

Minutes from the
Englewood City Council
Study Session
Monday, July 28, 2014

Present were Mayor Randy Penn, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Olson, Council Members Rick Gillit, Joe Jefferson, Bob McCaslin (by phone), Jill Wilson and Steve Yates. Also present were City Manager Gary Sears, Deputy City Manager Mike Flaherty and City Attorney Dan Brotzman.



I. Vehicle Maintenance Service Agreements

Public Works Director Rick Kahm and Fleet Manager Pat White were present to discuss the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreements to provide vehicle maintenance services for the Cities of Cherry Hills Village and Sheridan. Mr. Kahm explained that he needs to add a mechanic and a billing clerk in order to service Englewoods existing fleet and the additional fleets of Sheridan and Cherry Hills Village. It was the opinion of the Council that the new labor rate is too low compared to current market rates. After discussion, Council reached consensus that the new rate should be renegotiated to a higher rate from the proposed rate of \$72.00 per hour.



II. Voting on Employee Contributions to the FPPA- 6:10p.m.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Frank Gryglewicz and Human Resources Director Sue Eaton were present to discuss the vote in favor of increasing employee contributions to the Fire and Police Pension Association Statewide Defined Benefit Plan (FPPA) beginning in 2015. Council achieved consensus to support the increased employee contributions. The resolutions will be on the August 4th agenda.



III. Community Development Updates - 6:30 p.m.

Community Development Director Alan White, Senior Planner Harold Stitt and Planner John Voboril will be present to provide updates on upcoming Community Development projects.

A. Comprehensive Plan Update- Staff is in the process of selecting a consultant and will have a decision by August 13th. The 2003 Comprehensive Plan will be updated rather than re-written. Consultant interviews begin on August 4th

and a decision should be reached by August 13th.

- B. Light Rail Next Steps Study Update- The City of Sheridan is a partner in this project and is providing funds for certain tasks associated with the study. Consultant interviews will be held the week of August 4th.
- C. Englewood Walk and Wheel Master Plan/Kaiser Permanente Grant Update-no physical changes will be made to bike paths, the grant will provide funding for study of the existing bike paths and will provide recommendations for future enhancements. Consultant interviews will be held beginning August 1st.
- D. Boomer Bond Update – To address the challenge with infrastructure improvements, various departments were involved with evaluation of how the investments should be made in the community.
- E. Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Recommendation – The Mayor has received a request to comment on two projects in Englewood that are currently applying for tax credits through CHFA. Council will supply comments for Mayor Penn to respond to CHFAs request. Consensus was achieved for Mayor Penn to sign both letters to CHFA.



IV. Colorado Municipal League Report- 7:15 p.m.

City Council discussed their participation in the 2014 Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference.

Linda Olson – Frank Gray, President of the Economic Development Association, is willing to address the group with information on ideas for Economic Development. Downtown partnerships and marketing specifics of the various business areas are topics to be explored.

Jill Wilson – Creating a business friendly environment, civic engagement and how to do it. Rebranding/changing the image of Englewood cited Greeleys marketing efforts.

Mayor Penn – HB 1375 regarding Urban Renewal, City of Englewood has not used the TIF but perhaps should consider using it in the future. Discussion included possible creation of special districts and examination of the effects on school district and public education.

Consensus reached to require Council members to supply written notes within a month after attending an event.

Tentative Study Session Topics

Marketing

Usability of website for finding rules and regulations regarding building codes

Tree issue-establishing a tree fund similar to the concrete fund to assist homeowners with tree removal.

Code habitual offenders

Council Pay



V. Board and Commission Reports

City Council will discussed the boards and commission on which they serve.

Yates – EURA meeting discussion regarding creation of a creative area and encouraging live/work spaces.

Jefferson – There needs to be buy in from other boards and commissions to advance the idea of creating such a district.

Olson – Water & Sewer Board, EHA modular homes

McCaslin – KEB graffiti cleanup and coupons, Parks and Recreation – Duncan groundbreaking, Youth Sports program, Malley Center Fees, Code Enforcement



VI. City Manager's Choice.

Reminder of the 5:30 budget meeting next Monday night, memos from directors regarding budgets will be provided.

Mr. Sears thanked Commander Condrey for a successful and safe 4th of July celebration.

Mr. Flaherty updated the Council on the events schedule for City Manager candidates interviews.

Slavin has not yet completed background checks on potential candidates.

An open records request received from a citizen to release names of City Manager candidates



Mr. Yates received a call from constituent regarding noise from a business. A Council Request was submitted.



Mr. Gillett requested that pay for city council members to be reviewed. A Council Request was submitted.



VII. City Attorney's Choice.

City Attorney Brotzman had no further topics for the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.