



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
DPW Superintendent	Mark Neville
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy

**FLAG SALUTE LEAD BY: Council President Favaro**

**BOROUGH 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.

**MINUTES:** 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.

On a motion by Council President Favaro , seconded by Councilman Aversa, 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, and December 12, 2012 were approved.

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Favaro, Oh, Aversa**

On a motion by Council President Favaro , seconded by Councilwoman Oh, Closed Session Minutes of March 13, 2013, May 8, 2013, June 12, 2013, July 10, 2013, August 14, 2013, October 9, 2013, and December 11, 2013, were approved.

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Favaro, Oh, Aversa**

On a motion by Council President Favaro , seconded by Councilman Aversa, Closed Session Minutes of February 11, 2014, April 9, 2014, May 14, 2014, June 18, 2014, July 9, 2014, August 25, 2014 and Regular Minutes of July 9, 2014 were approved.

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Steven Muhlstock, Esq.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE WAS ORDERED TO BE FILED.**

**CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD:** August 13, 2015 through September 9, 2015

On a motion by Councilman Liang, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the Claims were ordered paid.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** for August 2015

Finance Department  
Fire Department  
Municipal Court  
Building Department  
Police Department  
Borough Engineer

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Eastwood and carried unanimously, the Department Head Reports for August 2015 were approved.

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

The Mayor stated "IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTIONS OR ANY OTHER ITEM OTHER THAN ORDINANCES, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME."

On a motion by Councilwoman Eastwood , seconded by Councilwoman Oh and carried unanimously, the meeting was open to the public.

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

NO ONE FROM THE PUBLIC SPOKE.

**On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the public portion was closed.**

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

**RESOLUTIONS: *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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature and was enacted by one motion. There was separate discussion of these items. If any discussion was desired by the Council, that particular item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

**On a motion by Council President Favaro, and seconded by Councilman Liang, Resolutions 116 through 120 were adopted.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

**RESOLUTION 15-116**

**WHEREAS**, Nika Parangi (TRSTE) is the owner and taxpayer of property located at 671 Summit Street in the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, at Block 807, Lot 7; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpayer filed 2014 and 2015 real property tax appeals, which matters are presently pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Tax Assessor, Appraiser and Tax Appeal Attorney that the settlement of these matters is in the best interests of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs that the Borough's Tax Appeal Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle litigation entitled Parangi vs. Englewood Cliffs; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that for both tax years 2014 and 2015, the assessment of \$2,588,700 will be reduced to \$2,200,000, resulting in a total refund, inclusive of both years, of approximately \$6,763; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the aforesaid settlement is predicated upon a waiver of payment of interest on any refund.

**RESOLUTION 15-117**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen has proposed the re-surfacing of Palisade Avenue from the Englewood border to Hudson Terrace; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with same they have requested the Borough to enter into a Shared Services Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council authorizes the Mayor to execute such documents necessary to put into effect the Shared Services Agreement

**RESOLUTION 15-118**

**WHEREAS**, bids were duly advertised for janitorial service for Borough of Englewood Cliffs offices; and

**WHEREAS**, one bid was received by Integrity Facility Service, Inc., 76 Romano Drive, Dumont, New Jersey 07628, in the amount of \$39,360; and

**WHEREAS**, there are insufficient monies appropriated to accept this bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that said bid is hereby rejected and that notice be given to the bidder of this action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk is authorized to go out to bid again for the same services.

**RESOLUTION 15-119**

**RE: AWARD BID – Disposal of fall leaves beginning October 12, 2015 to December 11, 2015 or until all leaves are collected**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs has received two (2) bids for the transfer of leaves from the Department of Public Works yard for the fall leaf season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Notice to Bidders was properly published in The Record on August 26, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids have been reviewed by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Municipal Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are desirous of awarding the contract to the bidder providing the lowest cost to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Nature's Choice Cooperation, has provided the lowest total cost in the amount of \$8.93 per cubic yard; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that the funds for this agreement have been appropriated in the 2015 adopted Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Municipal Attorney that the contract be awarded to Nature's Choice Corporation, 398 Lincoln Blvd, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846 for the price of \$8.93 per cubic yard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council does hereby award the contract for the for the disposal of leaves beginning October 12, 2015 to December 11, 2015 or until all leaves are collected, to Nature's Choice Corporation, 398 Lincoln Blvd, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846 for the price of \$8.93 per cubic yard and that the Borough Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the appropriate agreement therefor and the Mayor is authorized to sign same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all persons who have previously received bid documents from the Borough be notified of the passage of this Resolution when and if it is passed and the second and third lowest bidders' papers be retained until such time as the agreement is signed.

#### **RESOLUTION 15-120**

**WHEREAS**, the lightning alert system at Witte Field needs to be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are desirous of purchasing one (1) Outdoor Alerting System by Earth Networks in the amount of \$8,500, through Bergen County Contract #13-65.1N, who awarded the bidding contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that the funds for this purchase are available through Capital Bond Ordinance No. 15-09.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Englewood Cliffs is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) Outdoor Alerting System by Earth Networks, pursuant to Bergen County Contract #13-65.1N, and the Mayor is authorized to execute the New Jersey Contract in regard to same, subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COUNCILWOMAN EASTWOOD** - no report

**COUNCILMAN LIANG** – no report

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FAVARO** - no report

**COUNCILWOMAN OH** – no report

**COUNCILMAN CONSALVO** – no report

**COUNCILMAN AVERSA** reported that soccer season begins on Saturday, September 12. Recreation flyers were mailed to all residents.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT NEVILLE** spoke about the 2015 Road Program and the paving of Palisade Avenue.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER MIRANDI** reported on the 2015 Road Program, Riverside Cooperative and gave an update on the curb ramp program and local aid application.

**POLICE CHIEF CIOFFI** reported that we are preparing for Pope Francis' upcoming visit to New York. He spoke about the paving on Palisade Ave.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY** spoke about the legal case with COAH. He stated that Mr. Muhlstock, tax appeal attorney, could be invited to a meeting after the Unilever case is settled.

**BOROUGH CLERK** – no report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Eastwood would like the Mayor and Council to recognize the officers who saved the woman from a burning car. The Mayor stated that after they receive the valor awards from the 200 Club, the Mayor and Council will present awards to the police officers.

The Mayor announced that there will be a brief 9-11 ceremony at the Fire House on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Everyone is invited to attend.

**On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Councilman Consalvo and carried unanimously, a Special Meeting to be held at 8:30AM on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Borough Hall to discuss tax appeals, was approved.**

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

**AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa**

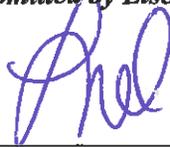
Councilman Liang announced that a Flu Clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 4PM to 7PM at the Community Building, 488 Hudson Terrace.

The Mayor wished everyone a great evening.

Seeing and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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

**ATTEST:**



**Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk**