antoinette Galluzzo, Tryon Ave, stated that the police officers deserve the public's respect.

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Adrian Becker, Shepard Ave, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Louse Northern 302 Howland Ave, commented on illegal activity near Wides Corner and asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Mr. Weiler, 25 E. Sheffield Ave, asked what impact a new fire station would have on the EVAC building.

James Irwin, Hackensack, asked if the ice rink could be converted to a community center when the lease is up.

Carla Burke, 20 Grant St, commented on commercial trucks parking in her neighborhood over night.

Warren Newman, Engle St, asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

Charles Lebos, 115 Lafayette Pl, supports Chief Bowman.

Revell Nesbitt, commented on illegal activity near Wides Corner and asked for the reinstatement of Chief Bowman and Sgt Jackson.

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

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

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City Clerk