BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: March 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Councilwoman	Lauren Eastwood
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo
Councilman	Ed Aversa

ABSENT:

Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corriston
Superintendent DPW	Mark Neville
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
Tax Conflict Attorney	Donald Lenner, Esq.
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy

MUNICIPAL CLERK STATED:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of these meetings was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act." This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon the completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

RESOLUTION 15-44

RE: CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs will go into closed session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any pending or anticipated litigation - Tax Appeals
Personnel – Police Department

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro, the Council went into closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Eastwood,Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

On a motion by Councilman Aversa, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the Council came out of closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Eastwood,Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh , seconded by Councilman Aversa and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Eastwood,Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

THE MAYOR STATED:
"IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME."

NO ONE FROM THE PUBLIC SPOKE

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh , seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed to the public for discussion.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Eastwood,Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

The Mayor asked if everyone reviewed the items offered for tonight's meeting. No one on the Council had additional questions; therefore the following items were placed on Regular Agenda for approval:

CORRESPONDENCE: Steven Muhlstock, Esq. and Donald J. Lenner, Esq.

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA

FOR APPROVAL: Caucus & Regular Minutes of February 10, 2015 & Closed Session Minutes for 2010

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for February, 2015 and Fire Department Report for January 2015 **WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS WERE SIGNED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD
February 11, 2015 through March 11, 2015

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

RESOLUTIONS 2015:
Consent Agenda
45 – Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel Balances over and under $10
46 – Tax Appeal Block 100, Lot 6
47 – Tax Appeal Block 412, Lot 4
48 - Tax Appeal Block 412, Lot 6
49 - Tax Appeal Block 806, Lot 8
50 – Tax Appeal Block 412, Lot 5
51 – Tax Appeal Block 314, Lot 11
52 – Emergency Repair to Jail Cells – Amend
53 - Appointment of Prosecutor to Fill Vacancy
54 - Accept Donation from Englewood Cliffs PTA
55 - Accept Donation L & K Dental PA
*56 – Retirement of Captain Daniel Morrissey *added

ORDINANCES 2015:
PUBLIC HEARING
01 - Refunding Bond Ordinance for the Funding of an Emergency Appropriation
02 – Amend Traffic Ordinance Chapter VII - Addition of Stop Sign

FIRST READING *Public Hearing April 8*
03 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7003 Establishing Annual Fees for Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

The Mayor spoke about the appointment of Marc Ramundo, Esq. for Prosecutor.

The Mayor reviewed the resolutions.

The Mayor discussed the increased amount for the liquor licenses.

THE MAYOR STATED:
"IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS AT THIS TIME"

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Liang gave an update on the 2015 budget. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 21 at 9:30AM.

The Mayor asked that all department heads go back to the departments and refine the numbers.

The Mayor discussed Englewood's sewer bill , the Borough Engineer will do calculations on the sewer bills.

Councilman Aversa and Borough Clerk discussed the vendor who can record meetings at $150.00 per hour for 2 hours. Then $37.50 per half hour after 2 hours. This would be an unedited recorded version of the meeting. We could try a trial period.

The Borough Clerk said we need a new cleaning company and would like to go out to bid.

The Mayor would like the Borough Clerk to reschedule the drive around town.

On a motion by Councilwoman Eastwood, seconded by Councilman Aversa and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened to the public for discussion.

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Eastwood,Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

PUBLIC SPOKE:

Carin Geiger, 270 Alfred Streeet, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, asked what the cost would be if the town recorded the meetings on its own. he resident asked the procedure for donating trees and the new stop sign at intersection of Middlesex Ave and Castle Drive.

Yvonne Favaro, 70 Johnson Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, clarified the Shade Tree Commission's guidelines for planting trees.

Borough Engineer clarified the reasons for the stop sign at Middlesex Ave and Castle Drive.

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion,

Seeing and hearing none, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

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Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk