

City of Englewood

City Council Budget Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2014 at 6:30pm

A Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held in City Hall, 2-10 N. Van Brunt Street in the 2nd Floor Conference Room commencing at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Council member Marc Forman (7:05PM) Council member Michael Cohen (7:35PM) Council member Eugene Skurnick (6:45PM) Council member Wayne Hamer Council President Lynne Algrant City Manager Timothy Dacey City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst Ronald Amorino, CFO
Absent	Mayor Frank Huttie III

President Algrant 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.

Budget Review:

- Tim Dacey, City Manager reviewed the entire Budget process.
- Spoke about pension contribution changes (half will go to reduce taxes and half will go to surplus).
- \$51.75 per average household increase.
- Capital Budget:
 - Have enough downpayment available to introduce a reduced Capital Budget at the April 29th meeting, so we do not lose the summer season.
 - Will do a two phase Capital Budget this year. while we wait for the State to approve the Budget.
 - Reviewed first phase of Capital Budget.
- Mayor and Council comments:
 - Councilman Skurnick wants improvements made at Lot H (James Street).
 - Councilman Hamer spoke about pedestrian bridge/sidewalk over railroad crossing from parking lots to Bergen PAC and also at intersection with Palisade Avenue. The parking lot area behind Bethany Church is a mess.
 - Councilman Skurnick asked what the decision on the Pistol Range is. It was explained that the police Chief is looking at alternative venues. Discussed Snow Dragon Ice Melter, sewer work on Hutchinson, Fountain and Arch and Morris Park.
 - Councilman Forman spoke about a comprehensive study of all parks being conducted by the Land for public Trust group.
 - Councilman Hamer asked what is being planned for the Eleanor Harvey Park.

PUBLIC SESSION:

- No one from the Public came forward to speak.

ADJOURN: 7:40 PM

Motion: Skurnick
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk
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