BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: April 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilman	Ramon Ferro
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo
Councilman	Ed Aversa

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corriston
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
DPW Superintendent	Mark Neville
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
Borough Tax Attorney	Steve Muhlstock
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 Borough Attorney 14-06

Councilman Ferro questioned if Borough litigation should be spelled out on the Resolution.

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

RESOLUTION 14-59

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:

- ~~Review of All Pending Litigation again Borough~~ *item removed*
- Tax Appeal – 900 Sylvan Avenue
- Tax Appeal – 30 Booth Avenue
- Personnel
- *Threatened Litigation, Ordinance 14-06

**item added during Caucus on advise by Borough Attorney*

On a motion by Councilman Aversa, seconded by Councilwoman Oh, the Council went into closed session, joined by Steve Muhlstock, tax attorney.

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

The Mayor invited the Borough Auditor to go into Closed Session first.

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

The Mayor asked if everyone reviewed the items offered for tonight's meeting. The Mayor questioned if the Council was moving forward with the introduction of the three ordinances.

No one on the Council had additional questions; therefore the following items were placed on Regular Agenda for approval:

CORRESPONDENCE: Steven Muhlstock, Esq.

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL:
Caucus & Regular Minutes of March 12, 2014

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for March 2014 **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
March 13, 2014 through April 9, 2014

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

- **RESOLUTIONS 2014:**
  Consent Agenda
  60 – Donation to the Police Department
  61 – Tax Appeal 900 Sylvan Avenue
  62 – Authorize Hiring of Seasonal DPW Help
  63 – Approval of Raffle License for Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
  64 – Authorize to Go Out to Bid for Firehouse Floor Resurfacing
  65 – Approve Use of Witte Field by Dwight Englewood School
  66 – Approval of Green Communities Grant and Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement
  67 – Authorize Participation in the Palisades Park Pool Summer Program and Mayor to Sign Agreement
  68 – Appoint Electrical Sub-Code Official
  69 – Authorize Services for Tax Appeal Attorney – Conflicts
  70 – Authorize RFP's for Third Party Elevator Inspections
  71 – Authorize Hiring of Seasonal Help for Summer Camp

- **ORDINANCES 2014: Introduction Only** *Public Hearing on May 14*
  14-04 Amend Chapter X – Property Maintenance Code, Section 10-6.2(a)
  14-05 Indemnification of Municipal Officials and Employees
  14-06 Amend Chapter XI – Sewer and Water, Section 11-1.10

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: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

MAYOR PARISI STATED:
"IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME."

Lauren Eastwood, 4 Willow Drive – asked for clarification on threatened litigation, Ordinance 14-06.

The Borough Attorney responded that the ordinance has to do with the lateral from residents' homes to the sewer connection.

Mary O'Shea, 12 Irving Avenue – Asked for the names of the part time personnel to be hired on Resolution 14-62 and tax appeal conflict 14-69.

Carrol McMorrow, 7 Ridge Road – questioned the premise for going into closed session on Ordinances 14-05 and 14-06.

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion, Councilman Aversa moved the public portion be closed. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Oh, and carried unanimously.

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

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

THE MAYOR STATED:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion of Clothing Bins and Permits

The Mayor asked the Chief were we are on the clothes bins. The Borough Attorney stated if the Council wishes to proceed he will write up a resolution.

The Mayor asked the following Councilpersons to read the Proclamations:

- **Distracted Driving 2014 Crackdown, Councilman Aversa.**
- **Arbor Day 2014, Council President Favaro.**
- **Armenian Day, Councilman Liang.**

NEW BUSINESS: Community Forestry Program Award & Arbor Day – April 24

Seeing and hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

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Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk