



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

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: February 11, 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
Tax Appeal Attorney	Steve Muhlstock, Esq.
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 14-36

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:

Litigation-

900 Sylvan Avenue

474 Sylvan Avenue

301 Sylvan Avenue

25 Geraldine Court

Discussion of Extension of Contract regarding Litigation and Planning

Personnel-

Building Department

Department of Public Works

The Mayor stated that the Council would go into closed session since the Borough Tax Attorney was present to discuss tax appeals in Closed Session.

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

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

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

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:

Sine and Die Meeting of January 7, 2014

Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2014

Caucus & Regular Minutes of January 15, 2014

THE DEPARTMNET HEAD REPORTS FOR January 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

January 16, 2014 through February 11, 2014

RESOLUTIONS 2013:

Consent Agenda

- 37 – No Passing Zone on 9W
- 38 – Tax Appeal, 25 Geraldine Court
- 39 – Hire Assistant to the Construction Code Official – Lisa Sereno
- 40 – Retain Joseph P. Novelli, ASA, as Cost Estimator on 900 Sylvan Tax Appeal
- 41 – Award Tree Pruning Contract and Authorize the Mayor to Sign
- 42 – Retain McNerney & Associates for Tax Appraisal on 474 Sylvan Avenue Tax Appeal
- 43 – Hire Public Works Laborer – Joe DeChristafaro
- 44 – Hire Public Works Laborer – Walter Fricke
- 45 – United Water Approval of Extension on Demarest
- 46 – Bergen County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid
- 47 – Tax Appeal, 301 Sylvan Avenue
- 48 – Hire Electrical Sub Code Official - Frank Di Mitri
- 49 – Authorize the Issue of General obligation Bonds and Authorize Sale of \$9,885,000.
- 50 – Tonnage Grant Application
- 51– Tax Reimbursement Certification
- 52– Retain Services for Municipal Planner - Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

The Council President asked for clarification on Resolution 37 – No Passing on 9W

The Mayor stated that resolution is just reaffirming it is a turning lane NOT a passing lane.

Councilman Aversa asked for discussion the Bond Resolution.

The Mayor informed the Council that Bond Counsel will be at the meeting tonight for any questions from the Council and Public.

Councilman Ferro asked for discussion from the Borough Engineer regarding the generators.

The Borough Engineer's report summarizes his recommendation on the generators and placement. The Mayor reminded everyone that we can have discussion tomorrow during the budget meeting. All the generators can go into Capital.

The Clerk informed the Mayor and Council that the cell tower company wants to add a generator to the pole. The Mayor recommended looking into Borough Hall tapping into their generator.

The Chief received a letter from the State for a generator at the lights. We would only have to pay 25%, State pays 75%. The Chief would like to do the major light signals.

Councilman Aversa asked for clarification on the curb Ordinance 13-02. It wasn't clear if a house is demolished a new curb should be installed?

The Borough Engineer informed the Councilman that permits include new curb replacements on new homes.

Mr. Neville said it is at his discretion and the Borough Engineer as well, if a new curb is needed.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES 2014: PUBLIC HEARING

- 01 – Amend Chapter XV Entitled “Land Subdivision” Section 15-7.3

02 – Amend Chapter XXX Entitled “Zoning” Section 30-7.1

03 – Amend Chapter II Entitled “Administration” Section 2-7.1

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

MAYOR PARISI STATED:

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

Yvonne Favaro, 70 Johnson Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, Reminded everyone that every time you put in a new curb you kill a tree. Keep in mind that it’s about \$500 to \$6000 for the Borough to remove and replace the shade trees.

The Mayor recommended revising the ordinance after tonight’s public hearing.

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

The Clerk handed out the resolution as discussed in Closed Session. The Mayor asked that someone make the motion to remove Resolution 42 and add in its place Resolution 53.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS:

THE MAYOR STATED:

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk