1. **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Englewood City Council was called to order by Mayor Penn at 7:37 p.m.

2. **Invocation**

The invocation was given by Council Member McCaslin.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member McCaslin.

4. **Roll Call**

Present: Council Members Jefferson, Olson, Gillit, McCaslin, Wilson, Yates, Penn

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present: City Manager Keck
City Attorney Brotzman
Deputy City Manager Flaherty
City Clerk Ellis
Deputy City Clerk Bush
Assistant City Clerk Carlile
Director Gryglewicz, Finance and Administrative Services
Director White, Community Development
Acting Assistant Chief of Support Services Fox, Fire
Parks Technician Stephenson, Parks and Recreation
Senior Planner Stitt, Community Development
Senior Planner Neubecker, Community Development
Planner I Bell, Community Development
Help Desk Munnell, Information Technology
Police Commander Condreay
Fire Chief Marsh
Deputy Fire Chief Petau

5. **Consideration of Minutes of Previous Session**

(a) **COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015.**

Vote results:

Ayes: Council Members Yates, McCaslin, Wilson, Penn, Jefferson, Olson

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Gillit
Motion carried.

6. Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

(a) Drew Gaiser, an Englewood resident, addressed Council on the Englewood Fire Department options. His comments from the previous meeting were that he has not worked for any of the options nor has he applied with any of them. Of the three options proposed, only one appears to have been researched. What he wants to see is a side by side comparison from all three options. It will better educate the citizens and avoid any misinformation. There is human capital involved with training and learning with the firefighters. Going to Denver will make the firefighters start over. He would like to know what the Englewood firefighters would like to do.

(b) Cassandra Letkomiller, an Englewood resident, addressed Council on the Englewood Fire Department options. She is an RN. She does not want to go to Denver because of Denver Health and not because of Denver Fire. She addressed the system status management with the ambulance float. Floating is okay for non-emergency only. If Fire and EMS are separate, there is a lack of continuity. If they go with Denver, there is lack of coverage, a delay in care, private ambulances respond and Englewood firefighters lose the ability to be paramedics.

(c) Ida Mae Nicholl, an Englewood resident, addressed Council on the Englewood Fire Department options. She believes going with Denver is our best option to help maintain the level of control. She appreciates the information coming from Mr. Keck. She is concerned about the identity of the city for generations to come due to the poor management of the budget. Her husband was the Arapahoe County Commissioner who believed in the availability of officials. He worked on many projects for the betterment of the County.

(d) James Jordan, an Englewood resident, addressed Council on the Englewood Fire Department options. He was on the Englewood Fire Department 50 years ago before moving onto other opportunities. He would love to see Englewood as a stand-alone, but it is too expensive to keep. He is concerned for the firefighters, but money is still tight. Other departments also need work. The situation has been ignored for many years. The citizens have a responsibility in this as well. Denver has good equipment and response time. He is disappointed because he didn’t think this would ever happen.

(e) Dennis Witte, an Englewood business owner, addressed Council on Englewood Fire Department options. Although he saw emotions from the speakers, decisions need to be made based on facts. We need to have a good comparison for all of the options. Misinformation is out there. It is a lower risk to go to Denver. The media would be all over the story if the services in Denver were as bad as being discussed. Denver would provide more resources.

7. Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment

(a) Gary Richardson, an Englewood resident, supports the stand alone. He has 25 years of experience with the Englewood Fire Department. He is against going to Denver. There appears to be confusion between the information sources. Are the buildings safe or not? Once it’s gone, we are not going to get it back.

(b) Michael Cinkosky, an Englewood resident, feels outsourcing is neglect. No one wants to pay more taxes, but many are willing to do so. Many people have voiced support to preserve the Fire Department. He said put a bond issue on the ballot and let the citizens decide.

(c) Steven Todd, an Englewood resident, said that no argument was made that a paramedic would arrive later. He talked about the preservation of life, liberty and property. He supports a bond issue by going to a ballot in November.

(d) Laura Anne Cleveland, an Englewood resident, stated that she is an ER charge nurse. If we go to Denver, firefighters will have to go through the Academy regardless of their rank. The Denver system wouldn’t work. Cheaper is not better when it involves lives.
(e) Amy Sposato, an Englewood business person, stated that there needs to be personal responsibility for citizens. Englewood needs to change. The lack of revenue is why Englewood is losing the Fire Department. She is against higher property taxes. City Council and City Planners are stagnant. Englewood needs a vision. Englewood doesn’t have the businesses to draw people in to spend their money and increase revenue.

(f) Lorraine Cahill, an Englewood resident, stated there is a lot of misinformation to the citizens. Closing the Fire Department is a band-aid to fix part of the City’s problems. Poor management has the budget in poor shape. There are a lot of questions, but no answers. Why not let the citizens decide their own fate? Put the issue on a ballot.

(g) Richard Burton, an Englewood resident and former City employee, said he was struck by lightning and the Englewood paramedics saved his life. Time is of the essence. Englewood is unique in that, the firemen are in the community and involved with the community. Denver will not do this. Have a ballot go before the citizens and then see what happens.

(h) Joe Bolis, an Englewood resident, reminded people that Englewood was thriving during the Cinderella City days, but the downtown area doesn’t currently draw people. What happens if we can’t get our act together? Will the police move next and then the rest of the City? South Metro is a viable option.

(i) Brenda Hubka, an Englewood resident, lives next to the fire station. She appreciates the consideration of the firemen when using sirens. Cinderella City was not replaced with The Streets of Southglenn. The taxes wouldn’t be that high. Council should revisit with South Metro or consider a bond issue.

(j) Jess Gerardi, an Englewood resident, said he would like to keep the Fire Department in Englewood. He hasn’t talked with one person who wants the Fire Department to leave. Even if the department leaves, the problem is not being solved. He recommends having a bond issue.

(k) Jerry Jarrett, an Englewood resident and former employee with the Englewood Fire Department, said don’t go to Denver as it’s not the best service. You get what you pay for. The previous Council did not do their job. It’s not the Fire Department’s fault that they don’t have any money; it’s the City’s fault. Denver would try to take over the entire city if the Fire Department goes to Denver. We will regret it if we go to Denver.

(l) John England, an Englewood resident, said we should retain control of the Fire Department and the emergency response.

(m) Ralph Faragone, an Englewood resident, has 33 years firefighter experience in Ohio, which faced similar issues to Englewood’s problems. The budget is not easy. He told the City Council to run the City the best way you can with your resources.

(n) Stephanie Adams, an Englewood resident, said the presentation did not have a lot of options. The pros and cons were missing. The real issue is finances. Once outsourced, you usually can’t get it back. Utilize the talent and energy in this room.

(o) Kris Clay, an Englewood resident, said she would be affected by the Tejon station closing. How can Denver promise us what they don’t provide their own City? In her experience, Denver’s time response was lacking as well as the knowledge of City locations. At Denver Health, you are a number. At Swedish, they are compassionate and personally care.

Council responded to Public Comment.

City Manager Keck said I want to thank everyone for coming out, again, to express your thoughts and feelings about what is transpiring here. Let’s go back to one month ago when the presentation was made. I think it was very unfair to have stated that not all options were vetted properly. I appreciate Mr. Drew Gaiser’s questions and concerns, however; if he had come to me, I would have been more than happy to explain what actually transpired. I think it is important for the public to know that I have spent time with South Metro. I have visited with their chief,
met with their former chief last year, met with their new chief and met with their CFO. I have communicated with them several times. I have visited with many other stations and seen their operations, so I am familiar with their EMS based system. My career has been in communities that have had EMS based systems, an integrated system, as has been discussed tonight. I am familiar with other systems that involved the two-tiered systems. They are just as successful, as well, with their care. What has been mentioned tonight about an apples to apples comparison is simply not accurate again. We are asking Denver Fire and Denver Health to change their models, specifically to fit the needs here in Englewood. The one thing that I will say is that I am very concerned for our personnel as well. This is not a decision that is being made because we have incompetent folks. The firefighters, EMT’s and paramedics that we have today have done an outstanding job. This is not a question of their ability, their competency or their work. As a matter of fact, over the past four months, I have been able to get very close with them, and had the opportunity to meet with them on a one on one basis as well as in small groups. I count many of them as friends. So to have to come forward to make a recommendation to the Council to make a change is very, very difficult. It is not one that has been made looking strictly at the bottom line; it is one that has been made looking at the sustainability of the City.

City Manager Keck said the fact of the matter is that to get your arms around the City that seemingly seems small, it is complex. One thing that is true, given the time that I have spent with South Metro, Denver Fire and even Littleton Fire and Rescue…that was another option that we were given. We looked at that and vetted that. I did not want to confuse or muddy the water with this particular Council. I wanted to bring forth the three solutions that seemed the most viable. And yes, Englewood Fire was one of those options and whether or not we could fund them appropriately to ensure that they would be able to move forward with a sustainable future. The fact of the matter, ladies and gentlemen, and again no fault of our people, EMS, firefighters/paramedics…we are a small department. Small departments struggle with their own internal resources to make things happen. We can build firehouses all day long. That is the easy part. Let's talk about O & M, Operations and Maintenance. As was announced tonight, this community does struggle with respect to businesses that we have. It's not for any lack of effort on our business people here. What has happened is that the rest of the world developed and as it has been stated tonight, the world has changed around us and we haven’t been able to change with it. We have had a recession. This community is still struggling with a recession. I have been a resident for three weeks and have spoken to several of my neighbors to get their temperature. They wanted to know who I was and what I was doing. It hasn’t been an easy road.

To talk about the three-quarter ambulance that the gentleman brought up and how many ambulances are we really going to be getting, nobody wants one and three-quarter ambulances. Nobody understands what that is. What that means is one full time ambulance and one for 10-12 hours a day depending upon the shift that is needed. I understand very clearly...this Council has made it clear to me that I need to go back to Denver Health and Denver Fire with the contract and ask for two ambulances. They are committed to doing that. They are dedicated. Understanding again people’s concern about being uncovered...what happens when Denver has a huge event? They have 39 stations and 1000 personnel a day. That is a lot of resources. I have been pouring over statistics, looking through 240 pages of call data. You are concerned with response times of nine minutes. With dedicated ambulances, we are going to have the same response time. I have found in 2014 that we had incidents with response times over eight minutes for an ambulance. We can’t guarantee that there may be a paramedic on a rig. We are going to look at sustainability and liability of our department. I think that the question as to whether Denver is unsafe or safe has already been answered. Those tonight have supported the EMS system, but the research I have recently read indicates that the two-tiered system works extremely well. If it is designed well, and thought through well...and again we are not putting forth something that is not going to be model that could not work for Englewood. There is also the concern about Denver annexing Englewood and I am very conscious of history and where from whence we've come. I think it is a little bit far-fetched to think that if we have somebody else come in to contract for one service or another, that then opens the door for someone to come in and steal our water rights. That is ridiculous. That is our heritage. You want to talk about something that is our identity. That is Englewood. We have water that we sell to others. We are going to continue to do that. That helps with income to do other things.

Finally, it was indicated that we could perhaps look at sales tax. An excellent suggestion Mr. Gerardi, in that sales tax was looked at as a potential, viable option to raise. If we look at what businesses already have to charge for sales tax, Englewood is at 3.5%, Littleton is 3%, and Sheridan is 3-3.5%. If we raise our sales tax, people will not want to shop in Englewood. Sales tax is also regressive, so that means it has a disproportionate
higher impact on people who are less affluent or living in poverty. Englewood is 53% rentals. We do have 75-80% free or discounted lunches at our schools. We are going to ask the residents to pay more in taxes for food or other items that they may need? I can’t, with good conscious, put that forward. Sales tax is also not an issue that underwriters or bond financial advisors look at very favorably. As a matter of fact, they will discount you. Sales tax is volatile in nature. Look back at the recession to find out what is going on. The best efforts of our economic development are still stymied exactly by what the owner of the smoke shop said. Millennials don’t do barter and trade. People don’t pay sales tax on the internet. We need more businesses out there. The passion of the residents and concern of those in the medical field service, thank you. As we have annunciated very clearly and loudly, the contract with Denver Fire and Denver Health, we will not allow them to be running their patients to Denver General. They are going to want to stay in our community, because they are dedicated ambulances. They belong here. They will be assigned to Englewood. We do not want to be uncovered.

8. Communications, Proclamations and Appointments

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT SECONDED, TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 8 (a) THROUGH (z) - RESOLUTION NOS. 9 THROUGH 34, SERIES OF 2015.

COUNCIL MEMBER YATES MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT SECONDED, TO PULL AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 (l).

COUNCIL MEMBER YATES PULLED HIS MOTION.

(a) RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANDY BERGER TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(b) RESOLUTION NO. 10, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PEGGY BOGGARD-LAPP TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(c) RESOLUTION NO. 11, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY BOWMAN TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(d) RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRIS DIEDRICH TO THE ENGLEWOOD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(e) RESOLUTION NO. 13, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RON FISH TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(f) RESOLUTION NO. 14, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RANDAL FRIESEN TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(g) RESOLUTION NO. 15, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EARL HUFF TO THE MALLEY CENTER TRUST FUND FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.
RESOLUTION NO. 16, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICK MADRID TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 17, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA MERKL TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 18, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WRITER MOTT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 19, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WRITER MOTT TO THE ENGLEWOOD LOCAL LIQUOR AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 20, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING COLLEEN NEBEL FOR APPOINTMENT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ENGLEWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 21, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KARL ONSAGER TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 22, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAURA PHELPS ROGERS TO THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMERCE IN ENGLEWOOD COMMITTEE (ACE) FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 23, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID PITTINOS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 24, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AARON REID TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 25, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JENNIFER SCOGGINS TO THE KEEP ENGLEWOOD BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

RESOLUTION NO. 26, SERIES OF 2015
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KRISTIN SKELTON AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.
(s) RESOLUTION NO. 27, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PETER SMITH TO THE ENGLEWOOD TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(t) RESOLUTION NO. 28, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNY TODD TO KEEP ENGLEWOOD BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(u) RESOLUTION NO. 29, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNY TODD TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD.

(v) RESOLUTION NO. 30, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN VIGLIANO TO THE ALLIANCE FOR COMMERCE IN ENGLEWOOD COMMITTEE (ACE) FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(w) RESOLUTION NO. 31, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRUCE WERNER TO THE KEEP ENGLEWOOD BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(x) RESOLUTION NO. 32, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEDIDIAH WILLIAMSON TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(y) RESOLUTION NO. 33, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES WOODWARD TO THE NONEMERGENCY RETIREMENT PLAN BOARD FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

(z) RESOLUTION NO. 34 SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES WOODWARD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

Vote results:

Ayes: Council Members Yates, McCaslin, Wilson, Penn, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit
Nays: None

Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda

(a) Approval of Ordinances on First Reading

There were no items submitted for approval on first reading.

(b) Approval of Ordinances on Second Reading

There were no additional items submitted for approval on second reading. (See Agenda Item 11 (b).)

(c) Resolutions and Motions
There were no additional resolutions or motions submitted for approval. (See Agenda Item 11 (c).)

10. Public Hearing Items

No public hearing was scheduled before Council.

11. Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

(a) Approval of Ordinances on First Reading

There were no items submitted for approval on first reading.

(b) Approval of Ordinances on Second Reading

(i) Council Bill No. 1, authorizing amendments to Title 16: Unified Development Code regarding Bulk Plane Requirements was considered.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 11 (b) (i) - ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2015 (COUNCIL BILL NO. 1, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION G, OF THE ENGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE 2000 PERTAINING TO BULK PLANE REQUIREMENTS.

Vote results:
Ayes: Council Members Yates, McCaslin, Wilson, Penn, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit
Nays: None

Motion carried.

(ii) Council Bill No. 2, authorizing an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Transportation District for cost sharing for operation of the “Art” shuttle for 2015 was considered.

COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 11 (b) (ii) - ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES OF 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES OF 2015 (COUNCIL BILL NO. 2, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "ART" SHUTTLE COST SHARING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD.

Vote results:
Ayes: Council Members Yates, McCaslin, Wilson, Penn, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit
Nays: None

Motion carried.

(c) Resolutions and Motions.

(i) Acting Assistant Chief Fox presented a recommendation from the Fire Department to approve a resolution authorizing the application for an Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for the purchase of various pieces of emergency medical services equipment.
COUNCIL MEMBER YATES MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE
AGENDA ITEM 11 (c) (i) - RESOLUTION NO. 35, SERIES OF 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 35, SERIES OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND
TRAUMA SERVICES (EMTS) PROVIDER GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (CDPHE) BETWEEN THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO AND
THE STATE OF COLORADO.

Vote results:
Ayes:  Council Members Yates, McCaslin, Wilson, Penn, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit
Nays:  None

Motion carried.

(ii) Senior Planner Stitt presented a recommendation from the Community Development
Department to approve, by motion, an agreement for management, operation and maintenance of the art shuttle
for 2015. Staff further recommends award the contract to the lowest acceptable bidder, MV Public Transportation,
Inc., in the amount of $263,773.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT SECONDED, TO APPROVE
AGENDA ITEM 11 (c) (ii) - A CONTRACT WITH MV PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT,
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ART SHUTTLE FOR 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF $263,773.00.

Vote results:
Ayes:  Council Members Yates, McCaslin, Wilson, Penn, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit
Nays:  None

Motion carried.

12. General Discussion
   (a) Mayor's Choice
   (b) Council Members' Choice

13. City Manager's Report

City Manager Keck did not have any matters to bring before Council.

14. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Brotzman did not have any matters to bring before Council.

15. Adjournment

MAYOR PENN MOVED TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

/s/ Loucrishia A. Ellis
City Clerk