

City of Englewood
City Council Workshop
Meeting Minutes

April 5, 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 7:32pm 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.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTION FOR VOTE

The Council President asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak about the Resolution for vote: **#097-04-05-16.**

- No Public Comments.

Council President Hamer closed the Public Comments Section.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #097-04-05-16: AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FY 2016 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is making funding available to local law enforcement agencies through the FY 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program; and,

WHEREAS, the DOJ will provide funding in the form of matching grants for the purchase of body worn cameras and all associated technology; and,

WHEREAS, the Englewood Police Department has identified the need for the acquisition of body-worn cameras in order to improve its day-to-day operations from a technology standpoint and to help further increase the transparency of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey formally supports this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the submission of an electronic grant application to the DOJ through the FY 2016 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if and/or when a grant award is made, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Englewood and that their signature

constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

A motion to approve Resolution #097 was made by **Councilman Cohen** and seconded by **Councilman Skurnick**.

ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- Contract for Pool Management Services
- Resolution to Allow Budget to be Read by Title Only
- Resolution to Amend 2016 Budget
- Authorizing the Adoption of the 2016 Budget
- Resolution Appointing CFO (Michael Kaufmann as of 5/1/16)
- Refunds due to State Tax Appeals
- Refunds due to Overpayment of Taxes

The items listed above were discussed by the Council Members and the Resolutions will be placed on the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for approval.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

- City Towing Ordinance
 - Chief Suffern explained the complications relative to the existing ordinance. The ordinance will have updated fees, insurance requirements, building facility, hours of operation, application procedure and response time.
- Capital Budget
- Parking Ordinance for Prospect Street and Glenbrook Parkway for Street Sweeping

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Forming a Committee for a Community Center

After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to have an RFP put together for consulting services to do a comprehensive study of the community's needs, costs involved and an inventory of the current facilities in the City and the programs they offer. Council Members were asked to forward any ideas or plans they would like to be included in the RFP to the City Manager or City Clerk by April 30th. This discussion will be continued at the May Work Session.
- Roads Division-Snow Storm Cost Sheet

Per Councilman Cobb's request, Mr. Dacey explained that the sheet cost sheet put together is part of a FEMA request to apply for re-imburement of 75% of costs incurred. Outside contractors are bid out every 2 years and they charge per the rate stipulated in the contract. These contractors are called when the snow amounts exceed one foot.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

- Philip Vogel, 318 Marlboro Road:
 - Spoke about the boilers at Liberty School and the repairs required.
 - Asked that if a consultant is hired to study a community center that they listen to what the consultant presents.
 - Spoke about the study done 10 years ago about the community center vision.

- Shirley Smith, 374 W Palisade Ave:
 - Asked that police officers do walking patrols.
- Laura Vogel, 318 Marlboro Rd:
 - Asked that the ordinance regulating landscapers be strengthened to have them log the chemicals they use (insecticides, etc.)
- Jack Silberman, 320 Murray Ave:
 - Spoke about the meetings from 10 years ago regarding a community center
 - Supports the idea of a community center and that they keep an open mind about 40 Bennett Rd as a possible location for expanding other departments.
- Nathan Scraig, Representative for 40 Bennett Road:
 - Asked the Council to provide a time-line for his client. Council President Hamer responded that he should reach out to the City Manager to work on a time-line to get this finalized.
- Lisa Wisotsky, 237 Hutchinson Rd:
 - Asked who was supposed to make a presentation on 40 Bennett R tonight. Council President Hamer responded that it was time-slotted for anyone who wished to make a presentation, but it did not materialize
- Curtis Caviness, E. Forest Ave:
 - Asked the representative for 40 Bennett Road to upkeep the property.
 - Suggested that professionals already on staff do their job and to bring the Recreation Advisory Committee on board for the center.
 - Asked who evaluates the contractors who are brought in to snow-plow.
 - Suggested they establish an Open Space tax and that they search out grants.

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION #098-04-05-16: 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:

Pending or Anticipated Litigation and Contract Negotiations and Attorney/Client Privilege

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.

Motion by **Councilman Skurnick** seconded by **Councilman Cobb** to approve.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURN:

Motion by **Councilman Forman** seconded by **Councilman Cobb** to adjourn at 10:12pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yancy Wazirmas, RMC
City Clerk