
Council Newsletter



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES March 26, 2015

Upcoming Council Meetings

There is no Study Session scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2015.

The next meeting will be **Monday, April 6, 2015**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Informative Memoranda

The following are memoranda in response to City Council's requests, as well as other informational items.

1. YourHub article about The Great Egg Scramble
2. The Villager article regarding Fire department transition.
3. Letter of thanks from Cornerstone Food Bank.
4. Calendar of Events
5. Tentative Study Session Topics



News from the Parks and Recreation Department

Englewood Recreation Receives "Make a Splash" Grant

The aquatics program at the Englewood Recreation Center received a \$4,500 grant from USA Swimming Foundation "Make a Splash" program. The grant is designed to offer free or reduced swimming lessons to Englewood's youth. Drowning remains the second leading cause of accidental death in youth ages 1-14. Swimming lessons are being offered to participants in this summer's Kid Connections and the Englewood Schools Kid Quest programs. The maximum cost of a lesson will be \$5 for participants.

The Great Egg Scramble

On Saturday, March 28, children (ages 1-8 years old) and their families are invited for an annual egg hunt with plastic eggs, candy and prizes. Gates open at 9:30am. at Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati (\$1 per child at the gate). The egg hunt starts promptly at 10am. In case of inclement weather, call the activities hotline at 303-762-2598 ex. 4. Postpone date will be Saturday, April 4.

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Karl Gehring, Denver Post file photo

The Great Egg Scramble

Saturday, March 28. Families with kids up to 8 years old are invited to this Easter egg hunt at Miller Field, 3600 S. Elati St., Englewood. The hunt begins at 10 a.m. and the gates open at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$1 per person. Kids should come with baskets to collect eggs, candy and prizes. In case of inclement weather, call the activities hotline at 303-762-2598 ext. 4. The postponement date will be April 4.

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CONCERNED ABOUT FIRE CONTRACT

Englewood councilmember concerned about fire contract

on: March 25, 2015



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Englewood City Councilman Rick Gillit, center of table, shared his thoughts on the Denver Fire proposal at a recent public study session. Photo by Tom Barry

Gillit not convinced of long-term savings

By Tom Barry

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Early on in his public position, Englewood City Councilman Rick Gillit spent time with a variety of city agencies, learning about their functions and challenges. In 2010, he took a special interest in the fire department, spending time at the stations and taking several ride-alongs.

The fire department has been on center stage since the start of the New Year. City Manager Eric Keck had fast-tracked the issue, pushing council to provide overdue direction for the financially strapped department. This month, City Council voted to dissolve it and contract with the City of Denver instead.

“The issue with my ‘no’ on the voting is our fire department is one of the most historical aspects of our city. It’s over 100 years old. It’s been here since Englewood began,” Gillit said. “The city has always taken care of them, except for the last 10 or 15 years. ... Unfortunately, I was the odd man out.”

Gillit was the lone dissenter on the city’s decision to contract with Denver for fire and emergency services. He noted that he understands that many cities are going to regionalization, due in part to budgetary issues.

Still, Gillit hates to see the department go.

“[Firefighters have] been part of our community,” he said. “They have saved our lives. They’ve pulled people out of cars. They’ve done so much for us, and I felt that we as council, we owed it to them to try and get them a good deal and work something out versus just selling them off,” Gillit said.

What’s more, he is not convinced that the promised savings will still be there in 10 years.

“I think eventually we are back to the same point where Denver is going to be able to raise their fees, and we’re not going to have anything to fight back on because we will no longer have a fire department,” he said. “All our guys will be gone and we’ll be at the mercy of Denver Fire.”

Gillit is resigned to what many believed was inevitable change.

“My role changes now that they [council majority] have decided to go to Denver,” he said. “My role is I’m told to work on the contract. The fight is over and there is nothing else that I can do.”

Gillit expressed concern about a ballot initiative that is striving to place the question before voters and is currently in the petition-gathering phase.

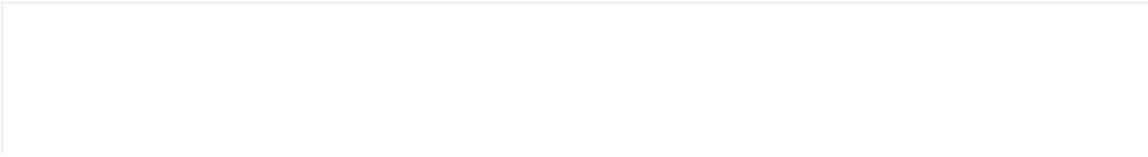
“It does not address the financial issues, but it addresses their interest to keep the fire department,” said Gillit, who is not involved in the group’s effort.

Gillit noted the fire department’s financial woes go back 15 years.

“The city had other priorities,” he said. “Mr. Keck has done more in the six months he’s been here than I think [former City Manager] Gary Sears did in the whole time that I’ve served on council with him there. Doing a few ride-alongs with [firefighters], I realized that in talking with the guys they felt like stepchildren of the city.”

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March 21, 2015

Mr. Randy Penn
Mayor City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, CO 80110

Dear Mr. Penn:

The staff, clients, and volunteers at Cornerstone Food Bank very much appreciate the \$1,000 grant we recently received from the City of Englewood. This funding will be used to provide direct services for our clients, the majority of whom are Englewood residents.

While we continue to solicit contributions from individual donors as well as funding from private foundations, this grant from the City of Englewood is important in supporting our work. It assists us in carrying out our mission of reducing hunger in our community by providing *nutritional* foods to overlooked and underfed families and individuals while nurturing their self-respect.

Thank you for supporting Cornerstone Food Bank.

Sincerely yours,

Naomi Rubin
Executive Director Cornerstone Food Bank

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Mon., March 30	Cancelled	Study Session, Community Room
Wed., April 1	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	Cancelled	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., April 6	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., April 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., April 8	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., April 9	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Broken Tee Golf Course
Mon., April 13	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues. April 14	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., April 15	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., April 20	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., April 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., April 27	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., May 4	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Tues., May 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., May 6	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., May 11	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., May 12	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., May 13	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., May 14	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Duncan Park
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Board City Council Conference Room
Mon., May 18	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., May 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., May 20	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., May 25		City Hall closed – Memorial Day holiday
Tues., May 26	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., June 1	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., June 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers

TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL



March 30	No meeting scheduled – 5th Monday
April 6	Study Session & Regular Meeting Denver Fire Update
April 13	Study Session Traffic Control System Next Steps and Walk & Wheel Plans Comprehensive Plan Update Service Line Warranties of America
April 20	Study Session & Regular Meeting GIW Project Update Financial Report
April 27	Study Session Executive Session – City Manager Review Facilities Naming Policy Community Policing Update
May 4	Study Session & Regular Meeting Board and Commission Members Reappointment Discussion
May 11	Study Session Arapahoe County Commissioners RTD Representatives
May 18	Study Session & Regular Meeting Annual Comprehensive Financial Report City Financial Policies Financial Report
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday – No meeting scheduled
June 1	Study Session & Regular Meeting
June 8	Study Session Board and Commission Interviews
June 15	Study Session & Regular Meeting (CML Conf. 6/16-19/15 – Breckenridge) Financial Report

June 22	Board and Commission Appreciation Night
June 29	No meeting scheduled – 5th Monday
July 6	Study Session & Regular Meeting
July 13	Study Session
July 20	Study Session & Regular Meeting Financial Report 2016 Proposed Budget & Midyear Budget Report
July 27	Study Session
August 3	Study Session & Regular Meeting
August 10	Study Session

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

McLellan Reservoir – Executive Session
 Alternative Financing Solutions
 River Run Easement
 Citizen Engagement
 Social Media Policy
 NextDoor Update
 Tale of Two Cities presentation: What Can or Should Our City Look Like in the Future?
 Hotel/Motel Regulations
 Public Smoking Ban
 Bike Paths
 Construction Defects Ordinance
 Medical Marijuana Distancing/Polling/Standards of Review
 Citizen of the Year Selection Process
 “Running Effective Meetings 101 – Bob’s Rules”