

City of Englewood

City Council Budget Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2013 at 7:00pm

A Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held in the City Hall, 2nd floor Conference Room, 2-10 N. Van Brunt Street, Englewood, NJ commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Council member Marc Forman
Council member Michael Cohen
Council member Eugene Skurnick
Council member Wayne Hamer
Council member Lynne Algrant
Mayor/Council President Frank Huttle III
City Manager Tim Dacey
City Clerk Lauren Vande Vaarst
CFO Ronald Amorino

Council President Huttle called the meeting to order.

The City Clerk stated that adequate notice of this meeting was given by the posting, filing and distribution of the notice as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Capital Budget Review:

Presented by Ken Albert, City Engineer.

Discussion on Park Improvements to include improvements to Monument at Liberty Square and upkeep of City Parks.

Demolition of Ice Rink? No money in Capital Budget to pay for it.

Inquired about status of Budget surplus.

Generators are being installed this year at Public Safety Complex, DPW and Pumping Stations.

Spoke about PSE&G construction issues.

The Library has prepared their own Master Plan for their building.

Budget Wrap-up:

Presented by Tim Dacey, City Manager.

Trolley service was discussed. Largest numbers of users are the school children in the afterschool hours. The question is whether or not the EPSD is willing to assist the City in funding the Trolley service. Mr. Dacey will contact Dr. Carlisle about this. If the answer is No then the consensus of the Council is to stop the service as of July 1, 2013.

The DPW Table of Organization has been reduced and the budget will reflect this.

The Library Budget will be increased by \$70,000 over the initial allocation of \$30,000 so the total allocation will be \$100,000.

Add approximately \$27,000 to Tryon Pool so they can be open the same days and hours as Mackay Pool.

The average home value in Englewood has seen increased for the first time in five (5) years.

Spoke about accelerated Tax Sale scheduled for early June. Tax Collector is retiring at the end of June.

Mayor and Council comments;

- Councilman Skurnick presented his list of requests for the Budget:
 - Wants a 25% reduction in Recreation program fees.
 - Wants the Police overtime budget and Fire overtime budget to each be reduced by \$100,000 and wants better control over them.
 - Reduce garbage pickup to one day per week in the Fall.
 - Does not have a read on Tax Appeals for 2013, how is it looking.

Public Session:

No one from the Public came forward to speak.

ADJOURN: 9:05PM

Motion: Skurnick
All in Favor

Lauren Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk