



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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Mario M. Kranjac
Councilman	Ed Aversa(<i>arrived 7:10 PM</i>)
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Council President	Carrol McMorrow
Councilman	Mark Park
Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo

ABSENT:

Superintendent of DPW	Mark Neville
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Engineer	Andy Hipolit
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy
Siddharth Tripathii	Summer Intern at Borough Hall

The Mayor welcomed Siddharth Tripathi, student at Horace Mann School, to the meeting. He will be helping out at the Borough Hall this summer as an intern. We hope to expand the program next year.

FLAG SALUTE LEAD BY: Mayor Kranjac

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando shooting.

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.

- **RECOGNITION OF AWARDS**
 - District 6 Interleague Majors – Champions

Council President McMorrow congratulated all the champions and presented the awards.

Councilman Aversa arrived at 7:10PM.

Rafi Jafi, Manager of the team, spoke about the team and their accomplishments.

The Mayor congratulated all the champions.

- **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Email from Resident Sainato
 - Email from Resident Weiss
 - Michael A Cerone, Jr. ESQ.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss a feasibility study to evaluate potential renovations, improvements and reconfiguration to the Witte Field including but not limited to the use of natural or artificial turf and lighting as well as a safety study. The Governing Body will also discuss the library services for the borough.

The Mayor spoke about the library services for the Borough. He met with the Mayor of Fort Lee, the liaison of the Fort Lee Library and Library Board. The relationship with Englewood Cliffs would begin July 1, 2016, but Fort Lee will accept us sooner. Englewood Library terminated our relationship on June 17, 2016.

Council President McMorrow visited Fort Lee library and was extremely impressed. She spoke about the Fort Lee library. There is a book mobile for house bound residents.

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 Oh , seconded by Councilman Liang and carried unanimously, the meeting was open to the public.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Aversa, Liang, Oh, McMorrow, Park, Consalvo

PUBLIC SPOKE:

Anne Slater, 1 Johnson Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ read a letter from Englewood Library Board.

Jack Geyer, 34 Toni Place, Englewood Cliffs, NJ spoke about the convenience factor regarding the library.

Andrew Steiber, 750 Floyd Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ spoke about artificial turf ,the chemicals in it, and flood lights on the field. He spoke about the library and said we should determine the number of residents that use the library.

Dave DiGrigorio, 165 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, NJ likes Englewood Library and we should have our own library in Englewood Cliffs. He is not in favor of artificial turf that has carcinogenic chemicals that can affect children.

Eddie Cohen, 63 Center Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ said the field needs proper care regardless of artificial turf or grass.

Joe Senackerib, 319 Castle Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is not in favor of synthetic field.

The Mayor said Andy Hipolit, Borough Engineer will give a presentation on artificial turf at this meeting.

Andrew Nikow, 54 Elm Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ spoke for his brother, an organic chemist, regarding studies on artificial turf that produce gases that are not good for children. There are two lawsuits against three major artificial turf companies.

The Mayor clarified that the field needs improvements and a feasibility study will be discussed.

Jerry Misk, 1 Sanford Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ questioned what the feasibility study is exactly for. He suggests that the study should be done by another engineering firm and not Borough Engineer. There is no safe level of lead and is in favor of grass. 60 to 80 foot structures for lights would violate height variance.

Andy Hipolit, Borough Engineer, clarified the the purpose of feasibility study. He said the study is to look at the park in its entirety and make recommendations.

Councilman Aversa asked about longevity. Turf longevity is not worth the cost of the field.

Roberta Books, 6 Demarest Court, Englewood Cliffs, NJ asked what criteria has been done for the study.

Stacy Leung, 288 Marietta Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is not in favor of Fort Lee Library and said we have a great relationship with Englewood.

Wesley Leung(8 year old), 288 Marietta Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is in favor of Englewood Library.

Mrs. Lauricella, 52 Karens Lane, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is not in favor of Fort Lee traffic for a library.

The Mayor said that one of the services Fort Lee Library offers is delivery to resident's home.

Claudine Colemar, Hickory Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is the prior Englewood Cliffs representative for Englewood Library and spoke about all the services Englewood Library provides. She asked that the Englewood Library relationship be reconsidered.

Ron Ofeck, 35 Roberts Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is in favor of a feasibility study.

Tom Polowitz, 236 Fairview Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ said to look at non-rubber based materials for fields. He is in favor of lights on the field.

The Mayor said we have to balance the different groups in the town.

Lauren Eastwood, 4 Willow Drive, Englewood Cliffs NJ said there is a lot of traffic in Englewood. Councilwoman Oh has conflict of interest in Fort Lee because she is Borough Attorney for Fort Lee. The resident is in favor of lights at the field and the feasibility study.

Councilwoman Oh will abstain from voting on Fort Lee Library resolution.

Glen Luciano, 21 Laurie Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ said the fields need to be addressed and are in terrible condition. Do what is safe and economical.

Debbie Tsabari, 106 Hollywood Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ does not think we should have done this to Englewood due to the relationship we have with Englewood. Put lighting on the field that does not intrude upon the residents. She questioned the feasibility study we did years ago.

Andy Hipolit, Borough Engineer responded to the resident's concerns.

Ellen Park, 116 Pershing Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ asked when we start with Fort Lee Library and asked for clarification of the library issue. She suggested that we have a bid for the feasibility study.

The Mayor clarified the library issue.

Martin Geiger, 270 Alfred Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ spoke about the library issue. He questioned the feasibility study and suggested that we should go out to bid.

The Mayor clarified the library issue.

Russell Porrino, 220 Fairview Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is in favor of Fort Lee Library and said it provides better services.

Carin Geiger, 270 Alfred Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ spoke about the library, turf and the budget.

Borough Engineer spoke about artificial turf.

Tony Morfesis, 22 John Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ thanked the Council, Attorney and Borough Administrator for their help in resolving the parking issue with bagel shop.

Mary O'Shea, 12 Irving Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is in favor of Fort Lee Library and prefers the parking. She suggested we look into the turf to see what is safe for our children. We need a good program. She is not in favor of lights on field.

Leon Rosenfeld, 302 Center Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is in favor of a feasibility study.

Roberta Books, 6 Demarest Court, Englewood Cliffs, NJ questioned "books on wheels" at the library.

Rafi Jafri, 25 Snyder Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, President of Little League, is in favor of feasibility study.

On a motion by Councilman Aversa, seconded by Councilwoman Oh and carried unanimously, the public portion was closed.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Aversa, Liang, Oh, McMorrow, Park, Consalvo

A motion was made by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Consalvo, to allow Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit, to give a presentation regarding renovations, improvements and reconfiguration to Witte Field.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Aversa, Liang, Oh, McMorrow, Park, Consalvo

Borough Engineer gave a detailed presentation on renovations, improvements, and reconfiguration to Witte Field.

Council President McMorrow asked the Borough Engineer questions regarding Witte Field. She spoke about OPRA requests, Recreation Committee minutes, and the importance of doing a feasibility study.

Councilwoman Oh spoke about the cost of feasibility study and going out to bid. She questioned if the Borough Engineer has a conflict of interest.

Borough Attorney clarified that there is no need to go out to bid.

Borough Engineer states there is no conflict of interest.

Councilwoman Oh would like to see the Council go out for RFQ for a third party opinion.

The Mayor does not support going out for RFQ and does not want to delay the feasibility study.

FIRST HEARING AND INTRODUCTION – ORDINANCE

Ordinance 16-08 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WITTE FIELD RECREATION COMPLEX IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$30,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH

On a motion by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Consalvo and carried unanimously, Ordinance 16-08 entitled “CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WITTE FIELD RECREATION COMPLEX IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$30,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH ” was introduced and passed on the first reading.

The Ordinance was approved on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance is scheduled for **July 13, 2016 at 8 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Aversa, Liang, McMorrow, Park, Consalvo

ABSTAIN: Oh

Point of order: Council President McMorrow said that the Borough Administrator checked and the \$30,000 is in capital surplus. Therefore, there will be no additional charges.

RESOLUTIONS 2016:

94 – Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Fort Lee Public Library

Councilwoman Oh recused and left the dais.

A motion was made by Councilman Aversa, seconded by Councilman Liang, to discuss Resolution 94.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Aversa, Liang, McMorrow, Park, Consalvo

RECUSE: Oh

Councilman Aversa questioned the contract negotiations and the cost.

The Mayor responded to the questions.

On a motion by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Consalvo, Resolution 94 was adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang, McMorrow, Park, Consalvo

NAYS: Aversa

RECUSE: Oh

Councilwoman Oh returned to the dais.

RESOLUTION 16-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs is desirous of utilizing the Free Public Library of the Borough of Fort Lee for the benefit of the citizens of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Free Public Library are willing to enter into an Agreement with the Borough to allow Borough residents to utilize said library facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Free Public Library of the Borough of Fort Lee, to allow the citizens of the Borough to utilize the facilities and services of the Fort Lee Public Library

pursuant to the terms set forth in the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs on the date hereof.

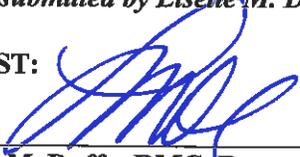
2. The terms shall be for a period of one (1) year with a possible prorated portion for June 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 at a cost to the Borough of \$150,000 for the one year period.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS.

On a motion by Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Liang, seeing and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

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

ATTEST:



Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk