



**BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: May 13, 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
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi (<i>arrived 6:40 P.M.</i>)
CFO	Chris Battaglia
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.

Councilwoman Eastwood asked what the requirement is for the number of police officers that can be promoted.

Borough Attorney responded that we are within the law regarding police promotion requirements.

The Mayor asked everyone if it was necessary to go into closed session. All agreed not to go into closed session.

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, 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.”

PUBLIC SPOKE:

Dave Digrigorio, 165 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, is in favor of the police promotions. The resident said having the full support of the public employees is always better and good for morale. He is in favor of the baseball clinic and is very happy with it.

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilman Aversa 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.
Ed Fehre, Chairman of Planning Board

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL: Caucus & Regular Minutes of April 8, 2015.

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for April, 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 April 9, 2015 through May 13, 2015

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

2015 BUDGET INTRODUCTION Resolution 15-60 *Public Hearing on June 10, 2015*

RESOLUTIONS 2015:

Consent Agenda

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| 61 – Deferred School Tax | |
| 62 – Cancel Appropriation Reserves | 70 – Promotion of Lt. Brian Murphy to Captain |
| 63 – Cancel Capital Ordinance | 71 – Promotion of Sgt. James Tracy to Lieutenant |
| 64 – Hazard Mitigation Plan | 72 – Promotion of P.O. Benjamin Totten to Sergeant |
| 65 – Transparent Act of 2015 | 73 – Appointment of New P.O. Christopher Minetti |
| 66 – Tax Appeal Block 602, Lot 11 | 74 – Approve Raffle License Sisters of St. Joseph |
| 67 – HDL Freeze | 75 – Reject Fire House Bids |
| 68 – Transfer of Liquor License 0216-33-001-004 | 76 – Award Bid for Firehouse Renovation - Alternate A |
| 69 – Appoint Firefighter Stephen Louglas | 77 – Hire Attorney Raymond R. Wiss, Esq. |
| | *79 – Authorization to advertise for bids*added |
| | *80 – Authorization for COAH Representation*added |

ORDINANCES 2015:

PUBLIC HEARING

15-04 Street Name Change Wunsch Way

15-05 Street Name Change Montigny Drive

FIRST READING *Public Hearing on June 10, 2015*

15-06 Exceed Budget & Establish Cap Bank

15-07 Amend & Change Payment of Fees to Traffic Control

15-08 Amend Chapter 2A-1, Towing and Storage

15-09 Ordinance Providing for Various Acquisitions and Improvements

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

The Mayor asked for discussion on agenda items. The Mayor and the the CFO will be available to answer budget questions at the Council meeting.

Councilwoman Eastwood asked about 2011 minutes. Borough Clerk stated there are no minutes from 2011. The Mayor asked if former Councilwoman Carrol McMorrow has any audio tapes from 2011, to give them to the Borough Clerk for transcription. The Mayor will then review the minutes for approval.

Council President Favaro requests authorization to advertise for bids regarding the 2015 Road Program.

The Mayor instructed the Borough Clerk to put another resolution on the agenda for tonight's council meeting to advertise for bids.

Borough Clerk stated that the 2015 budget is on the website and copies will be available May 14 in the Clerk's Office, at no extra charge.

THE MAYOR STATED:

"IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS AT THIS TIME"

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

COAH Discussion, Municipal Planner

Street Cleaning

The Mayor spoke about the COAH process and asked for a motion for the planner to move forward with the COAH filing. 20% of our COAH funds can be used to pay for all the administrative/professional fees and filing. A declaratory judgement must be filed between June 8 and July 8. Then once approved, we have five months to prepare our statement.

Borough Attorney said if the LG property remains vacant and undeveloped, it can accommodate 900 units.

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 Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, spoke about COAH and gave some suggestions.

Carrol McMorrow, 7 Ridge Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, believed DPW could not be used because of contamination.

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

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The Mayor spoke about street cleaning and parked cars left on the street. He discussed if the parking ordinance should be revised. DPW Superintendent will notify the residents when their street will be cleaned.

Councilwoman Eastwood suggested using the Reverse 911 system to notify residents of street cleaning.

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:



Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk