

City of Englewood
Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2012

An Emergency Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 2-10 N. Van Brunt Street, Englewood commencing at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:	Council member Marc Forman Council member Eugene Skurnick Council member Wayne Hamer Council member Lynne Algrant Mayor/Council President Frank Huttle III City Manager Timothy Dacey (via phone) City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst
Absent:	Council member Michael Cohen City Attorney William Bailey

President Huttle called the meeting to order.

The Council President 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.

Hurricane Sandy Recovery Plan:

Mayor Frank Huttle provided an overview:

- Gas rationing is in place and getting gas and diesel for City vehicles (Police, Fire and DPW) is essential.
- Recreation programs to be offered at Grieco and McCloud schools this weekend for the children.
- Ongoing tree and brush debris clean up.
- PSE&G work is ongoing in order to restore power to the whole City.

Election Update:

City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst spoke about upcoming election:

- Consolidation of Polling Sites for the November 6, 2012 General Election due to lack of power at all locations.
- Explained that County Board of Elections has the authority to make decisions regarding location of Polling Sites, and insisted that the consolidation be finalized today.
- Outlined how the City was going to notify voters about the changes.

Public Session:

- Curtis Caviness 41 E. Forest Avenue:
 - Not happy about decision to place all four (4) voting districts in the 4th Ward at Liberty School.
- Elle Kelly 350 Shepard Avenue:
 - Suggested the Hess station in Bogota as a refueling station. A diesel station is available at Forest Avenue & Teaneck Road.
 - Sump pumps without power are not working and causing water to come into people's basements.
 - The Recreation Department is running the programs until 6pm on Saturday and Sunday but with the time change on Sunday the program should end at 5pm.
- Sandy Greenberg 449 Liberty Road:
 - Thanked the Mayor for calling this meeting.
 - Asked if a private citizen, not a contractor, can put a tree out for pick up.
 - Asked that people be reminded not to remove yellow caution tape. Can this be included in a robo call.
 - Loud speaker trucks would be hard to hear indoors.
 - Thinks it is a good idea to have all polls in one location under these circumstances.
 - City should use the storm as a lessons learned exercise.
 - Residents are making full use of the Library.

- Sue Gamrin Murray Avenue:
 - Thanked DPW for getting her street cleared and they also took the branches away today.
 - Why was a press release not sent out regarding the roof damage at the Ice Rink?
 - Volunteers are needed to go block by block and tell voters where to vote.

- Elisa Boyle, Property Manager- Brownstone Apartments:
 - Asked what she could do to help..

- Seth Salawitz 20 W. Palisade Avenue:
 - Mentioned that Secaucus gave out free movie tickets, water and granola bars. Suggested free bagels and coffee if outages go on much longer.

The City Council voted to lift the following Ordinance (Chapter 172, Article 8) for a period of four (4) weeks for all emergency work effective as of today; November 2, 2012:

All persons required to be registered hereunder, as well as builders of new homes who are registered with the State Department of Community Affairs pursuant to P.L. 1977, c. 467 (N.J.S.A. 46:3B-1 et seq.), principals, employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors thereof, and the owner and developer of any premises upon which such construction takes place shall comply with the following rules and regulations respecting construction work within the City of Englewood:

A. The construction, erection, alteration or repair of any building or structure shall not be permitted on Sundays or legal holidays nor shall it be permitted other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, nor shall it be permitted other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and further the use of any heavy construction equipment in connection therewith, including the use of bulldozers, tractors, generators, pneumatic drills, pile drivers, cement mixers, or similar equipment, or any excavation, blasting, earth moving or demolition, or any felling of trees or land clearance, shall not be permitted other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. No construction shall be permitted at any other time, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interests of public health and safety, and then only with a permit issued jointly by the Division of Code Enforcement of the City of Englewood and the City Engineer, which permit may be granted for a period not to exceed three days while the emergency continues and which permit may be renewed for further periods of three days or less while the emergency continues.

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

ADJOURN: 4:45PM

Motion: Huttle
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk