

City of Englewood
City Council Work Shop
Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2012 at 7:30pm

A Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held in the Municipal Court in the Public Safety Building commencing at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:	Council member Marc Forman Council member Michael Cohen Council member Eugene Skurnick Council member Lynne Algrant City Attorney William Bailey City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst
Absent:	Mayor/Council President Frank Huttie III Council member Jack Drakeford City Manager Timothy Dacey

Council President Pro Tempore Cohen 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 notice as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolutions for Discussion:

- Award of Contract for Englewood Police Dept. – Miscellaneous Improvements Project:
 - Ken Albert explained that this renovation work is for the Detective Bureau and the Dispatch Area.
 - Mayor and Council Comments:
 - Councilman Skurnick had visited the Bergen County Dispatch Center and does not feel that the City needs to do any renovation work in the Police Dispatch Area. Leonia has saved a lot of money by utilizing the County Dispatch Center and we will not need the narrow band radios if we use the County Dispatch Center.
 - Councilman Forman remarked that the current Dispatch Area was being remodeling to accommodate the planned merger of the Police and Fire Dispatch staff.
 - Councilwoman Algrant asked if the two projects are separated in the Bid. If the Dispatch Center is outsourced to the County then can't the Police Department use that area for something else?
 - Councilman Cohen asked what seized funds can be used to pay for. Bill Bailey explained that they are distributed through the County Prosecutor but the Department of Justice has approval on expenditure of the funds and they are earmarked for Law Enforcement.
- Award of Contract for Wright Arena Equipment Replacement Project:
 - Ken Albert explained that this Bid is for replacement of the Cooling Tower, Heat Exchanger, running a gas line and that the Bid needs to be awarded next week so the work can be done in time for the Ice Arena to open on schedule.
- Award of Contract for Walnut Street Reconstruction Project:
 - Ken Albert explained that this is to cover a complete reconstruction of Walnut Street including replacement of the sanitary sewer and correcting drainage issues.
 - Mayor and Council Comments:
 - Councilman Forman asked when the work could start. Mr. Albert explained that it could begin 30 days after the Bid is awarded, and that should be mid-August and should take about 3 months to complete and it is on schedule to be completed this year.
 - Councilman Skurnick spoke about there being two (2) large road projects being done in Ward 1 District 1 in 2012 for a total of \$700,000 and would like to see road projects scheduled in other Wards over the next few years.

Ordinances for Discussion:

- Revise Parking on Genesee Avenue:
 - City Clerk explained that the current ordinance regarding parking on Genesee Avenue was originally brought to the Council's attention at the March 2012 Council meeting by Retired Police Chief David Bowman who asked if the signage was correct because it limited parking to 2 hours between the hours of 8AM to 8AM. The ordinance it was found to be correct and Mr. Bowman brought the issue to the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) and the draft Ordinance being discussed tonight are the TAC's recommendations.

- o Mayor and Council Comments:
 - Councilwoman Algrant asked why the current ordinance exists and what would the changes mean for the residents on that street. Theresa Thomas who resides on Genesee Avenue would prefer to see no parking regulations except at the corner by Lafayette Avenue and in front of the Auto Body Shop. She would also like to see a survey conducted of all City streets and parking regulations. Charles Cobb of Marilyn Court agreed that all the streets should be looked at because he feels that there is more traffic than the streets can handle.
 - Councilman Cohen asked if the Council would like to see the parking revisions on Genesee Avenue go back to the Traffic Advisory Committee for further discussion.
 - Councilman Skurnick spoke about narrow streets and that parking should be allowed on only one side of the street.
 - Councilwoman Algrant suggested a taskforce to review the traffic and parking regulations throughout the City.
 - Councilman Cohen would like Tim Dacey to provide a list of recommendations in regard to a review of traffic and parking regulations for the next meeting.
 - Councilman Skurnick said that we are paying a Sergeant over \$150,000 per year to do this job. The Officer is supposed to know the streets of the City and how to control traffic. If he is not doing his job then we should get rid of him.
 - Councilwoman Algrant questioned whether the laws reflect the current traffic and parking situations.
 - Councilman Skurnick spoke about a recent major accident at Ivy Lane.
 - Councilman Cohen feels that there are two (2) questions being asked; one is a policy decision on streets and traffic and this is the question that the Mayor and Council should be dealing with. The question of enforcement is for the City Manager and the Police Chief to deal with.
 - The consensus of the Council is to have the Traffic Advisory Committee review this again and speak with the affected residents.

Public Session:

- Jeanne Hopewell 380 Liberty Road:
 - o Spoke about a group called "People's Organization for Progress" and that would be holding a rally tomorrow, July 11 at 4:00PM. They are protesting for jobs and against police brutality.
- Charles Cobb 113 Marilyn Court :
 - o Discussed that his neighbors are nervous about going to Shop Rite and the Monument area at night because there are a lot of kids hanging around. Can Shop Rite provide more security at night?

RESOLUTION #141-07-10-12

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 Litigation

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.
- (X) 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.

<i>COUNCIL</i>	<i>MOTION</i>	<i>AYES</i>	<i>NAYS</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
<i>Algrant</i>		X			
<i>Forman</i>		X			
<i>Skurnick</i>	X	X			
<i>Cohen</i>		X			
<i>Drakeford</i>					X

ADJOURN: 9: 50 PM

Motion: Algrant
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk