

City of Englewood
City Council Work Shop
Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011 at 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Mayor/Council President Frank Huttle III
Council member Ken Rosenzweig
Council member Michael Cohen
Council member Scott Reddin
Council member Jack Drakeford
Council member Lynne Algrant
City Manager Daniel Fitzpatrick
Assistant City Manager Robert Gorman
City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst

Mayor/Council President Huttle called the meeting to order.

The City Clerk 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.

Budget Wrap-Up:

- Dan Fitzpatrick, City Manager, introduced memo with proposed Budget line item reductions.
- Mayor Frank Huttle and Mr. Fitzpatrick then reviewed the Budget process for the Council.
- Budget topics discussed included:
 - Increase in spending items:
 - Statutory Expenditures (Pensions)
 - BCUA
 - Debt Service
 - Condo Association Reimbursement
 - Numbers of FTE and PTE in 2010 versus 2011 budgets.
 - EVAC and Summer Youth Program will remain funded.
 - Elimination of rear yard garbage pickup and bagging of leaves.
 - DPW and leaf collection
 - Why was bagging of leaves included in budget when no policy decision was made?
 - During 6 week leaf season all other DPW work, except sanitation, comes to a standstill.
 - Collection process is inefficient and ineffective.
 - Leaf collection can incur indirect costs such as cleaning of blocked storm drains.
 - Firehouse project is in the 2011 Budget, funding is \$500,000.
 - Library appropriation is the same as 2010.
 - Long term plans for viability were discussed.
 - Increase in spending from 2010 to 2011 needs to be cut.
 - Reserve for tax appeals.
 - Council received zero increase budget as was requested.
 - Going forward municipalities will not see an increase in real estate values and rateables. Flat will be the new norm.
 - Should be a complete freeze in all wages.
 - Privatization of DPW was discussed.
 - No vacant positions should be filled.
 - Review Recreation budget.
 - A decrease in estimated revenues will regenerate surplus.
- Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed a memo to the Mayor and Council listing suggestions to cut increased spending in the 2011 budget. A lump sum would be cut from some departments and they would have to work within the numbers.
- Consensus of the City Council is to introduce the 2011 budget, with no spending increases, at the March 15th meeting.
- Howard Feinstein and Mayor Huttle explained a proposed CAP Bank Ordinance. The consensus of the City Council was to vote to add it to the agenda for Introduction at the March 15th meeting.
- Councilman Michael Cohen's proposed ordinances were discussed, and would continue with the ones concerning personnel issues in the Closed Session.

Public Session:

- Jerry Chambers 294 Garden Street –
 - Spoke about the Ice Arena as a misused asset and would serve the youth of Englewood better as a year round venue, not necessarily an ice rink.
 - Budget allocation for the Recreation Department.

RESOLUTION #071A-03-08-11

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 and Contract Negotiations

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.
- (X) 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
Algrant	X	X			
Rosenzweig					X
Reddin		X			
Cohen		X			
Drakeford		X			

ADJOURN: 10:00PM

Motion: Algrant
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk