BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: May 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 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 following resolution was read by the Clerk:

RESOLUTION 14-72

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:

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation.
Tax Appeal Block 703, Lot 2
Englewood Ambulance Service

Personnel
Police and Administration

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

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

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

ALL IN FAVOR:
AYES: Liang, Ferro, 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.

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL:
Caucus & Regular Minutes of April 9, 2014

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for April 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
April 10, 2014 through May 14, 2014

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

2014 BUDGET INTRODUCTION **Resolution 14-73** *Public Hearing on June 18, 2014*

- **RESOLUTIONS 2014:**
  Consent Agenda

74 – Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes
75 – Self Examination of Municipal Budget
76 – Increase in Deferred School Taxes
77 – Tax Appeal – 6 Maple Street
78 – Appoint Firefighter Devin Rallo
79 – Award Bid for Firehouse Floor Resurfacing
80 – Approval of Raffle License for Englewood Cliffs Education Foundation
81 – Approval of Extended Sick Leave
82 – Award Elevator Bid to Municipal Inspection Corporation
83 – Approve Transfer of Liquor License # 0216-33-003-005

- **ORDINANCES 2014: PUBLIC HEARING**
  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

- **ORDINANCES 2014: Introduction** ***Public Hearing on June 18, 2014***
  14-07 Amend Chapter XX – Recycling - Dumpsters
  14-08 Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & Establish a Cap Bank
  14-09 2014 Salary Ordinance

The Mayor pointed out that last month the Council showed concerned for the indemnification ordinance. We are looking to protect the Board of Directors and its employees. However, this is not to protect anyone if something criminal is done. Punitive damages are not covered; they would be covered with this Ordinance.

Councilman Liang asked how retroactive would work and how far back is everyone covered.

The Borough Attorney pointed out that we had a Councilman who was sued and had to pay for his own defense.

The Mayor explained how the Budget Resolution acts like an ordinance and must be introduced in one meeting and adopted at the next meeting with a Public Hearing. In addition the Salary Ordinance will also a Ordinance will be introduced tonight as well. Both the Budget and the Salary Ordinance go hand in hand.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS: Englewood Ambulance Agreement
Senior Citizen's Building Name

Naming rights for Theresa Wunsch, First Councilwoman in Englewood Cliffs was discussed. Mr. Cincotta and Senior Citizen's Board had approved a plaque/name on the building which is owned by the Borough. The Wunsch family donated the land were the building currently sits on toady as well the land to the school across the street.

The Clerk will send out a reverse 911 for the Memorial Day event and the change in the garbage pickup.

The Mayor would like to meet with the Englewood Library Director again. We met last year with the Library Director a, the Council President and the Clerk. Depending on when the next meeting is scheduled for, Councilman Liang will also participate. The Clerk will schedule a meeting.

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

THE MAYOR STATED:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

Nick Lenzo, 219 Grant Avenue, Cliffside Park, NJ, was advised by a friend regarding the indemnification ordinance. Mr. Lenzo asked how prevalent was the ordinance and what prompted it.

The Mayor asked if Mr. Lenzo had any affiliation with any group suing or against the town.

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

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

Seeing and hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk