

City of Englewood

City Council Budget Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2015 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
Council member Michael Cohen (7:15pm)
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
Council member Eugene Skurnick

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.

CITY CLERK:

- Lauren Vande Vaarst, City Clerk presented.
- Reviewed budget memo.
- Discussion on getting information on the City of Englewood and methods of doing so.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Timothy Dacey, City Manager presented.
- Reviewed the budget memo written by Arielle Saposh, Human Resource Director.
- Currently negotiating Local 108 contract.

FINANCE:

- Ronald Amorino, CFO presented.
- 2014 was the second year of the Accelerated Tax Sale and it has gone very well.
- The Tax Assessor said that the net valuation for 2015 will increase over 2014.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Timothy Dacey, City Manager presented.
- Discussed open position in the department. Council spoke about zero percent tax increase and not filling the open position in Administration, eliminate unfilled Fire Fighter position, not filling position opening in DPW due to a retirement. Also discussed making Rink Operator fulltime and adding a Program Coordinator for the Recreation Department.
- Reduce Capital Budget by \$1 million dollars.
- Use \$125,000 of surplus.

PUBLIC SESSION:

- Adam Brown 186 Elm Road:
 - Asked if EVAC subsidy of \$40,000 is still necessary because they can charge now. Yes, Mr. Dacey explained that the subsidy is still needed.
 - Discussed phone system costs.
 - Is the City recouping their costs on Millennium Strategies?
 - Made a statement about the money spent on Capital costs.
 - Spoke about acquiring Open.gov software. He recommends it after seeing it at the League of Municipalities conference and the cost is \$7,500 to \$8,000.
 - Surplus at the beginning of 2014 was \$7 million dollars and at the end of 2014 it was \$6.6 million dollars.
 - Interested in the Library's Budget and their Strategic Plan.
 - Recommends making Rink Operator fulltime and adding a Program Coordinator for the Recreation Department.

ADJOURN: 8:00 PM

Motion: Hamer
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk