



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

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: April 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Councilwoman	Melanie Simon
Councilman	Ed Aversa

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Councilman	Ramon Ferro
Councilwoman	Nora Seoane-Jobson
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy

ALSO PRESENT:

Municipal Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
Superintendent DPW	Mark Neville
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
Municipal Assistant	Rosemarie Weber

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT 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.

The Mayor reviewed all items to be discussed at the regular meeting. Resolutions and the two Ordinances to be introduced were discussed in full.

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL:

Caucus and Regular minutes of March 13, 2013

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT REPORTS for March 2013:

Police Report
Court Report
Construction Code Official Report
Fire Report
Statement of Cash in Banks and Investments
Bill Lists
Analysis of Receipts Disbursements

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FOLLOWING WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA:

- Steve Muhlstock, Esq
- American Diabetes Association, June 2, 2013
- Yvonne Favaro, Shade Tree Commission
- JCC – Rubin Run, May 12, 2013

THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS WERE SIGNED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD March 14, 2013 to April 16, 2013

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL:

RESOLUTIONS 2013:

CONSENT AGENDA

- 54- Authorization to Hire Public Works Seasonal Help
- 55- Authorization to Enter into Lease NJ STATE Contract 82925 for (1) Police Vehicle
- 56- Accept \$1,000 Donation for the Police Department
- 57- Authorization to Enter Into Interlocal Services Agreement with the County
- 58- Approval of Tax Appeal – 260 Marietta Court
- 59- Authorization to Hire Summer Camp Positions
- 60- Authorization to Hire Tax Appeals Conflicts Attorney
- 61- Authorization for Payment of \$9819.30 in the Settlement of Misk vs. The Borough of Eng. Cliffs s
- 62- Authorization to Amend Resolution 13-31, Reappointment of DPW Superintendent
- 63- Request for tax Appeal Refunding
- 64- Approval of Sidewalk Removal at 573 Floyd Street
- 65- Approval of Place to Place Transfer, Extension of Premises 717 E. Palisade Avenue
- 66- Approval of Raffle License for Sisters of St. Joseph

ORDINANCES 2013: INTRODUCTION and FIRST READING - PUBLIC HEARING May 8, 2013

- 02 - AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER III, ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 3-5.1 and 3-10.2**

03 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION FOR ALL SALARIED, APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.”

The Mayor spoke with the CFO and advised the Council that the budget can be introduced at the regular meeting of May 8th with public hearing on June 8th. The Mayor suggested having another budget workshop prior to the budget introduction. After various dates were offered, it was agreed the Council would vote on Saturday, May 4th for a budget workshop.

Let the record reflect that Councilman Ferro and Councilwoman Jobson were present at the Caucus meeting.

MAYOR PARISI STATED:

“IF ANYONE WISHES TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OR COMMENT ON WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME.”

Ample opportunity had been given for discussion on the agenda. Council President Favaro moved to adopt Resolution 13-53, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Oh. So ordered.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Councilpersons Ferro, Jobson, Favaro, Oh, Simon, Aversa

NAYS:

RESOLUTION 13-53

Closed Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

CLOSED SESSION:

- Litigation
 - Sirens
 - Tax Appeal(s)

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting.

On a motion by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by Councilwoman Oh, the Council came out of closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Councilpersons Ferro, Jobson, Favaro, Oh, Simon, Aversa

NAYS:

PUBLIC PORTION:

MAYOR PARISI STATED:

“IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTION 13-53, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME.”

On a motion by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by Council President Favaro, the meeting was open to the public for comment. Carried

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Councilpersons Ferro, Jobson, Favaro, Oh, Simon, Aversa

NAYS:

Lauren Eastwood, 4 Willow Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, asked for clarification as to why the Mayor has a conflict with resolution 65.

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion, Councilwoman Simon moved the public comment be closed. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Oh. So ordered.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Councilpersons Ferro, Jobson, Favaro, Oh, Simon, Aversa

NAYS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION: Arbor Day 2013

Mayor’s Challenge for Wellness, Ruben Run – The Mayor of Tenafly challenged Englewood Cliffs for new participants. The Borough having the most new participants will receive a trophy. Mayor Parisi will send out a press release.

The Mayor gave additional insight as to the breakdown of the resolution for tax Appeal Refunding. This is a feasibility study asking the State to move with the forward if permissible.

The Borough Attorney advised the County money would come back to us but not the school money. It was his recommendation to entertain the resolution. There are 70 towns paying County tax, and that would be refunded. The Council was in agreement to request a refund from the County and not the Board of Education. The resolution was amended accordingly.

MAYOR PARISI STATED: “IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT THIS TIME

Seeing and Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy- Acting Municipal Clerk, Administrator

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisette M. Duffy, Acting Municipal Clerk

Joseph C. Parisi, Jr. Mayor