BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: September 9, 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:

Superintendent DPW	Mark Neville

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corriston
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
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 15-115

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 Appeal Block 807, Lot 7
Tax Appeal Block 808, Lot 9
Tax Appeal Block 314, Lot 11
Unilever

Councilwoman Eastwood questioned why we are going into closed session for Unilever.

Borough Attorney said Unilever is not settled, so we must discuss the legal ramifications.

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilman Aversa, the Council went into closed session.

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

The Mayor recused from Closed Session regarding Unilever.

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh 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 Council President Favaro , seconded by Councilwoman Oh 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 Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh 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:

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL: Closed Session Minutes of April 18, 2012, May 9, 2012, June 13, 2012, July 11, 2012,

October 10, 2012, November 20, 2012, December 3, 2012, December 12, 2012, March 13, 2013, May 8, 2013, June 12, 2013, July 10, 2013, August 14, 2013, October 9, 2013, December 11, 2013, February 11, 2014, April 9, 2014, May 14, 2014, June 18, 2014, July 9, 2014, and August 25, 2014. Regular Minutes of July 9, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE: Steven Muhlstock, Esq.

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for August, 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 August 13, 2015 through September 9, 2015

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

RESOLUTIONS 2015: ***Consent Agenda***
116 – Tax Appeal Block 807, Lot 7
117 – Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Shared Services Agreement for Paving of Palisades Ave.
118 – Rejection of Bid for Janitorial Services for the Borough of Englewood Cliffs
119 – Award Bid for Leaf Pickup and Disposal 2015
120 – Authorization to Purchase Lightning Alert System for Witte Field

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

Councilwoman Eastwood asked for clarification of the closed session items regarding Unilever. She asked when the Mayor's conflict began with Unilever.

Councilwoman Eastwood commented that meeting minutes should be more specific.

Councilwoman Eastwood had questions about the police officer's court hearing on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. Borough Attorney said elected officials can observe.

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

Borough Attorney discussed the feasibility of placing a lightning rod warning system on top of the field house. It is equipped with a siren to alert everyone to get off the field within 30 minutes.

The Mayor said there will be a brief 9-11 ceremony at the Fire House on Friday, September 11th at 9AM.

The Mayor said everyone was available for a Special Meeting to discuss tax appeals on Wednesday, September 16th with the time to be determined.

Councilwoman Eastwood asked if the Council could have a copy of the transcript of the police officer court hearing. The Borough Attorney said that after the Judge makes his recommendations, then the transcript will be available.

On a motion by Councilwoman Eastwood, seconded by Council President Favaro 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:

Carrol McMorrow, 7 Ridge Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ asked the Borough Attorney to report on tax appeal refunding.

Borough Attorney said tax appeal attorney, Mr. Muhlstock, does not want the refunding discussed at a public meeting until settlement is established, due to confidentiality.

Mario Kranjac, 47 North Virginia Court, Englewood Cliffs, NJ questioned the Borough Attorney's response at the last meeting with regard to refunding tax appeals. He asked for clarification of the police officer court hearing.

Mary O'Shea, 12 Irving Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ clarified what she said about a meeting at the July 2014 meeting.

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

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

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion,

Seeing and hearing none, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk