

**City of Englewood
City Council Workshop
Meeting Minutes**

February 10, 2015 at 7:30pm

A Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held in the Liberty School, 12 Tenafly Road, commencing at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

President Algrant called the meeting to order.

The City Manager 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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- No one from the Public came forward to speak.

RESOLUTION #061-02-10-15

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE INFANT SENIOR SHARING PROJECT, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Infant Senior Sharing Project, Inc. recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary providing quality day care to the children and families of the City of Englewood since they opened in November 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Infant Senior Sharing Project, Inc. located at 16 William Street in the City of Englewood was founded with a twofold purpose; to offer high quality care for infants on the basis of the parent's ability to pay and to create part-time jobs for two classes of low income residents, senior citizens and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, the Infant Senior Sharing Project, Inc. has continually operated a nonprofit infant day-care center for children from three months of age to two years of age. The center has been able to serve those at the lower economic stratum who were not able to seek employment or were locked into low paying jobs due to the lack of affordable child care in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Infant Senior Sharing Project, Inc. celebrated their milestone anniversary in December 2014 with an alumni potluck dinner attended by current and former program participants, their parents, supporters and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Englewood, County of Bergen, hereby honor the Infant Senior Sharing Project, Inc. on their 25th Anniversary and wish them continued success for the future.

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

Resolution #062-02-10-15

**AUTHORIZE LEASE OF CONGRESSIONAL SATELLITE OFFICE IN
CITY HALL FOR CONGRESSMAN BILL PASCRELL, JR**

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood is located in the 9th Congressional District and is represented by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide better access to services and information to the residents of Englewood and surrounding municipalities located within the 9th Congressional District the Office of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. is proposing to open a satellite office in Englewood's City Hall; and,

WHEREAS, the Congressional satellite office will be staffed with a congressional representative two (2) to three (3) days each week with a permanent schedule to be determined in conjunction with the Mayor and City Manager; and,

WHEREAS, the lease will be on a rent-free basis and the Congressman's office will accommodate all necessary costs associated with their work; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, State of New Jersey that the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest to an agreement between the City of Englewood and the Office of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. to open a satellite office in City Hall in the City of Englewood.

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

RESOLUTION #063-02-10-15

REFUNDS DUE TO STATE TAX APPEALS

WHEREAS, a judgment has been received from the Tax Court of New Jersey for the following Block and Lots in the City of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, the said judgments have created and overpayment on the tax account listed for said years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to refund overpayment of the property taxes in the amount of \$128,766.76 for said years due to successful tax court judgments.

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

RESOLUTION #064-02-10-15

REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that Block 407, Lot 2 (216 Pleasant Avenue) is entitled to a tax overpayment refund;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to have this overpayment returned to the party requesting the refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized to refund the overpayment of property taxes in the amount of \$2,256.90 to Charles Howell, 744 Elm Avenue, Apt. 2B, Teaneck, NJ 07666

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Finance Officer.

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

RESOLUTION #065-02-10-15

REFUND DUE TO SENIOR CITIZEN DEDUCTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Pernola Gordon, has filed an application for a Property Tax Deduction for a Senior Citizen with proper supporting documentation thus making him eligible for the \$250 deduction on property taxes.

WHEREAS, Ms. Gordon having satisfied her property tax obligations for the year 2014 now reflects an overpayment of \$250.00 for said year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Englewood, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$250.00 to Ms. Pernola Gordon, 421 Tryon Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 (Block 205, Lot 6) and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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

RESOLUTION #066-02-10-15

APPOINT BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, State of New Jersey; that the following appointment is confirmed to the Board of Health for the following term:

Daniel Daniel, 178 Cambridge Avenue, be appointed as a member to fulfill one-year unexpired term commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION #067-02-10-15

