Upcoming Council Meetings

A Study Session will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The next Study Session will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Informational Items

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

1. Englewood Herald article: City wrestles with tax question as school construction begins
2. Denver Post YourHub: South Metro’s Pizza Pie Purveyors
3. Flyer: Final Fridays
4. Flyer: 4th of July Celebration
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City wrestles with tax question as school construction begins

Current construction work likely to avoid levy after first-round vote

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Ellis Arnold

In what may signal the end to a debate that’s simmered for years, the Englewood City Council approved a bill on a preliminary vote that would effectively exempt Englewood’s public school district from paying tax on construction projects.

At the council meeting June 19, the council seemed to agree on the general idea that it doesn’t want the district to have to pay tax on voter-approved projects, like the current construction plans for Englewood’s four elementary schools and one preschool.

But they didn’t agree quietly.

“This is gonna be one of the craziest things I’ve seen. At this point in the game, this thing has gone back and forth, twisted and turned, and is just a big pile of excrement,” Councilmember Steven Yates said during the meeting. “It’s crazy. It’s crazy, and it’s embarrassing what’s going on up here.”

The six members of council who were present — Mayor Pro Tem Rick Gillit was absent — went back and forth for more than an hour on the correct way to save the schools from paying the tax. Under Englewood’s laws, the sale of materials used for construction are subject to what’s called the building use tax. Under that tax, for the projects the current school district has planned, the district would have to pay about $1.5 million, Superintendent Wendy Rubin said.

Rubin said aside from Westminster, Englewood is the only city she knows of in the state that charges school districts the tax. The city and Rubin said the district is otherwise tax-exempt.

The council has discussed the tax during four meetings since May 8, but some members clashed on whether to push for a broader change than other members favored. Before voting on the more widely favored change — called Council Bill 48 — Councilmembers Rita Russell and Laurett Barrentine pushed to direct the city to not enforce the tax without passing an actual bill.

City attorney Alison McKenney Brown informed the council that technically, the tax is not directed at the school district, but at the construction contractor it hires. Rubin told the council at a past meeting that ultimately, the district has to pay it. Russell’s and Barrentine’s move would not have changed the tax law itself, but they seemed to view it as taking a stronger stance for the schools.

Mayor Joe Jefferson had qualms with that proposed move, which would have exempted a school-hired contractor in all cases — Jefferson said he’d support Bill 48, which would exempt in cases of voter-approved projects, like the bond project Englewood voters passed in November for school construction. Bill 48 also stipulates that the city is not responsible for other construction needs arising from a school project, like crosswalks, lighting, gutters and utility lines. Councilmember Linda Olson and Jefferson both vocally supported that detail.
Ultimately, Russell’s motion did not pass on a 3-3 tie. When the council started discussing Bill 48, though, Olson was surprised by Jefferson’s apparent reversal to not vote for the bill.

“I’ll vote my conscience to not support an exemption,” Jefferson said at one point during the debate, in which Olson said she felt “held hostage” by Jefferson’s promise to not support the previous motion but to vote for Bill 48.

If she had known he would reverse, she said, she would have voted for Russell’s motion. Jefferson appeared to want to vote “yes” only if the entire council would, and Barrentine and Russell seemed prepared to vote “no.”

After tense exchanges by Olson and Jefferson, Yates proposed to shelve the bill altogether. Councilmember Amy Martinez quickly opposed that, saying “it’s been a month or more now,” and Yates turned to persuade the mayor to vote “yes.”

The mayor reversed again, but then Russell proposed an amendment to the bill that would exempt taxes in all cases related to a public school district project. That’s when Yates admonished the council as being “embarrassing” and suggested they “act like adults.”

Shortly after, most of the council seemed to agree, again, on an unamended Bill 48. It passed without Russell’s amendment, with Russell and Barrentine voting “no.” Barrentine said only exempting voter-approved projects would cause problems if the school district wanted to use money it saved.

The bill will be up for a second and final vote July 3.

“We really appreciate city council lifting up the issue and hearing us out,” Rubin said. At the June 12 council study session, Rubin spoke to the members, who at the time disagreed on whether the school district actually would end up paying the tax.

The discussions referenced an issue with a bond passed in 2011 that funded the 2013-15 construction/renovation work on Englewood’s two high schools and two middle schools. The district’s then-contractor went to the state of Colorado for a building permit rather than the city, which caused confusion over whether the tax needed to be paid.

The city allowed the district to pay half the tax it would have owed, but it has since agreed to reimburse the district for that amount, Rubin said.
In Your Neighborhood

Arapahoe County

SOUTH METRO’S PIZZA PIE PURVEYORS

Frank “The Pizza King”

Address: 4701 S. Broadway, Englewood

Hours: 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays

Contact: 303-789-2279 or frankthepizzaking.com

Year founded: 1961

What the staff says: “I like to think that what distinguishes ourselves from other businesses in our category is how we treat our employees and customers as family, and when you’re at Frank’s it feels like home and not just another pizza restaurant on the block.” — Matt Krasnek

Rico’s Pizzeria

Address: 3500 S. Broadway, Englewood

Hours: 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays-Saturdays, closed Sundays

Founded: 1974

Contact: 303-781-0541 or ricospizzeria.com

What the owner says: “We get to interact with each and every customer who comes in, because our place is quaint — it’s like you’re eating in your family’s kitchen. Our cooking area is out in front, so as we cook we are able to talk to our customers. If you become a regular, then conversation becomes more like, ‘How’s the family?’” — Sal Mineo

Ian Newell tosses dough in the air at Big Bill’s Pizza on June 20 in Centennial. Seth McConnell, YourHub

Tonti’s Pizza

Address: 17805 Cottonwood Drive, Unit 109, Parker

Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays

Founded: 1992

Contact: 303-627-1739 or tontispizza.com

What the owner says: “The best part about this line of work is meeting people. We have a good base of regulars. Most of all, we enjoy filling up everyone’s bellies.” — Chris Wedemeyer

Pizza

Address: 8243 S. Holly St., Centennial

Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon-Wed-Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sundays

Founded: 1995

Contact: 303-741-9245 or bigbillsnypizza.com

What the owner says: “I believe in customer service and care about our community. So I guess you could say we do our best to make customers feel appreciated and make our workers feel appreciated.” — Bill Ficke

Chris Wedemeyer spreads sauce on dough as he makes a pizza for a customer at Tonti’s Pizza in Parker March 1, 2016. Seth McConnell, YourHub

Antonio Belluardo tosses pizza dough at Rico’s Pizzeria on Jan. 16 in Englewood. Anya Semenoff, Denver Post file
OLD TOWN
Englewood
FINAL FRIDAY

LIVE MUSIC & ART
DEALS AT LOCAL RESTAURANTS
STORES & BARS
3200-3400 South Broadway
JUNE 30TH 2017

RSVP/INFO:
http://bit.ly/2qX44mt
JOIN US FOR THE FUN!
CORNERSTONE PARK & BELLEVIEW PARK
The fun begins at 3 PM, with food trucks and family-friendly activities all afternoon

LIVE MUSIC by Euforquestra at 7 PM in Cornerstone Park

FIREWORKS AT 9:30 PM
Visit Englewoodgov.org for event schedule
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<td>NonEmergency Employees Retirement Board, Public Works Conference Room</td>
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Thur., Aug. 10  2:30 p.m.  Police Officers Pension Board, Public Works Conference Room
     3:30 p.m.  Firefighters Pension Board, Public Works Conference Room
     5:30 p.m.  Parks and Recreation Commission, Jason Park, 4299 S. Jason St.
Mon., Aug. 14  6:00 p.m.  City Council Study Session, Community Room
Mon., Aug. 21  7:00 p.m.  City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Tue., Aug. 22  7:00 p.m.  Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Aug. 28  6:00 p.m.  City Council Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Sept. 5  7:00 p.m.  City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Wed., Sept. 6  11:30 a.m.  Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
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Mon., Sept. 11  6:00 p.m.  City Council Study Session, Community Room
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     7:00 p.m.  Public Library Board, Library Board Room
Wed., Sept. 13  7:00 p.m.  Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
     6:30 p.m.  Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, Council Conference Room
Thurs., Sept. 14  5:30 p.m.  Parks and Recreation Commission, Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.
     6:00 p.m.  Transportation Advisory Committee
                     City Council Conference Room
Mon., Sept. 18  7:00 p.m.  City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Tue., Sept. 19  7:00 p.m.  Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Sept. 25  6:00 p.m.  City Council Study Session, Community Room
Mon., Oct. 2  7:00 p.m.  City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Tue., Oct. 3  7:00 p.m.  Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Oct. 4  11:30 a.m.  Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

Jul 3  Study Session
       Fire Code Amendments

Jul 3  Regular  (Materials due 13 Jun. 17)
       Executive Session: Attorney-Client Communication

Jul 10 Study Session
       State Discussion on Signature Event
       Parks and Recreation Commission Board Update
       Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Preparation
       Code Enforcement Advisory Committee Update
       Board and Commission Policy

Jul 17 Study Session
       Small Cell Technology Discussion

July 17 Regular  (Materials due 27 Jun. 17)
       Executive Session: Attorney-Client Communication

Jul 24 Study Session
       Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Preparation
       Monthly Financial Review
       LEWWTP Strategy Direction (1.5 hrs)
       Follow up on Closure of Englewood Ironworks Urban Renewal Area
       Dry Gulch Floodplain Discussion

Jul 31 No planned meeting – 5th Monday

Aug 7  Study Session
       Broadway Improvements Final Design
       Budgeting for Community Goals

Aug 7  Regular Meeting  (Materials due 18 Jul. 17)

Aug 14 Study Session
       EMRF Dissolution
       CHFA Presentation
       Short Term Rental Housing Discussion
       RTD Parking Matter
       Budgeting for Community Goals Review

Aug 17 Littleton-Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Council Meeting

Aug 21 Study Session
       Energy Cost Saving/Sustainable Initiatives
Aug 21  Regular Meeting  (Materials due 30 Jul. 17)

Aug 28  Study Session
       Budgeting for Community Goals Review
       Immigration Policy Discussion
       Monthly Financial Review

Sept 5  Regular Meeting

Sept 11 Study Session
       Budgeting for Community Goals Review
       Council Policy Discussion

Sept 18 Regular Meeting

Sept 25 Study Session
       Budgeting for Community Goals Review
       Monthly Financial Review

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Board & Commission Presentations

Boards and Commissions
   Board and Commission Interviews (January and June)
   Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee
   Board of Adjustment and Appeals
   Budget Advisory Committee
   Code Enforcement Advisory Board (May)
   Cultural Arts Commission
   Election Commission
   Englewood Housing Authority (February)
   Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission (May)
   Liquor Licensing Authority
   Fire Pension, Police Pension and Retirement Board
   Parks and Recreation Commission
   Planning and Zoning Commission (February)
   Public Library Board (June)
   Transportation Advisory Committee
   Urban Renewal Authority
   Water and Sewer Board

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