



Council Newsletter

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES August 2, 2018

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, August 6, 2018**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council will meet on **Monday, August 13, 2018**. The Study Session will begin 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: Flood assistance available; city warns of imposters
2. The Villager article: Swedish Medical Center earns emergency nurses association Lantern Award
3. Englewood Herald article: Biogas plan heads for vote on final approval
4. Calendar of Events
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6. Cultural Arts Commission Minutes – July 11, 2018



Flood assistance available; city warns of impostors

Trash receptacles and tree-branch cleanup information provided

Ellis Arnold
Posted Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:44 pm
Staff report

Help available for damage

Recovery assistance grants are available for homeowners and commercial- and business-property owners who experienced damage from the July 24 storm that caused flooding in Englewood, according to a news release.

The maximum grant is \$1,000, and a property must have sustained at least \$2,500 of uninsured, storm-related damage to qualify, the release said.

The City of Englewood's Community Development Department — which oversees building codes, business resources and other development-related aspects of the city — is offering the grants, and the city is also waiving some building-permit fees, the release said.

For more information on eligibility and to apply, visit the links at tinyurl.com/ydaoypst or click on “news” near the middle of the page at englewoodco.gov/home and look for “storm recovery assistance grants.”

For questions, call 303-762-2343 or email commdev@englewoodco.gov.

City warns of impostors

The City of Englewood has been informed that individuals are canvassing neighborhoods and claiming to be hired by the city to access storm damage, according to the city's website.

The city has not contracted out these services, the website said. All City of Englewood employees have identification badges. Ask to see an ID badge before allowing an individual on property, and call 9-1-1 to report impostors.

City provides trash receptacles, waives fees

Englewood has waived the permit fee for trash receptacles in the public right-of-way — streets, sidewalks and alleys — being used for storm cleanup through Aug. 31, according to the city's website.

Although the fee is temporarily waived, residents and contractors must still request a permit for trash receptacles in the public right-of-way. Trash containers on private property do not require a permit.

For more information, please call 303-762-2500 or visit the englewoodco.gov/inside-city-hall/city-departments/public-works to download the permit ("Occupancy permit").

Englewood is also placing trash receptacles in the right-of-way for the public to use.

Tree-branch disposal

To clean up after damage from the July 24 storm, Englewood residents can dispose of tree branches between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. at the ServiCenter at 2800 S. Platte River Drive (the old Humane Society site) through Aug. 3, according to the city's website.

Trees and branches from arborists or tree-removal companies will not be accepted.



Swedish Medical Center earns emergency nurses association Lantern Award

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Swedish recognized for exceptional and innovative performance

Swedish Medical Center announced it has received the Emergency Nurses Association's 2018 Lantern Award for demonstrating exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research. Swedish is one of 19 hospitals nationwide to receive this prestigious award.

"It is an incredible accomplishment to be recognized for this coveted award and it reflects our emergency department's commitment to emergency nursing excellence and the very highest level of patient care," said Ryan Thornton, chief nursing officer at Swedish Medical Center.

"We're excited to bestow 19 emergency departments with the Lantern Award this year," said ENA president Jeff Solheim. "The Lantern Award acts as a visible symbol to patients that the receiving emergency department values excellence and delivers exceptional care. It shines a light on that emergency department's commitment to providing safe practice and safe care. These departments truly deserve this year's award."

Swedish Medical Center is a level 1 trauma center. Last year, the 44-bed emergency department had over 57,000 visits with more than 6,900 of these being pediatric patient visits and 1,700 designated as a level 1 trauma requiring the highest level of emergency care.

The Swedish emergency department has previously been the recipient of coveted awards. In 2016, Swedish made national headlines through the trial of a protocol to reduce the administration of opioids to patients in the emergency department. The new strategy involved the development of a new pain treatment program that used 'alternatives to opioids' or ALTO therapies. Efforts from the program significantly reduced opioid administration providing the basis for an ongoing, statewide multi-center trial. The movement has seen the creation of new state opioid guidelines, remarkable reductions in opioid usage and a revolutionary shift in Colorado's approach to pain management. Other accomplishments of the emergency department include

encouragement in ongoing emergency staff development, implementation of successful fall prevention measures, and advocacy for patient care.

This is the second consecutive time Swedish has been selected as a Lantern Award recipient. The Lantern Award is named in honor of Florence Nightingale, who is referred to as the “Lady of the Lamp” for her actions during the Crimean War when she worked deep into the night, bringing a lantern with her as she tended to wounded British soldiers. The Lantern Award will be on display in the emergency department and Swedish will be recognized in upcoming ENA publications, on the ENA website and at the association’s annual conference.



Biogas plan headed for vote on final approval

City council to give last word on plan to repurpose wastewater byproduct

Posted Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:59 am

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After nearly two years in the works, the plan to repurpose a byproduct gas from Englewood's and Littleton's wastewater-treatment plant to reduce pollution and potentially make millions in profit heads for a vote on final approval early this month.

Englewood City Councilmembers Laurett Barrentine and Rita Russell remained skeptics in mid-July, fearing costs would fall on Englewood residents if a crucial underpinning of the proposal doesn't go according to plan.

"We have a fiduciary responsibility," said Russell, adding she doesn't want taxpayers to end up footing the bill for costs of the plan.

City Manager Eric Keck, at the July 19 joint meeting between Littleton's and Englewood's city councils, said the cities' investment in the project would still be repaid, even if a federal policy that allows the biogas to make profit in the energy market ends. But, officials said, the program ending soon is an unlikely scenario.

Here are the ins and outs of the plan, ahead of the Aug. 6 vote to either finalize it or deny it.

Renewable resource

At the core of the plan is the South Platte Water Renewal Partners plant — formerly the Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant — which purifies water that gets flushed down toilets and drains from showers, sinks, washing machines and so on.

The treatment produces the byproduct called biogas, some of which is burned for heating within the wastewater-plant system. The rest gets "flared" in a waste-gas burner — the plant currently flares more than 5,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere annually, Keck said.

A factor in the plan's ability to bring in profit is a federal program that allows for selling renewable energy credits, called RINs, or "renewable identification numbers." RINs are assigned to batches of renewable fuel that are sold in the energy market.

One Littleton official once called the project "in essence, a form of gambling."

“We would be taking on a high level of risk with citizens’ money,” said Doug Clark, a former Littleton councilmember, in October.

Councilmembers in Englewood have raised concern that the federal government might change policy on RINs. The Renewable Fuel Standard, a program that requires refineries to blend ethanol and other biofuels into the nation’s fuel supply or buy credits from those who make such renewable fuels, began under President George W. Bush. It currently extends until 2022.

Keck said that “2022 is the date that the U.S. Department of Energy, the (Environmental Protection Agency) and the (wastewater plant) RIN broker are all indicating that the RINs will be around through at a minimum.”

Other options

The previous city council — before the November election — cleared some initial hurdles for the project, but it still faced the snag of whether Littleton and Englewood should pay for the project themselves or partner with a private company and share the profit.

The plan could make about \$12 million in profit to be split by both cities over 10 years if they proceed without a private company, according to Keck. The cities have opted to cash-finance the project themselves if it’s ultimately approved.

The cities would put the fuel in pipelines owned by Xcel Energy, and the project as a whole would cost about \$7.4 million to pull off — a cost split essentially 50/50 between Littleton and Englewood. After about 4 1/2 to 7 years, though, it would pay for itself, according to a presentation at the July 19 meeting, and the profits would accumulate after that. The range in the payback period depends on fluctuation in the value of RINs, according to the presentation.

As of around January, Englewood had nearly \$6 million in its sewer reserves, and Littleton’s sewer reserves exceed \$20 million. Profit from the project would ultimately be reinvested in the wastewater plant.

The cities’ decision to pay for the project on their own allows for the most control and financial gain but would saddle them with higher financial risk. But the RIN program is unlikely to be changed because “it is so entwined with the current oil and gas as well as agricultural community,” Keck said.

“If the RINs were to go away, the plant would continue to be paid for (by) the natural gas at market rates, which the (federal) Energy Information Administration predicts will climb due to fossil-fuel costs as well as demand for natural gas,” Keck said.

Englewood and Littleton could sell the biogas in other ways in that case, wastewater-plant leadership has said. The cities could sell gas to fuel fleets of vehicles, for example.

The project’s overall goal isn’t for the profit, Keck said at the meeting.

“That’s icing on the cake,” Keck said. “The main driver is for us to be environmentally sustainable and not continue to put out the greenhouse gases.”

Any utility-rate increases that occur in the future would not be driven by the project, Keck said.

“Utility rates will most likely increase due to the new permit requirements stipulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to meet nutrient-removal levels,” Keck said.

Any profit on the project will be used for future projects at the plant, Keck said.

Final word

Englewood City Council will vote Aug. 6 on four measures to approve agreements for Xcel Energy, for construction, for RIN-brokering services and for engineering services during construction.

In October, Clark in Littleton — who at that time was still on city council — was hesitant about the plan because of a use tax that both cities would pay on the project. Because Englewood would be paying itself the tax, Littleton would end up shouldering more than half the project’s cost. Littleton has moved forward anyway and agreed to the cost, Keck said.

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wed., Aug. 1	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
Mon., Aug 6	2:00 p.m.	Malley Center Trust Fund, Malley Recreation Center
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Aug. 7	11:00 a.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	CANCELLED	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Wed., Aug. 8	11:00 a.m.	Liquor & Marijuana Licensing Authority, Council Chambers
	CANCELLED	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	CANCELLED	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Aug. 9	2:30 p.m.	Police Officers Pension Board
	3:30 p.m.	Firefighters Pension Plan Board
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Community Development Conf Room (Note change in location)
	6:00 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conf- Room
Mon., Aug 13	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Aug. 14	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Plan
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf. Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Aug. 15	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Aug 20	6:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Aug. 21	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting

	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Aug 27	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Aug 28	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Mon., Sept 4	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Sept 5	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
Wed., Sept. 5	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Sept 10	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Sept 11	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Sept. 13	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Englewood Recreation Center, Aquatics Room, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.
	6:00 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conf Room
Mon., Sept 17	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Sept. 18	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Sept 24	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session

TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

August 6	Study Session City Manager's Proposed FY 2019 Budget Overview Aid to Other Agencies Discussion
August 6	Regular Meeting
August 13	Study Session FY 2019 Capital Budget Overview 2019-2023 CIP Overview
August 20	Regular Meeting
August 27	Study Session 2019 Operating Program Presentations Accessory Dwelling Unit Recapitulation
Sept 4	Regular Meeting
Sept 10	Study Session Procurement Policy Discussion Redevelopment Program Update
Sept 17	Regular Meeting
Sept 24	Study Session Police Building Project Update
Oct 1	Regular Meeting
Oct 8	Study Session
Oct 15	Regular Meeting
Oct 22	Study Session
Oct 29	5 th Monday – No Meeting
Nov 5	Regular Meeting
Nov 13	Study Session
Nov 19	Regular Meeting
Nov 26	Study Session

Dec 3 Regular Meeting
Dec 10 Study Session
Dec 17 Council Holiday Dinner
Dec 24 Holidays

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Council Policy Manual Finalization
Board & Commission Presentations
Small Cell Technology Discussion
Youth Commission Discussion
Building Use Tax Discussion
Immigration Policy Discussion
Home Rule Charter Amendment Discussion
Home Rule Charter Review
ULI Healthy Corridor Report Study
Joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission

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



MINUTES
Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2018

PRESENT: David Carroll
Leabeth Pohl
Dana Foulks (left at 7:00pm)
Martin Gilmore (left at 6:44pm)
Brenda Hubka
Amy Martinez, City Council Liaison
Jules Elders, Artist

ABSENT: Jay Rathbun

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Solomon, Library Manager
Debby Severa, Staff Liaison

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Chair Carroll in the Englewood Public Library's Perrin Room.

2. Roll Call

- a. Welcome new Commission Member Hubka and introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 6, 2018

**Moved by Member Leabeth Pohl
Seconded by Member Martin Gilmore**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2018 AS WRITTEN.

Motion CARRIED.

4. Review of Agenda

5. Scheduled Public Comment (presentation limited to 10 minutes)

6. Unscheduled Public Comment (presentation limited to 5 minutes)

7. New Business

- a. Alley Beautification Project

8. Old Business

- a. Strategic Plan Initiatives
 - Initiative #1: Artistic Crosswalks
 - Initiative #2: Conservation of Public Art
 - Initiative #6: Pop-up Concerts
 - Initiative #8: Chalk Artists Block Party

Moved by Member David Carroll
Seconded by Member Martin Gilmore

MOTION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE CHALK IF NEED BE.

Motion CARRIED.

- b. Update on proposed Swedish Horse project

9. Upcoming Events

10. Director's Choice

11. Commissioner's Choice

12. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Debby Severa, Staff Liaison