

City of Englewood
City Council Workshop
Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

A Workshop 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 Wayne Hamer
Council Member Charles Cobb
Council Member Michael Cohen
Council Member Marc Forman
Council Member Eugene Skurnick
Mayor Frank Huttie III
City Attorney William Bailey
City Manager Timothy Dacey
City Clerk Yancy Wazirmas

Absent: None

Council President Hamer called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: The 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 5, 2016, posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, distributed to The Record, and filed in the office of the City Clerk.*

SWEARING-IN:

Police Officers:

- Lester Martin, Sergeant
- Jose Sanchez, Detective
- Alaric Tucker, Probationary Police Officer

RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 2015 Budget Reserve Transfers
- Resolution Adopting Mutual Aid Plan
- Authorizing an Agreement with the Englewood Economic Development Corporation to Manage the Englewood Business Apprenticeship Program
- Appointment of Chief Financial Officer
- Appointment of Board of Health Members
- Appointment of Recreation Advisory Committee Members
- Appointment of Traffic Advisory Committee Members
- Appointment of Housing Authority Members
- Appointment of Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Members

The items listed above (except the appointment of the CFO which was discussed in closed session) were discussed by the Council Members and the Resolutions will be placed on the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for approval.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

- None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 40 Bennett Road Inspection
Council President Hamer stated that no decision as a Council has been made on this property. The Council is in an information gathering phase. The discussion for this meeting relates to the inspection of the property. Governing Body Members present at the inspection provided their observations.
- EHMC Taxation
Council President Hamer stated that a conversation with Englewood Hospital regarding their taxation needs to take place. Mayor Huttle reported that he has already spoken to Englewood Hospital and presented a letter from EHMC regarding their contributions to the local economy.
- Snowstorm Recap
The DPW Director was unable to attend this evening's meeting and will be present at the next meeting to provide a report to the City Council.
- Engineering/Capital Projects Update
The following items were reported by City Engineer Frantz Volcy and discussed with the City Council:
 - 2015 projects are completed or about to be completed.
 - Palisades Avenue traffic signals and crosswalks and utility work done in roadways recently repaired; working with firehouse architect to get the final numbers on cost; use of Mackay Gatehouse; library entrance paint; Matlage Place and Holland Avenue water problem; the proofreading process of the plaques on the monument.
 - City Counsel Bill Bailey added the re-dedication of a portion along Route 4 back to the DOT. Mr. Volcy recommended that the Council approve this.
- Annual Award Process for Professional Contracts
Council President Hamer asked that a process be put in place and that the process begin early.

PUBLIC SESSION:

- Elle Kelly, 350 Shepard Ave:
 - Spoke about the past process where each Council ward representative had the authority to appoint a person from that ward for a board
 - Asked about the DPW plan in place for snowstorms.
 - Requested that street corners be cleared from snow so that school children can safely walk to school.
- Jack Silberman, 320 Murray Ave:
 - Asked that the recordings of the City Council meetings
 - Discussed the costs for street lighting and lights that are not working.
- Dionuso Cucato, 31 Armory Street:
 - Spoke about the need building a new community center and not purchasing and older building.
 - Asked that the Governing Body stop their bickering.
- Debbie Adam, student at Dwight Murray Academy:
 - Spoke about the importance of community centers for the children of the community
- Shirley Smith, 380 W Palisade Ave:
 - Spoke of her support for a community center so that kids have a place to go.
- Jahnae Andrades, 31-78 Parkview Terrace:
 - Spoke about wants versus needs and asked about the cost of building a community center.

- James Evans, 341 Washington Place:
 - Asked if Forest Avenue south of 1st Street Brook will be included to be dredged in the 2016 Budget. Frantz responded that they are doing a phased program for dredging of Miller's Pond this year and Overpeck next year.
- Sondra Greenberg, 449 Liberty Rd:
 - Spoke about snow shoveling issues and the safety of children.
 - Asked that sidewalks be placed where none currently exist to prevent fatal accidents.
- Jayden Williams, student at Dwight Morrow HS:
 - Spoke about the need for a community center and volunteerism
 - Asked they put more money towards the apprenticeship program.
- Latise Macer, 114 Madison Ave:
 - Spoke about the importance of community center where children can go and learn skills and asked that a new building be built.
- Horace Ragbir, 51 W Hamilton Ave:
 - Spoke about the importance of a community center and that the issue has lingered too long.
- Valerie Sanders, 231 W Englewood Ave:
 - Asked who is responsible for clearing the snow from Wide's corner.
- Tarla Coleman-Broadnax, 105 Slocum Ave:
 - Disappointed that there is no community center in the City that functions as a resource center for the kids.
- Vernedra Williams, 349 Washington Place:
 - Spoke about the importance of a community center to allow the children the opportunity to network
 - Asked the Council for a commitment for a date to solidify the community center and if committee has been formed and if they are accepting volunteers.
- Brian Walker, 32 Parkview Terrace:
 - Stated that a community center is important but they also need officers to walk in the neighborhoods.
 - A center is needed to provide father figures.
- Lakesha Hoyle, 207 West Palisade Ave:
 - Asked if the City can "link" with the school system to get to know the children and their needs and to be present at more school events.
- Jack Silberman, 320 Murray Ave:
 - Spoke about assessments on taxes for additional services.
- Dionuso Cucato, 31 Armory Street:
 - Asked they reach out to the community for feedback on what the needs are for the community.

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION #060-02-09-16: 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:

Personnel Matter, Litigation and Contract Negotiations

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.
- (X) 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.
- (X) 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.

Motion by **Councilman Forman** seconded by **Councilman Hamer** to approve.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Council Members Cobb, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Hamer

Motion to Re-convene in open session by **Councilman Cohen** and was seconded by **Councilman Cobb.**

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Council Members Cobb, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Hamer

ADJOURN:

Motion by **Councilman Cobb** seconded by **Councilman Cohen** to adjourn at 10:51pm.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Council Members Cobb, Cohen, Forman, Skurnick and Hamer

Yancy Wazirmas, RMC
City Clerk