

**City of Englewood  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2015**

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A Regular Formal 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.

Present: Council President Lynne Algrant  
Council Member Marc Forman  
Council Member Michael Cohen  
Council Member Eugene Skurnick  
Council Member Wayne Hamer  
Mayor Frank Huttie III  
City Attorney William Bailey  
City Manager Timothy Dacey  
Deputy City Clerk Yancy Wazirmas

Absent: City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst

Council President Algrant called the meeting to order at 7:35pm and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:** The Deputy City Clerk read the following statement:  
*Adequate notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided on the Annual Schedule of Meetings, which was adopted by the City Council on January 6, 2015, posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, distributed to The Record, and filed in the office of the City Clerk.*

#### **BILLS AND CLAIMS**

#### **RESOLUTION #250-12-15-15: APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

**WHEREAS,** The Chief Financial Officer has certified and submitted a consolidated bill and claims list for payment as well as a consolidated list of prepaid items. The prepaid items include emergency payments, wire transfers and regularly scheduled monthly payments that are paid between bill and claims list dates; and

**WHEREAS,** all bills and claims listed herewith have been encumbered and sufficient funds are available for payment; and

**WHEREAS,** the required signatures have all been obtained on each voucher on the attached list.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Council of the City of Englewood, that the bills and claims on the submitted lists are hereby approved for payment in the total amount of \$1,355,161.12.

Motion by **Council Member Skurnick** seconded by **Council Member Hamer** to approve the Bills and Claims.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**Yes:** Council Members Hamer, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Algrant

#### **SWEARING-IN:**

#### **Police Officer:**

- Jason Mejia

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Update from Stigma Free Task Force** by Deborah L. Baldwin, Chairperson
- **Mackay Park Vision Plan (Technical Advisory Report)**  
Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP, Executive Director from the National Consortium for Creative Placemaking

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

### **Councilman Wayne Hamer:**

- Thanked everyone who worked on the Mackay Park initiative and thanked Mr. Vasquez for the offer of having the students from Rutgers University work on the front porch as a school assignment.
- Asked everyone to keep Sandy Hook in their thoughts as they mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> year anniversary of the shootings.

### **Councilman Michael Cohen:**

- Asked that the members of the public that are in attendance for the presentation to remain engaged and to continue to attend all Council meetings, especially the budget hearings.
- Spoke about the resolution honoring City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst.

### **Councilman Marc Forman:**

- Thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting and all those who worked diligently on the Mackay Park study.

### **Councilman Eugene Skurnick:**

- Provided a review of 2015 activities and developments.
- Spoke about the Mackay Park vision plan as being as the beginning of a detailed evaluation.
- Thanked Council President Algrant and acknowledges all the work of City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst.

### **Council President Algrant:**

- Stated that she will make her final speech at the Re-Organization Meeting in January.
- Spoke about the community gardens and the participation of the children.
- Spoke about the re-naming of the City Clerk's office in honor of Lauren Vande Vaarst.

### **Mayor Frank Huttle:**

- Spoke about City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst.
- Thanked everyone for the hard work that went into the Mackay Park Vision Plan report and asked that the Historic Committee a museum as part of their 2016 initiative.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Leaf pick-up is done and on schedule, however, there are still some loose piles that will need to be picked up.
- A new assistant, Catherine Melendez, has begun working in the City Manager's office.
- City Hall will be closed at 3:30 on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

## **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

- None

## **ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING:**

- None

Motion by **Council Member Hamer** seconded by **Council Member Skurnick** to add Resolution #257-12-15-15 to the Consent Agenda.

**Resolution #257-12-15-15: Authorizing Award of Contract for the Vincent Tibbs Center Mold Remediation, Project Number 111538**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Yes:** Council Members Hamer, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Algrant

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Council President Algrant opened the meeting for public comments on the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

- Lucy Walker, Washington Place:
  - Asked why the contract for the community gardens is only for five years and why it's not being classified as open space by the City Council.  
Council President Algrant explained the process for classifying a property as open space.
- Crystal Brown, 328 Howell Rd:
  - Asked that the Environmental Commission be removed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Garden resolution and to keep it under DPW with some help from the City Manager.
- Elle Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave:
  - Expressed concerns about placing a garden in Mackay Park because there is not enough security in the area.
- John Babb, 213 Second Street:
  - asked that the Council support the Community Gardens.
- Jack Silberman, 320 Murray Ave:
  - Asked that the Community Garden resolutions not be voted on until the Environmental Commission is made aware that they are being asked to oversee the gardens.
- Curtis Caviness, 41 East Forest Avenue:
  - Expressed concern that the property across from the gardens is not included.
  - He also stated that he is not convinced that the resolutions will provide protection since the roster has not been updated since 2000.

**RESOLUTIONS-CONSENT AGENDA**

- #238-12-15-15 Authorize Budget Transfers for Budget Year 2015
- #251-12-15-15 Award Professional Services Contract to T&M Associates to Provide Engineering Services for Traffic Signal Design for Englewood Avenue Intersections with Van Brunt Street and William Street, Project No. 111547
- #252-12-15-15 Refunds Due to State Tax Appeals
- #253-12-15-15 Authorizing Community Garden on Third Street
- #254-12-15-15 Authorizing the Continued Use of Lewis Becote Community Garden
- #255-12-15-15 Authorizing Placement of the Tiny Free Library
- #256-12-15-15 Honoring Lauren Vande Vaarst
- #257-12-15-15 Authorizing Award of Contract for the Vincent Tibbs Center Mold Remediation, Project Number 111538

Council President Algrant asked if any members of the Council wished to have any resolutions pulled off the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately. No resolutions were asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by **Council Member Hamer** and seconded by **Council Member Forman** to approve Resolutions #238 and #251 through #257.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Yes:** Council Members Hamer, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Algrant

**RESOLUTION #238-12-15-15: AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2015**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that budget transfers must take place prior to December 31, 2015 for the 2015 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for budget transfers due to unforeseen circumstances and the need to provide funds to cover imminent obligations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood, County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make transfers from Current Fund Budget accounts for the year 2015 where a deficit would possibly occur on or before December 31, 2015 pursuant to and in accordance with provisions in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 and according to the schedule attached hereto.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
CITY MANAGER -S&W	5-01-20-100-XXX		\$10,000.00
CITY MANAGER -O/E	5-01-20-100-XXX	\$8,000.00	
HR-S&W	5-01-20-105-XXX		\$2,000.00
CITY CLERK-S&W	5-01-20-120-XXX	\$8,000.00	
CITY CLERK-O/E	5-01-20-120-XXX		\$2,000.00
FINANCE-S&W	5-01-20-130-XXX		\$1,000.00
FINANCE-O/E	5-01-20-130-XXX	\$6,000.00	
TAX COLLECTOR-S&W	5-01-20-145-XXX		\$2,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR-O/E	5-01-20-145-XXX		\$8,000.00
TAX ASSESSOR-S&W	5-01-20-150-XXX		\$3,000.00
TAX ASSESSOR-O/E	5-01-20-150-XXX		\$2,000.00
LEGAL	5-01-20-155-XXX	\$1,000.00	
COMM DEV	5-01-20-170-XXX		\$70,000.00
PLANNING/LAND USE	5-01-21-180-XXX		\$10,000.00
CODE ENFORCEM'T -S&W	5-01-22-195-XXX	\$10,000.00	
CODE ENFORCEM'T -O/E	5-01-22-195-XXX	\$15,000.00	
INSURANCE	5-01-23-210-XXX		\$150,000.00
PD-S&W	5-01-25-240-XXX	\$70,000.00	
PD-O/E	5-01-25-240-XXX		\$162,000.00
FD-S&W	5-01-25-265-XXX	\$150,000.00	
FD-O/E	5-01-25-265-XXX		\$20,000.00
ROADS-S&W	5-01-26-290-XXX	\$0.00	
ROADS-O/E	5-01-26-290-XXX	\$0.00	
DPW ADMN-S&W	5-01-26-300-XXX	\$71,000.00	
DPW ADMN-O/E	5-01-26-300-XXX	\$0.00	
SHADE TREE-S&W	5-01-26-301-XXX		\$33,000.00
SHADE TREE-O/E	5-01-26-301-XXX	\$15,000.00	
SEWER-S&W	5-01-26-302-XXX	\$0.00	
SEWER-O/E	5-01-26-302-XXX		\$15,000.00
SANITATION -S&W	5-01-26-305-XXX	\$7,000.00	
SANITATION -O/E	5-01-26-305-XXX		\$12,000.00
PARK -S&W	5-01-26-306-XXX	\$2,000.00	
BLDGS & GRDS-O/E	5-01-26-310-XXX	\$55,000.00	
CONST & FAC-S&W	5-01-26-311-XXX		\$73,000.00
CONST & FAC-O/E	5-01-26-311-XXX	\$5,000.00	
CEN GARAGE-S&W	5-01-26-315-XXX	\$5,000.00	
CEN GARAGE-O/E	5-01-26-315-XXX	\$25,000.00	
HEALTH-O/E	5-01-27-330-XXX	\$1,000.00	
TERMINAL LEAVE	5-01-27-350-XXX	\$20,000.00	
REC-S&W	5-01-28-370-XXX	\$48,000.00	
REC-O/E	5-01-28-370-XXX		\$35,000.00
UTILITIES-TELEPHONE	5-01-31-440-XXX		\$15,000.00
UTILITIES-ELECT & GAS	5-01-31-446-XXX	\$150,000.00	

SOC SEC	5-01-36-472-XXX		\$75,000.00
COURT-S&W	5-01-43-490-XXX	\$20,000.00	
COURT-O/E	5-01-43-490-XXX	\$8,000.00	
		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	S/T	<b>\$700,000.00</b>	<b>\$700,000.00</b>

The accounts in the "FROM" column have more funding than necessary while the accounts in the "TO" column have insufficient funds to cover anticipated expenses through the end of the year 2015. This resolution transfers funds from the accounts that have too much money to the ones that need money.

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**RESOLUTION #251-12-15-15: AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO T&M ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN FOR ENGLEWOOD AVENUE INTERSECTIONS WITH VAN BRUNT STREET AND WILLIAM STREET, PROJECT NO. 111547**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood has the need for Engineering Services for Traffic Signal Design for Englewood Avenue Intersections with Van Brunt Street and William Street, Project No. 111547; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work as outlined in the attached proposal dated December 7, 2015 includes the following:

- Field Survey and Mapping task associated with the work

**WHEREAS**, on the recommendation of the City Engineer, the City Council has determined, based on professional experience, expertise and reputation, to award a contract for such services to T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 as other than a "Fair and Open" contract as defined therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 1 1-1 et. seq.) authorizes the award of such professional services contracts without competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has determined the value of this contract for the scope of services as stated above and in the attached proposal dated December 7, 2015, is not to exceed \$14,250.00; and

**WHEREAS**, T&M Associates will complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Political Contribution Disclosure Form certifying that the firm has not made or will make any reportable contributions that would bar the award of this contract under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. and City of Englewood Ordinance No. 07-31; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purchase from Ordinance #15-03 (G), capital account C-04-15-003-000-007 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to award this contract; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, State of New Jersey that a professional services contract is hereby awarded to T&M Associates to provide Engineering Services for the Traffic Signal Design for Englewood Avenue Intersections with Van Brunt Street and William Street, Project No. 111547; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of the within resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement and that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value, be on file in the Office of the City Clerk and be available for public inspection during regular business hours; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a brief notice to be published once in the Record newspaper stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

**RESOLUTION #252-12-15-15: REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that the listed Block and Lots are entitled to a refund due to overpayments on property taxes;

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City Council to have the overpayments 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 the property taxes in the amount of \$26,432.59 to the requesting parties.

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

BLOCK & LOT	ADDRESS	NAME	AMOUNT
2304-1	80-86 W Palisade	Chung, Young Hoon	\$2,152.47 – 2010
607 – 7	58 Tenafly Road	Carela, Maximo	\$1,454.08 – 2012
2601 – 2.135	3110 Windsor Pk Ct	Chung, Kenneth	\$1,608.41 – 2012
311 – 16	343 Levinsohn Pl	Ramlochan, Jaideo	\$2,287.94 – 2013
408 – 29	400 Shannon Court	Vasquez, Victor & Frances	\$1,506.37 – 2013 \$202.14 – 2014
1403 – 8	315 Oakwood Road	Waxman, R. & Zimmerman, Hoper	\$838.59 – 2013
1601 -3	214 Walnut Street	Miller, Drora	\$756.80 – 2013
2009 – 26	45 Brookway Avenue	George, Jacqueline	\$278.16 – 2013
2014 – 3	344 W Englewood Ave	Kelly, Thomas	\$16.16 – 2013
2104 – 6.29	57 Coriander Way	Ceballos, Carol	\$82.76 – 2013
2109 – 12	250 Franklin Road	De Groat, Susan Carol	\$20.71 – 2013
2601 – 2.101	2307 Windsor Pk Ct	Jhun, Steve Jy	\$331.92 – 2013
2703 – 3	76 Dwight Place	Dubroff, Jonathan	17.14 – 2013
2704 – 16	151 Sherwood Place	Aronoff, Jeffrey & Eden	\$610.76 – 2013
2708 – 4	172 Maple Street	London, Myles Patrician	\$44.03 – 2013
2805 – 11.01	107A Meadowbrook Rd	Guaman, Segundo Agualema	\$492.92 – 2013
3008 – 19.54	530 Broad Ave. Gar#10	Masuko, Karen Mich	\$53.93 – 2013
3008 – 22	163 E Sheffield Ave.	Figueroa, Pamela Rhonda & George	\$62.50 – 2013
3203 – 8	281 E Linden Ave	Spiegel, Alan & Judy	\$507.89 – 2013
3301 – 4	258 E Linden Ave	Weiss, Phyllis	\$1,305.48 – 2013
3305 – 15	400 Jones Road	Ruiz, Alberto	\$66.88 – 2013
3404 – 19.070	7 Fox Run Drive	Avni, Liron	\$124.93 – 2013
111 – 20	391 Lantana Ave	Cho, Wonsang	\$65.36 – 2014
410 – 5	260 Everett Place	Taylor, Charles & Lydia	\$11.89 – 2014
508 – 14	244 Tenafly Road	Garcia, George & Roscel	\$70.39 – 2014
702 – 1	525 N Dean St LLC	525 N Dean Street	\$50.00 – 2014
1205 – 11	135 Walnut Street	Moche, Uri & Tamar	\$1,351.90 – 2014
2408 – 28	81 S Dean Street	Starland Corp	\$42.29 – 2014
2701 – 1.77	100 E Palisade Ave #D43	Jabir, Mohamed	\$78.71 – 2014
2705 – 28.01	109 Grand Ave #1A	Lilly, Viola	\$25.97 – 2014
3201 – 8	277 Maple Street	Wolf, Darren & Tanya	\$32.85 - 2014
3203 – 1	240 Maple Street	Greif, Susan Horn	\$938.13 – 2014
304-32	307 Liberty Road	Truesdale, Cornell & Regenia	\$118.35 – 2015
310 – 9	328 Levinsohn Pl	Turner, Irving	\$3,048.67 – 2015
704 – 14.19	63 W Hudson Ave #A-11	Mariada LLC	\$65.74 – 2015
709 – 5.008	441 Stockton Pl	Stephens, Andre & Arlene	\$1,216.80 – 2015
903 – 12	35 Slocum Avenue	YKOP LLC	\$77.09 – 2015
1101 – 5	94 Glenwood Road	Niewood, David & Dina	\$25.61 – 2015
1106 – 4	154 Chestnut Street	H.R. Design LLC	\$30.55 – 2015
1210 – 4	144 Walnut Street	Kolatch, Jonathan	\$643.18 – 2015

1405 -13	287 Morrow Road	Kosovsky, Peter	\$50.07 – 2015
1701 – 21	435 Lewelen Circle	Bressman, David & Susan	\$58.24 – 2015
2007 – 2	272 Shepard Ave	Vargas, Maryelena	\$230.25 – 2015
2104 -6.37	2 Coriander Way	Russell, Diana	\$124.11 – 2015
2313 -37	131 William Street	Giannini, Louis & Barbara	\$450.00 – 2015
2701 – 1.76	100 E Palisade Ave #D42	Greenfeld, Joshua & Toby	\$269.91 – 2015
2707 – 6	78 Franklin Street	Schweky, Edward	\$1,039.35 – 2015
2805 – 11.07	105B Meadowbrook Road	Diaz, Pedro Juan	\$358.84 – 2015
2901 -3	314- 316 S Dean Street	Wodeslavsky, Josef & Tova	\$537.91 – 2015
2908 -6	346 Broad Ave	Aaron, Joel & Martha	\$597.46 – 2015

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**RESOLUTION #253-12-15-15: AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY GARDEN ON THIRD STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood owns two (2) properties located on Third Street and designated as Block 2112 Lot 6 also known as 143 Third Street and Block 2114 Lot 8 also known as 144 Third Street. These properties were designated as part of the Residential Rehabilitation Project within the Residential Rehabilitation area by Ordinance #04-33; and

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity had right of first refusal to rehabilitate these properties, but are changing their focus to include more community improvement projects and as such are interested in developing these aforementioned properties as a Community Garden in order to foster volunteerism, pride in the community and healthy eating habits among the area residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the City of Englewood owned properties located on Third Street and designated as Block 2112 Lot 6 also known as 143 Third Street and Block 2114 Lot 8 also known as 144 Third Street for five (5) years effective January 1, 2016 are hereby designated as open space and a Community Garden under the sponsorship and supervision of the Englewood Environmental Commission, subject to any terms and conditions required by the City Manager.

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**RESOLUTION #254-12-15-15: AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF LEWIS BECOTE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood owns property located at the corner of Genesee Avenue and Lafayette Place, designated as Block 2110 Lot 17 also known as 206 Lafayette Place. According to interviews and reminisces of Englewood residents this property has been utilized as a vegetable garden for the community for over 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to maintain said property as open space and garden for the next five (5) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood is interested in maintaining this property as a Community Garden in order to foster volunteerism, pride in the community and healthy eating habits among the area residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lewis Becote Garden Committee wishes to oversee the maintenance of this garden and will supervise and assign the 28 raised beds that have been erected at the garden subject to any terms or conditions required by the City Manager.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the City of Englewood owned property located at the corner of Genesee Avenue and Lafayette Place, designated as Block 2110 Lot 17 also known as 206 Lafayette Place is hereby designated as open space for utilization as a community garden for five (5) years commencing January 1, 2016, under the supervision of the Lewis Becote Garden Committee, subject to any terms and conditions required by the City Manager.

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**RESOLUTION #255-12-15-15: AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF THE TINY FREE LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the Englewood Public Library the City of Englewood had authorized the placement of the Tiny Free Library in the City of Englewood for a three (3) month period at Veterans Memorial Park/Depot Square at the location of North Dean Street and East Demarest Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the success during this trial period of the Tiny Free Library the Englewood Public Library has requested that it continue at its current location.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Englewood that the placement of the Tiny Free Library is hereby authorized to continue to be placed on City property near the bus stop at the southwest corner of North Dean Street and East Demarest Avenue.

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**RESOLUTION #256-12-15-15: HONORING LAUREN VANDE VAARST**

**WHEREAS**, Lauren Vande Vaarst has served as the City Clerk for the City of Englewood since March 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, in her capacity as the City Clerk she has performed the duties and responsibilities of that position with the utmost professionalism and integrity, having worked tirelessly for the City of Englewood, and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood seeks to recognize her commitment, dedication and contribution to the City of Englewood, and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, that Lauren Vande Vaarst is hereby honored for her service as a City Clerk with much gratitude and appreciation; and it is hereby

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in recognition of her dedicated service as City Clerk, the City Clerk's Office shall hereinafter be named, the Lauren Vande Vaarst Office of the City Clerk for the City of Englewood, New Jersey.

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**RESOLUTION #257-12-15-15: AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE VINCENT TIBBS CENTER MOLD REMEDIATION, PROJECT NUMBER 111538**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were received on December 8, 2015 for the Vincent Tibbs Center Mold Remediation, Project Number 111538 in accordance with specifications therefore and following public advertisement; and

**WHEREAS**, specifications were sent and responsible bids were received from five (5) bidders listed on the attached Bid Summary Sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by Remediation Specialists, Inc., 533 Whitehead Road, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619 for the total sum of \$11,775.00 was determined to be the low bid and is in compliance with the specifications; and based upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, can be accepted by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purchase from Ordinance #13-06(6), capital account C-04-13-006-000-006 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to award this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, this bid is awarded according to a fair and open process pursuant to PL 2004, c.19; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood that the bid submitted by Remediation Specialists, Inc. is hereby accepted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Englewood and Remediation Specialists, Inc., for the Vincent Tibbs Center Mold Remediation, Project Number 111538 in accordance with the specifications therefore.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that subject to the availability of funds therefore, the City Manager is authorized to approve change orders in a sum not to exceed 20% of the contract price.

## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Council President Algrant opened the meeting to the public and instructed that any member wishing to speak to step up to the microphone and give their name and address, and have five minutes to speak.

- Elle Kelly, 350 Shepard Avenue: Spoke/commented on the following:
  - Police Officers that work in Englewood should also live in Englewood.
  - Drive-by shootings
  - Elected officials should be screened by Homeland Security before taking office
  - Security at Mackay Park
  - Lack of public transportation
  - Veterans and the waiting list for hiring for the police and fire departments
- Charlotte Bennett Schoen, 337 Audubon Rd:
  - Spoke about the Gateway to Sports event at the Gatehouse.
  - Thanked the Council for honoring City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst.
- Stephen Press, 546 Broad Avenue:
  - Spoke about the event at the Gatehouse and the number of children that participated from the West side. He also thanked the Friends of the Arena for their help with the event.
- John Babb, 213 Second Street:
  - Commended Mr. Vasquez on his work with the Mackay Park Vision Project and encourages everyone to continue to provide input .
- Sondra Greenberg, 449 Liberty Rd:
  - Impressed with the results that the consultant presented regarding Mackay Park and asked that they make the front porch more green with less furniture and more of a Central Park feel.
  - Wants community gardens all over the City and especially by city owned buildings.
- Charles Cobb, 113 Marilyn Court:
  - Thanked the Council President for her service to the City and thanked the Council for honoring the City Clerk.
- Jack Silberman, 320 Murray Ave:
  - Asked that the budget hearings be video and audio recorded and have those recording placed on the website.
  - Asked if there will be a dog walking area placed in Mackay Park
  - Stated that there are still signs up by the cable boxes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward advertising a car selling service.
- Frances Whalen, 254 Genesee Ave:
  - Asked that vacant lots in the City be turned into gardens.
- Curtis Caviness, (formerly) 98 Williams Street:
  - Suggested that the City get a Recreation Master Plan to include all the parks and not to parcel parts of the city for care by non-profits. He asked that they come up with a comprehensive plan that will benefit all citizens of the City.
- Steve Close, 220 Liberty Rd:
  - Asked about budget maintenance for the park to address repair issues for the parks because you can't have programs on unplayable fields.
  - Suggested that they consider connecting Mackay Park and Overpeck golf course.
  - Thinks dog runs bring people to parks.

Council President Algrant closed the Public Session.

## **ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by **Council Member Hamer** seconded by **Council President Algrant**.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**Yes:** Council Members Hamer, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Algrant

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

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Yancy Wazirmas, RMC  
Deputy City Clerk