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. GENE-ANN POLK

WHEREAS, longtime Englewood resident and noted physician Dr. Gene-Ann Polk passed away on January 3, 2015 after losing a long battle with cancer. Dr. Polk and her husband, Dr. Edwin Clay Horne were residents of Englewood for 50 years and raised their son, Edwin Christian Horne and daughter, Carol Horne Penn here; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polk had a private pediatric practice in Englewood but the focus of her career was to provide access to quality healthcare for the residents of the community of Harlem. Dr. Polk turned down an offer to join a prestigious Park Avenue practice in order to focus on her work at Harlem Hospital. She was a mainstay of the Pediatrics Department at the hospital and the protocols for newborn patients and pediatric outpatient services that Dr. Polk established at the hospital still represent the norm today at health care institutions around the country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polk also served as an Administrator at Harlem Hospital after receiving her master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University. She also trained future generations of physicians as the first professor of clinical pediatrics at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Polk promoted interest in the arts through her role as the chairwoman of the hospital's cultural affairs committee and during her retirement, she helped raise funds to preserve the Depression-era paintings that adorn Harlem Hospital's Mural Pavilion. The Works Progress Administration murals, which constituted the first major U.S. government commission awarded to African-American artists, adorn the breathtaking pavilion that the hospital opened at 135th St. and Lenox Ave. in 2012. Dr. Polk later donated 50 black-and-white photographs of Harlem history to the hospital.

WHEREAS, Dr. Polk served on the board of the Bergen County chapters of several national organizations including: Bergen Youth Orchestra, Girl Scouts Council, National Urban League, Planned Parenthood, the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine and the United Negro College Fund. She was an active member of the North Jersey Chapter of the Links, Galilee United Methodist Church and the Iota Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Englewood, County of Bergen, hereby honor the memory of Dr. Gene-Ann Polk, for her lifelong commitment to providing access to quality healthcare to all.

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

RESOLUTION #068-02-10-15

APPOINT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood operates a Municipal Court and is required by law to have a Municipal Court Judge to preside over court sessions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Englewood, County of Bergen, hereby appoints Lesley Renee Adams as the Municipal Court Judge for a three (3) year term, commencing March 1, 2015 through March 1, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION #069-02-10-15

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, State of New Jersey; that the following appointment, pursuant to P.L. 2004 c. 19, is confirmed commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the appropriate appointment letter:

Public Defender

Aishaah Rasul

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Reviewed by Tim Dacey, City Manager:
 - 2014 Reserve Budget Transfers
 - State Contract Purchase for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Englewood Fire Department
 - State Contract Purchase for Voice Amplifier Assembly for the Englewood Fire Department
 - Authorizing Award of Contract for Attack Digital Fire Trainer and Trainers' Kit for the Englewood Fire Department
 - Fire Chief Gerald Marion discussed the equipment being purchased by the Fire Department in the above three (3) resolutions.
 - All new equipment purchases conform to NFPA standards. The old equipment does not comply with the current standards nor fit with the new equipment.
 - Training equipment allows you to conduct full spectrum training.
 - Appoint Municipal Bond Counsel
 - Appoint Traffic Advisory Committee Members
 - Resolution for a Zero Percent Tax Rate Increase in the 2015 Municipal Budget

PUBLIC SESSION:

- Horace Ragbir 51 W. Hamilton Avenue:
 - Feels that Liberty School should be turned into an Administrative Building for the City of Englewood, and that the City should have turned the Lincoln School into a senior citizen building because of its proximity to the Downtown.
- Gordon Johnson 387 Murray Avenue:
 - Commended the Council and the City on appointing a new Judge and congratulated the new Judge.
 - He will be supporting Debbian Barr for tenure.
- Horace Ragbir 51 W. Hamilton Avenue:
 - Spoke about multifamily homes on his street, the additional cars they have are a problem when it snows.
- Anthony Cureton 383 Marlboro Road:
 - President of the Bergen County NAACP. Came to the meeting to congratulate the new judge and commend the City on the appointment.

RESOLUTION #070-02-10-15

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:

Contract Negotiations 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.

() 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			
<i>Cohen</i>		X			
<i>Hamer</i>	X	X			

ADJOURN: 8:37 PM

Motion: Hamer
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk