

City of Englewood
City Council Work Shop
Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2011 at 7:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Mayor/Council President Frank Huttle III
Council member Lynne Algrant
Council member Michael Cohen
Council member Jack Drakeford
Council member Scott Reddin
City Manager Daniel Fitzpatrick
Assistant City Manager Robert Gorman
City Solicitor William Bailey

Absent: Council member Ken Rosenzweig
City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst

Mayor/Council President Huttle called the meeting to order.

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

Overview by Mayor/Council President Huttle on the purpose of Work Shop Meetings

Pedestrian Safety/ Street Lighting:

Presented by Mayor/Council President Huttle and Chief of Police O'Keefe

- a. Crossing points have been established at intersections.
- b. Some areas do not have sidewalks.
- c. Enforcement issues include sidewalks in disrepair and snow not being shoveled.
- d. Pedestrians need to assume responsibility for their actions.
- e. Possible Solutions:
 - Installing sidewalks where they currently do not exist.
 - Additional street lighting.
 - Enhancing crosswalks.
 - Enforcement of ordinance requiring snow removal; if resident does not clear the sidewalk then the City could do it and bill the property owner.
 - Highlight the snow removal ordinance on the City website.
 - City needs to clean around parks and bridges, question regarding County/State roads.
 - PSE&G needs to do a better job replacing burnt out street lights. Mr. Fitzpatrick will write to them regarding this.
- f. In regard to the lights at the tennis courts on Broad Avenue, Chief O'Keefe would prefer to them on for security. If they are on during the day it is because the photocells are bad and need to be replaced.

Update on Building Department:

- a. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Walter Deptuch, Acting Construction Code Official, met with the DCA today. The DCA will be performing a review of the Uniform Construction Code operations and plan review, inspections, and technical assistant.
- b. Discussed issue of Housing Authority request to be exempt from building permit fees. Mr. Bailey explained that the property has to be owned by the public housing authority in order to be exempted from fees.

2011 Budget Preview and New Monthly Budget Report Process:

- a. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained that he has heard the Mayor and City Council's request and hopes to bring the 2011 Budget in at a 0% increase or as close to that as possible. Will be presenting the 2011 Budget at the City Council meeting on January 18, 2011, and is looking toward adoption of the Budget by the end of March.
- b. Councilman Cohen feels that it is critical that the 2011 Budget has a 0% increase.
- c. Councilman Drakeford agrees with that.
- d. Councilman Reddin is concerned about layoff decisions being made before the budget process is completed.
- e. Mayor/ Council President Huttie made a general comment that the City and its Department Heads can do better; and the City Manager and the Department Heads need to be held accountable. Believes the City should institute a complete hiring freeze with no salary increases or capital spending until the 2011 Budget is adopted.
- f. Other various ideas were broached concerning the budget, including shared services with the Board of Education.

Appointments- Boards and Committees:

- a. Council will divide up the list of vacancies and call current appointees to see if they wish to continue serving.

Public Session: *No member of the public came forward to speak*

RESOLUTION #026-01-11-11

PERMIT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Englewood, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Council meet in closed session to discuss the following subject matter:

Personnel

Which subject matter is permitted to be discussed in closed session pursuant to the following designated sub-section(s) of Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act:

- () Sub-section 1 dealing with material rendered confidential by express provision of Federal or State law.
- () Sub-section 2 covering a matter in which release of information would impair a right to receive federal funds.
- () Sub-section 3 involving disclosure of material which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, including material related to an individual's personal and family circumstances, without the express written consent of the individual involved.
- () Sub-section 4 pertaining to collective bargaining agreements and the terms, conditions, and negotiations thereof.
- () Sub-section 5 dealing with the acquisition of real property, the settling of bank rates, or the investment of public funds where discussion thereof would adversely affect the public interest.
- () Sub-section 6 dealing with tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public where disclosure could impair such protection or investigation of violation of the law.
- () Sub-section 7 dealing with pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) Sub-section 8 dealing concerning personnel matters dealing with employment, appointment, termination, or terms and conditions of employment of any person or persons, or the evaluation, promotion or disciplining of employees unless all employees involved consent to disclosure thereof.
- () Sub-section 9 involving deliberations after public hearing on a matter which may result in the imposition of a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as precisely as can be determined at this time, the discussion conducted in the said closed session can be disclosed to the public upon taking final action thereon, provided disclosure shall not violate the attorney-client privilege or constitute an undue invasion of privacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, although it is not envisioned that the Council will return to open session after this meeting, the Council reserves the right to do so upon conclusion of the closed session.

| COUNCIL | MOTION | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| <i>Algrant</i> | | X | | | |
| <i>Rosenzweig</i> | | | | | X |
| <i>Cohen</i> | | X | | | |
| <i>Drakeford</i> | | X | | | |
| <i>Reddin</i> | X | X | | | |

ADJOURN: 10:00PM

Motion: Algrant

All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk