BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: April 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Councilwoman	Lauren Eastwood
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh *(arrived 6:45 P.M.)*
Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo
Councilman	Ed Aversa

ABSENT:

Superintendent DPW	Mark Neville

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corriston
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi *(arrived 6:40 P.M.)*
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.

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Councilman Aversa, seconded by Council President Favaro 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 Councilman Aversa, 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: Yvonne Favaro, Shade Tree Commissioner and Steven Muhlstock, Esq.

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL: Caucus & Regular Minutes of March 11, 2015 & Closed Session Minutes for January 15, 2014, March 12, 2014, October 6, 2014 and November 12, 2014.

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for March, 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
March 12, 2015 through April 8, 2015

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

RESOLUTIONS 2015:
Consent Agenda
57 - Acquisition of Federal Surplus Property from the Department of Defense
58 - Transfer Appropriation Reserves

ORDINANCES 2015:
PUBLIC HEARING
15-03 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7003 Establishing Annual Fees for Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses

FIRST READING *Public Hearing May 13*
15-04 Street Name Change Wunsch Way
15-05 Street Name Change Montigny Drive

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

The Mayor reviewed the resolutions.

Councilman Consalvo asked if everyone received an email from Dave DiGrigorio. The Mayor did not receive it and asked if he would re-send the email.

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

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS
Proclamations – Arbor Day, Armenian Commemoration and Reflections (PTA)
Budget Update

The Mayor said there are three proclamations on the agenda tonight.

Borough Clerk mentioned that some of the Reflections PTA award recipients may be late due to Little League game.

Councilman Liang gave an update on the 2015 budget process. We have to work on refining the numbers.

The Mayor discussed the funding status of serveral bond ordinances.

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

The Mayor asked the Borough Clerk to schedule a special workshop meeting with the Mayor and Council, Auditor, CFO, Bond Counsel, Borough Attorney, as soon as possible.

Borough Engineer said the County paid for most of the Pershing Pond dredging; therefore there may be some money left.

Councilman Liang requested clarification for the process of signing vouchers.

Councilwoman Eastwood questioned Councilman Aversa about police promotions. She is not in favor of additional promotions.The Councilwoman noted a discrepency between our on-line code and our 2006 Police Ordinance regarding promotions.

The Mayor said the police promotion process will be discussed further at the next closed session meeting.

Council President Favaro suggested that the town allow residents to park on the grass during snow plowing.

The Mayor responded that parking during emergencies should be coordinated with the Fire and Police Departments.

The Mayor recommended that we all must work together to get the budget finalized.

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion,

Seeing and hearing none, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk