



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

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Mario M. Kranjac
Councilman	Ed Aversa
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Council President	Carrol McMorrow
Councilman	Mark Park
Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	Dawn Sullivan
Borough Engineer	Michael O'Krepky
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 Council President McMorrow, seconded by Councilman Consalvo and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

THE MAYOR STATED:

"IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME."

PUBLIC SPOKE:

Neil Weissman, representative from “Complete the George”, an Ad Hoc Organization, requests a letter of support from the Mayor for the Port Authority of NY/NJ to widen the bicycle-pedestrian paths on the George Washington Bridge.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Weissman and the information will be reviewed by the Council.

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

RESOLUTION 16-122

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:

Update on Englewood Library Negotiations

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

On a motion by Councilman Aversa, seconded by Councilman Consalvo and carried unanimously, the Council came out of closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

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: Caucus and Regular Minutes of August 10, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ken and Andi Simon – *Resident*
Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso LLC – *Privileged & Confidential*
Kane Kim – *Resident*
Police Chief Michael Cioffi
Lauren Eastwood – *Resident*

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for August, 2016 **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 11, 2016 through September 14, 2016

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

RESOLUTIONS 2016: *Consent Agenda*

- 123 – Authorize Municipal Clerk to Advertise for 2017 RFQ
- 124 – Solicit Bids for Disposal of Leaves
- 125 – Approve Change Order #1 for Witte Field Tennis/Basketball Resurfacing Project
- 126 – Authorize Mayor to Sign Treatment Works Application for LG North American Headquarters
- 127 – Authorization to Join National Houston Galveston Area Council's Cooperative Purchasing Program
- 128 – Authorize Mayor to Sign Developer's Agreement with LG North American Headquarters
- 129 – Renew South Bergen JIF 3 year Agreement
- 130 – Approval of Excess Sewer Rate Increase
- 131 – Authorize the Council President to Sign Developer's Agreement with Lighthouse
- 132 – Petition PANYNJ to Install Anti-Suicide Fencing on the GWB

ORDINANCES - *Public Hearing October 13, 2016*

- 16-09 Salary Ordinance 2016
- 16-10 Amendment to the Borough Code Regarding Use of Recreational Facilities and Hours of Use

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

Council President McMorrow asked for clarification of the sewer bill rates.

Tax Collector and Borough Engineer explained the sewer bill rates and commercial rates.

Council President McMorrow asked Borough Attorney if Councilman Aversa, as a commercial property owner, has a conflict of interest and should recuse.

Borough Attorney said Councilman Aversa should recuse from conversations regarding the sewer bill rates.

Councilman Aversa recused and left the dais.

There was further discussion about the sewer rates.

Council President McMorrow and Councilwoman Oh had questions about how this came about.

Council President McMorrow said a motion should be made at the Council meeting tonight to investigate the sewer rates prior to 2015 to see how long this has been going on.

Councilman Aversa returned to the dais.

Borough Clerk said we are reviewing our park and playground ordinance to make better use of our park facilities for everyone including residents, recreational programs and our corporate citizens. An ordinance will be introduced by title only, at the Mayor and Council meeting tonight, for use of our parks and playgrounds. The Borough will need the full cooperation of all the residents and will also look into the rates of the tennis keys. The Borough Clerk, Lisette Duffy, and Council President Carrol McMorrow, Recreation Director, Paul Duffy, DPW Superintendent, Mark Neville and Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan have already begun to work on this matter.

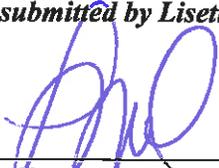
THE MAYOR STATED:

“IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS AT THIS TIME”

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

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

ATTEST:



Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk