1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Englewood City Council was called to order by Mayor Woodward at 7:43 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, Penn, Gillit, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward
Absent: None
A quorum was present.
Also present: City Manager Sears
City Attorney Brotzman
Deputy City Manager Flaherty
City Clerk Ellis
Director Gryglewicz, Finance and Administrative Services
Director White, Community Development
Engineering Technician I Dye, Public Works
Economic Development Coordinator Hollingsworth, Community Development
Planner Voboril, Community Development
Police Commander Condreay

5. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Session

(a) COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER PENN SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010.

Mayor Woodward asked if there were any corrections or modifications. There were none.

Vote results:
Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit
Nays: None
Motion carried.

6. Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

There were no scheduled visitors.

7. Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment
Doug Cohn, an Englewood resident, said good evening. I want to talk to you about two things tonight. The first thing is going to be a hard thing to hear; the second one is going to be a hard thing to do. This last week I listened to the minutes and the recording of the Study Session from last week. I wanted to find out about the Swedish plan that was on the agenda of things to talk about. I never got to hear it. I was shocked and embarrassed for our City because of comments that were made in the earlier part of the meeting. You guys spent most of ten minutes beating up on the new kid, Mr. Gillit. You sounded like bullies that I remember from high school, picking on the transfer kid who got to school. I didn't recognize the voices very clearly on the recording but someone said that they didn't like the look of the...of Rick's private website. Someone else said they didn't like the donation button...or questioned the donation button. And somebody criticized the inclusion of the City phone numbers. And a little later, somebody was arguing with him about a lack of transparency for not telling that person that he was looking at running for another office. What is this? It sounded to me, and I hope I am wrong; a coordinated effort to split apart various things and each person would pick a different thing to talk about. I hope that is not the case. That would be illegal. I'm disappointed by those who did the bullying and equally disappointed by those of you who didn't intervene when you saw the bullying take place. Shame on you all. The second thing a challenge. You have probably heard on the news about the world-wide problem with...of honey bees and the hives' collapse...the problem that is going on. I've gotten to know a beekeeper right here in Englewood and have talked extensively with him about things that might be able to be done for the bees. I would challenge you all to look at the possibility of doing a really green kind of thing declaring Englewood to be a bee friendly city. This would be a hard one. This would be a hard one. I can get you a lot of information, if you are interested. The beekeeper I know, who lives right here in town, and has been studying it extensively. Basically what you would need to be willing to do is to say to folks around town if you want to voluntarily not use insecticides and herbicides that would be okay with us. Politically that would be risky because then folks would have plants that other folks don't like growing in their yards. I challenge you. There's not a City that has done it yet. Englewood could be the first City to take a step in doing something about the hive collapse of the bees. Thank you very much.

Mayor Woodward said thank you very much for your opinions.

Ida Mae Nicholl, an Englewood resident, said I don't usually do this so I am very nervous but I have kind of sat back too long and when I wanted to speak out I never have done it. So I am taking this evening to do so. I am here this evening to raise my voice, my frustrations, on this spending to Washington D.C. and particularly the way that there is too much political partisanship ideology going on. This certainly doesn't help our City and it certainly doesn't help our citizens. It has been brewing for a number of years and it seems like it is getting a little bit more contentious. Our City Council Members are supposed to be non-partisan politically, while serving on this Council unless you have changed the rules. The City Council is made up of citizens of our community who come here to work together for the good of our City and I think it would be respectful that each of you listen to each other and consider what everyone had to say in a very respectful manner. This is called leadership. This is your role in our community, to be the leader for all of us. I believed and I thought: this was a new opportunity with two new people serving on the Council and a new year that there would be less political partisanship and this would be a more open and respectable board listening to new ideas that may be brought forth from the new members and other members of the Council, and that you people would work together and vote accordingly. I was very happy when I heard the vote concerning the trip to Washington D.C., that it was a 6 to 1 vote. But I made...my reaction in my mind was wow, good job City Council. You are saving the people's money. Then I realized that was the wrong vote. The vote was 6 to 1 the other way. I was very disappointed when I realized that the vote was 6 to 1 to spend the people's money. My money. Our citizen's money. That's where it belongs. I believe that this was a great opportunity in these very difficult financial times for the Council to set an example before our citizens and have the wisdom to show restraint, to pay attention and to listen. It has become so acceptable over the years to go on these trips and to budget for them but I want to ask the question why. Why is this really necessary? What benefits can you show me? What plans? What programs? What really does benefit our citizens? And please, please, don't tell me it is for education because I have been on some of these trips and it is not always education. True and reliable words are what our citizens want to hear; so that you can give sound counsel and knowledge to the citizens that you serve. Education is a wonderful thing but education is a privilege, not a right. And I don't believe that we can continue to pay for trips where people can learn. You know, if you feel that you need to be a little bit more prepared on the Council or people working for you, I just respectfully suggest that maybe you take it out of your own pocket like all of us have to do. You know, Council Members, it is not too late to change your mind on this vote. And I am respectfully asking you to do so. This would not show weakness. In my mind, it would show a lot of integrity and
you would be respected for it. You know, there is an old saying and perhaps you have read it. It was written by a wise man many, many centuries ago, and it says this: A good name is more desirable than great riches. To be esteemed is better than silver and gold. You know, I want to thank all of you for your hard work because I know you take a lot of time and I know that you are very dedicated and I know that you love this City, just as many of us do. And I want to thank you for your time. I also want to thank those of you who chose not to go to Washington D.C. I respect that. And I also respect and thank you for the opportunity to come and share with you my frustrations tonight. Thank you very much.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.

There was applause. Mayor Woodward asked that the audience refrain from clapping.

(c) Elaine Hults, an Englewood resident, said I'm not going to say that I want to thank you as I have previously arranged for allowing me to address my grievance. As I said, I am questioning my comment about thanking you for allowing me to address you about my grievance because according to my knowledge, you are our servants and we put you in this position of responsibility because we trusted our community in your hands. I want to say this...this is my grievance. With the City of Englewood facing a 2.5 mil deficit entering into this year of 2010, with the conditions...losses of revenue from homes due to foreclosures, as well as businesses closing or moving out of Englewood, I find it unconscionable to spend monies on grants, meals as well as a trip to Washington D.C. for commissioners and their staff. This is a time when all citizens without exception need to tighten their purse strings. In my opinion, priorities are not being addressed. I want to leave you with this question; have you, a financial organization, who is headed by a gentleman who can calculate projections of revenues and expenditures on a yearly basis? That's what businesses do. And then too, I wanted also to quote you from my very excellent mathematics teacher whom I really learned so much from. He said...oh by the way...oh yes...he said "figures don't lie but liars can sure figure." And your very own head of your Financial Department just made a statement in the other room which really amazed me. He said and I want to quote him" you can't spend money you don't earn." Point taken.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.

(d) Matthew Crabtree, an Englewood resident, said let’s take a moment here and talk about the Study Session that occurred last Monday night. I know Doug over here talked about it also but I'd like to raise a few points on that too. You know, some might say that attending government proceedings could be boring. Well, I disagree with that obviously on multiple levels. First of all, I believe it is a right to be part of these proceedings and second, I believe that it is a responsibility to keep an eye on what your elected officials are doing. That is one of the reasons that I attend these meetings. Now the other reason why these meetings have, at times not been boring, could be that, well, it could be more exciting than Monday night prime time television. Monday night was one of those unfortunate examples. During that meeting, there was a series of personal attacks, accusations, yelling, pointing fingers. To be honest here, and all jokes aside, that's embarrassing. It really is, and inappropriate for a public forum. During that meeting, there was a series of personal attacks, accusations, yelling, pointing fingers. To be honest here, and all jokes aside, that's embarrassing. It really is, and inappropriate for a public forum, at a public meeting. Now that is just not my opinion. That is your own Council procedures. I'd like to take a moment here and talk about...read a few of your Council procedures. I don't know if you have them in front of you but page I-16, top of the page, it says "Debate occurs between and among City Council, but it should be limited to making a point or stating position. Redundancy, grandstanding, and personal attacks will be addressed by the Mayor as being out of order or being inappropriate." Same page, under G, "It is Council's responsibility to display common courtesies at all time; avoid interruptions; avoid personalizing the issue; and avoid filibustering." Same page, B, "Treat each other and each Member coming before City Council with respect." F, "Personal problems or concerns with individual Council Members should be discussed directly with that individual and not aired in a public forum." Unfortunately this did not occur. Within 40 minutes, at least, all those out of your own policies and procedures were violated. Now this raises a concern. Why is it when some policies and procedures that might hint to holding a meeting behind closed doors or a secret meeting seem to be fought for yet policies and procedures that uphold decorum are not mentioned and just kind of aren't discussed. So while all of you are squabbling about personal attacks and issues during a public meeting, what issues are not being discussed that should be being discussed? Thank you.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.
(e) Steve Yates, an Englewood resident, said good evening. What I would like to talk about is a little bit on the budget end. You guys having meals purchased by the people of Englewood, personally I couldn't care. All right. Although we are in a time period of financial, let's say shortages, these sort of things are perks. When you don't have the money in your own personal budgets, you don't do those sorts of things. You don't go out to eat. The other thing here is we've got Council Members and staff going to Washington D.C., to go to the cities...League of Cities conference. One of the things that has been mentioned to me is that it is a great place to do a little PR work with elected officials. Well, we have Diana DeGette and her office is right here in the library. We don't really need to travel to Washington D.C. to spend anywhere between $2,500.00 to $3,000.00, per person, to go meet with somebody who has an office in the same building that we hold our city meetings at. And if you look at other cities around us, they're cutting back. I forget which city...I think its Littleton...I could be wrong on that...who has stopped their dues to the League of Cities. They're not going to this convention. We've got another...well we have a variety of cities saying no, we are not going to spend the money because we don't have the money. We are going to be financially responsible. All I am asking...actually, I am more than asking...I'm insisting because you guys are the employees of the people who live in Englewood. Be responsible with the money that we pay in taxes to support you and put off some of these things. Maybe next year will be a better year and it will make financial sense that you can go to that. But until you start cutting back on some of the luxuries of your office...it's probably... it is just poor management. That's all I got to say. Have a good evening.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.

8. Communications, Proclamations and Appointments

(a) A proclamation declaring February 20-21, 2010 as Spay Day 2010 was considered.

Mayor Woodward read the proclamation.


Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Woodward asked if there was any discussion. He said I just think this is something that is important and when it was presented, I thought it was something that we should participate in. Having a large number of pets within our community...and some rabbits, I guess...some coyotes, foxes, other wildlife.

Mayor Woodward presented the Proclamation to Dr. Angelina Piccoli. There was applause.

Dr. Piccoli said we want to thank the Mayor and the City Council of Englewood for signing this proposal. I am the Chief Veterinarian and Executive Director of Spay Today, which is a nonprofit spay/neuter clinic operating in Lakewood. We are working with the Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance to do an event on the 20th and 21st. It is called Spay Up All Night. It starts on the 20th at 8 o'clock in the morning and goes until 8 o'clock the next morning. We are going to spay and neuter about 250 tame and feral cats for the community. We have about a hundred support volunteers and somewhere around 13 veterinarians who are volunteering to participate in this event and help us get a bunch of kitties spayed and neutered. So thank you very, very much for signing this proclamation for us.

Several City Council Members said thank you. There was a round of applause.

(b) A resolution reappointing Brandon Williams to the NonEmergency Employees Retirement Board.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER GILLIT SECONDED, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRANDON WILLIAMS TO THE NONEMERGENCY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD.
RESOLUTION NO. 29, SERIES OF 2010

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRANDON WILLIAMS TO THE NONEMERGENCY RETIREMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

Vote results:  
Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Mayor Woodward asked if there was any discussion. He said I would just like to mention that Brandon had misunderstood the reappointment process so that is why he wasn't with the rest of them last week. That's why it is somewhat out of order here. As a past chair, he is a valuable member on that board.

9. Consent Agenda

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER PENN SECONDED, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 9 (a) (i).

(a) Approval of Ordinances on First Reading

(i) COUNCIL BILL NO. 2, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ENTITLED "CASE NO. 09SA133 COMMON INTEREST AGREEMENT" BETWEEN FARMERS RESERVOIR AND IRRIGATION COMPANY AND BURLINGTON DITCH, RESERVOIR AND LAND COMPANY; EAST CHERRY CREEK VALLEY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT; HENRYLYNN IRRIGATION DISTRICT; UNITED WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT; CITY OF THORNTON; CITY OF BRIGHTON; CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER; ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS; TOWN OF LOCHBUIE; SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

Vote results:  
Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

(b) Approval of Ordinances on Second Reading

There were no items submitted for approval on second reading.

(c) Resolutions and Motions

There were no additional items submitted for approval. (See Agenda Item 11.)

10. Public Hearing Items

No public hearing was scheduled before Council.

11. Ordinances, Resolution and Motions

(a) Approval of Ordinances on First Reading

(i) Economic Development Coordinator Hollingsworth presented a recommendation from the Community Development Department to adopt a bill for an ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of
$12,500.00 from the State of Colorado, Economic Development Commission for marketing and administration support in the Enterprise Zone. He said good evening Your Honor and members of City Council. If the grant is approved by Council, this would support Enterprise Zone marketing and administration activities for the fiscal year 2010. Community Development has anticipated this project and has budgeted the matching funds of $12,500.00 in the departmental budget. The Enterprise Zone is a significant business retention and attraction tool for the City. In fact last year, 56 businesses filed for State of Colorado tax credits through the Enterprise Zone and those tax credits totaled 1.6 million dollars. That concludes my formal comments on this. I'd be happy to respond to any questions.

Mayor Woodward said Darren, these are matching grants and I just want to verify, and I believe you said it, that these funds have been provided in the budget for Community Development for calendar year 2010. Mr. Hollingsworth responded yes, Your Honor, that is correct.

Mayor Woodward asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFERSON MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 11 (a) (i) - COUNCIL BILL NO. 1.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFERSON

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR MARKETING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE.

Mayor Woodward asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Vote results:

Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson, Olson, Gillit

Nays: None

Motion carried.

(b) Approval of Ordinances on Second Reading

There were no items submitted for approval on second reading.

(c) Resolutions and Motions

(i) Planner Voboril presented a recommendation from the Community Development Department to approve, by motion, a professional services agreement for a public improvements financing study on both the Downtown District and the Medical District in Englewood. Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Progressive Urban Management Associates in the amount of $64,700.00. He said good evening Council Members. These funds will come directly from the Community Development Professional Services budget for 2010. The public improvements financing study came out of an extensive RFP process that included a total of four firms. The public improvements financing study was presented to City Council at the December 14th Study Session. The public improvements financing study is a follow-up project to Ready, Set, Action, An Urban Design Action Plan for the Englewood Downtown and Medical Districts. As you may recall last spring, the action plan centered around two separate processes. The first process was a design charrette process involving stakeholders from the downtown and medical districts. What came out of that was a set of design themes that would be preferred for these two separate districts along Broadway and old Hampden. The second part of the action plan was developing a set of sequences of steps that would help us eventually implement these designed themes along Broadway and old Hampden. The public improvements financing study is the first step in that sequence of steps to get to where we want to go. We chose this one because we believe the most critical piece is going to be figuring out how we are going to pay for these improvements in downtown and along old Hampden. And if we are able to figure out how we can do that, then I think the next...the other sequence of steps will more easily fall into place, if we can figure out this most critical piece here. The public improvements financing study will consist of three phases. The first phase
involves looking at the City's ability, current ability, to finance capital improvements and also it would involve case study research of other Colorado communities and how they have financed public improvements in their business districts. And also looking at what type...what was the outcome of that. Looking at...after they had made those investments, what kinds of improvements they saw to the businesses, their bottom line and their City's internal revenue growth. Phase Two will then commence with a consultant. We'll go out and get to talk to and outreach with City Council, the hospitals, and the Broadway Business Improvement District and begin to develop a core group of a steering committee that will then work closely with the consultant to explore the entire universe of financial alternatives and financial mechanisms and begin to narrow that down so that we can find the best fits for the City, as well as the BID and the hospitals. And then finally the third phase will be the culmination of the plan and that will include developing a financing action plan that will involve a total of three...up to three separate scenarios for financing public improvements and that would vary in terms of how much money and how...what the timeframe would be for that. Now I would like to now hand that back over to City Council.

Mayor Woodward asked if there were any questions for John.

Council Member Jefferson said a quick question on the selection of Progressive Urban Management. You did say that we sent out an RFP and received four submittals. Were they the lowest bid or how was that selection process done? Planner Voboril replied we...the bids as I recall, were fairly close in price. I cannot really remember who was the lowest price but the main goal was to choose the best fit for this project. We interviewed all four of the teams and felt that this team did the best job in their interview. We also have worked with them before. They actually helped us set up the BID, a number of years ago. They already have a line of connections and familiarity with the area, as well as the Business Improvement District. And then after that, once we figured out what we...who we wanted to choose, there was some further negotiation of scope, which then altered the price a little bit more at that time. Council Member Jefferson said thank you.

Council Member Wilson said the group that we had at the initial stakeholders meetings, did they have a...cause I know they are broke down into several different areas and different companies in this one group, I believe it was...was it Britannia or...Planner Voboril replied Britina. Council Member Wilson continued is that part of that group or did they have someone to be able to do this or not? Planner Voboril replied I believe that Britina is more specialized in design and this is more of...this is a little different area, a different niche, so we needed a little bit different type of consultant that is more specialized in financing and also more of a management...urban management organizations...things like that. And so it needed a different type of consultant to do this particular piece than what Britina could actually provide to us. Council Member Wilson said okay, so they didn't have anyone in their group that did this, correct? Planner Voboril replied no. Nobody in this Progressive Urban Management Associates was involved with the Britina piece. No one was involved. Council Member Wilson said okay, because I thought they were excellent.

Mayor Woodward asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER PENN MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER McCASLIN SECONDED, TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 11 (c) (i), A MOTION FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BE AWARDED TO PROGRESSIVE URBAN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF $64,700.00.

Mayor Woodward asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Woodward said I think this is...John, just to verify again, for the public record and minutes and recording, the dollars for this are they included in the Community Development budget for 2010? Planner Voboril replied yes they are. Mayor Woodward continued okay and is this in accordance with the small area plans with our comp plan, Road Map Englewood 2003? Planner Voboril said yes. This is a related project that is related to the comprehensive plan which looked at and identified two key areas of the City, which would be: the downtown and the medical district. Which then we follow up with a small area plan and a key part of the small area plan was making improvements to the old Broadway and the old Hampden corridors. This is the next step in making that happen. Mayor Woodward said and my last question is, and maybe you stated this, as I recall, over the couple of years this process that has been going on...actually more than two years...there has been a lot of public input, that is specifically stakeholder, community members in that area, citizens, business owners, etcetera. Correct? Planner Voboril said correct.

Mayor Woodward asked if there was any other discussion. There was none.
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Vote results:
Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson,
      Olson, Gillit
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Council Member Olson said thank you.

Council Member Wilson said thanks John.

12. General Discussion
(a) Mayor's Choice
   (i) Mayor Woodward said I would like to make a motion to reschedule the March 15th meeting to March 22, 2010, since there will not be a quorum of Council in town. Members will be at NLC and on vacation.

   MAYOR WOODWARD MOVED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON SECONDED, TO APPROVE BY MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE MARCH 15, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO MARCH 22, 2010.

   Mayor Woodward asked if there is any discussion. There was none.

   Vote results:
   Ayes: Council Members Penn, McCaslin, Wilson, Woodward, Jefferson,
         Olson, Gillit
   Nays: None
   Motion carried.

   (ii) Mayor Woodward said second item is I just wanted to address and get on and make sure that we get on our Study Session Agenda list the letter from Chair John Smith from the Board of Adjustments regarding the ability of the alternate to vote in the event that another member is absent and I would add to that, that the alternate has been at the meetings and has been a participate. I would like to get that on the Study Session Agenda.

   (iii) Mayor Woodward said I would also like to remind Council members also that on March 1st at 9:00 to 10:30...Council members and the public that Representative Diana DeGette will be here meeting with us in the Community Room. She was not able to attend last week, last Monday, when we had the rest of the legislative session. Typically she has a meeting at...it's a value, I think, to hear something from the national perspective. Unfortunately last week, we were unable to have any staff members from the national senators or representatives. That's what I have.

(b) Council Members’ Choice
   (i) Council Member Penn:

   1. He said I don't know how we have done this in the past but we lost a pretty stellar business person from Kauffman's. Possibly we send a little note recognizing how important he was to the community, the business community and to the City of Englewood. I don't know the procedures so Gary if you could maybe work that through and make sure that we do something for the Kauffman family. Hopefully we can do that. City Manager Sears replied I'll put something together.

   2. He said Doug, I think you and probably Paul should...I think the first direction is to possibly go to Keep Englewood Beautiful with a small plan, at least on the bees, and make sure that you kind of give us some ideas of where both of you are sitting as far as what kind of plans you'd like to go. I think it's an excellent idea but I don't
know how far we can carry it. Hopefully we can all get to that point where we are very environmentally friendly with all of our local friends that we have around here. Hopefully we all will do that.

3. He said I think, and I think all of the rest of the Council Members, will agree that we got into individual discussions on some of our procedures last week at our Study Session. I think we learned well. Hopefully we will learn to carry on and I think that's something that...thank you for bringing it to our attention. Definitely we need to make sure that we stay on business and the business tasks so we can do that.

4. He said I am not going to Washington D.C. I know some of you are thinking about it...the financial thing. I think it is an excellent idea and I think it is money well worth...well spent. The ideas that they bring back from NLC, could be cost saving for the City of Englewood. I think there are a lot of programs that they can go to that: number 1 will help us in streamlining Englewood that will help us to green Englewood better, to help us work on our budget better. The payback is huge. You may not think the front-end payback is worth it but the back-end payback is worth a tremendous amount. I don't think you want any part of any of these conferences we went to. I believe this conference is totally neat and needed and I think the payback, the City will get back, will be ten-fold. So I disagree with you. I do know that it is a hard time. We are all strapping it up a little bit but this could mean extra thousands and thousands of dollars to the City of Englewood in the long run. I'm done.

Mayor Woodward said thank you Randy.

(ii) Council Member Wilson:

1. She said all I have...well a couple of things. One I thank everyone for coming and speaking. It is always good to hear from the public.

2. She said I support the members of Council going to the NLC. I have been there once and it is very beneficial and a great learning experience and it is an education. With education, you can go forward. Without it, I think...this could be a stepping stone and so I support this. That's all I have.

Mayor Woodward said okay. Thank you.

(iii) Council Member Gillit:

1. He said thank you Mr. Mayor. I want to thank everybody who came out tonight. It is always a pleasure to hear from the public. I have a saying and some of you have heard me say it. If you want to know what people are thinking, ask them. Sometimes you don't like hearing the answer that they give you but, at least, you get to hear them.

2. He said I appreciate the comments on decorum. I hope that we as Council do work on that. I know that we had some discussion about that. I think our job is to do the business of the City and we can box each other somewhere else. Enough of that...

3. He said as for National League of Cities, I'm on record on being against it. I am that one vote against. Not that I think it's not a valuable thing, I think the timing is not good. But to ask our employees to not take...to not get paid for their personal time when we are budgeting and looking at the budget and seeing a downward trend and not an upward, just...if it were my business or my own personal...I would say that there is no way that we are going to do this. I'm still against the going this time. I'm not against the National League of Cities and what you learn. I think it could be good things but I think the timing is inappropriate.

4. He said secondly regarding the meals...I've shared with Council before that I don't need the City to pay for my meals so I will now opt out. So you can rest assured that that $6.00, $7.00, $8.00 a week that you have paid before, you will not be paying for it now. So just again, I appreciate that.

5. He said and I hope that we have some good discussion soon regarding the medical marijuana issues that are going on. I get a lot of questions about that and I thank you for bringing that up, wanting to make sure that we
do set some time to discuss that. We have a responsibility to those that we told that we would get back to them on. I am looking forward to that timeline. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.

(iv) Council Member Olson:

1. She said thank you again. Thank you to those who came tonight. It was great fun to have the Humane Society here. The folks from the Spay 2010 movement, which I actually think benefits our community in a number of ways; financially as well as just well being.

2. She said I would like to say Doug, I am curious about this bees thing and having been on Keep Englewood Beautiful for such a long time, I really would encourage you...echo what Randy said.

3. She said along with that, I think I'm known on Council to not to drink water in the City in the bottles but rather drink the City's water so I would like to encourage a voluntary process that people stop using plastic bottles and use the ones like we were given by GOCO last week or somebody.

4. She said the final thing is that I would like to say something about Karen Main again, who won an award through the City...Human Resources award...and I am forgetting exactly what it was but it was a training award that she received in the...can you tell us again what it was? City Manager Sears responded saying it reflected the leadership program that the City puts together, the ELI program, and it was the training sessions that we have begin with trainers throughout the State and she was recognized for the program...Council Member Olson said by ASTD, I think, right? City Manager Sears said by ASTD, that's correct. Council Member Olson continued which is a very, very well recognized organization. So it was just fun to see our employees who are so gifted in what they do. Even in the tough times, to continue to do really well and perform well for us and with our folks so a great thanks to her and to Sue Eaton, who runs our Human Resources Department. So thank you.

Mayor Woodward said and I want to just mention that, I believe, this is her third in a row STAR award. She is a person that puts together the leadership program for employees of the City. She is a very talented woman.

Council Member Olson said that's all I had Mr. Mayor.

City Manager Sears said if I could also say that there is a trophy actually in the case when you walk by tonight. It sits on the top shelf and it does show the STAR award and it does show the other ones that were there. Again it is statewide for recognizing our training function that we do internally, which she did set up. So take a look at it when you go by.

Council Member Olson said my apologies for awkwardly acknowledging her because I thought I had in front of me exactly what the award was for but it wasn't...thanks again.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.

(v) Council Member Jefferson:

1. He said thank you Your Honor. Thanks Doug for coming down and mentioning that we could potentially be the first bee friendly City. I will echo everybody's comments. Please bring it to KEB with some sort of rough idea of what you are exactly talking about. I think we can get some recommendations and maybe move forward on that if it makes sense for our community.

2. He said I appreciate everybody else's comments, particularly on decorum. I too hope that we can focus more on City business during our meetings.

3. He said onto the topic of NLC, I've generally been a supporter of the NLC conference. However, I must agree that I think that the cost does need to come down. I think that there is value in going and the education. You know, personally, this year, I'm not attending in an effort to save some money. But I will point out that, this year, we
did cut that travel expense budget by more than 50%, I believe...if I am not mistaken. But I agree that we do need to get more bang for our buck for our constituents on our taxpayer dollars. I did, the previous year, last year when I attended NLC, I did stay at a different hotel in an attempt to save a few dollars and I have actually forwarded some information onto our current...the people who are going this year. I saw an opportunity to stay at the same hotel if you just book it online and save one hundred bucks a night. So, you know, I encourage other Council people to look for other areas to bring that cost down but generally I am supportive. Again, I will just reiterate, I do think the cost per person has got to come down but generally I am supportive of the program. I think that is all I have.

Mayor Woodward said thank you.

13. City Manager's Report

(a) City Manager Sears said the only thing I want to note is that on Sunday, over the weekend, we did have a dog attack, involving a couple of pit bulls at Cornerstone Park. We do have information that we are still putting together. The dog did survive. The owner was certainly very concerned about that. We will provide a report, a police report...information to City Council in this upcoming packet. But in case you do get a telephone call, we just want you to be aware that this did happen on Sunday. That's all that I have this evening.

Mayor Woodward asked Gary, was there...they did...you said pit bulls, so they must have known and they did get it and were they cited? City Manager Sears said I would ask Gary Condreay, if you could respond? Commander Condreay replied the owner of the pit bull received a ticket today from Code Enforcement for dangerous dog and attack. Mayor Woodward said dangerous dog and was it taken into...Commander Condreay said and it was issued in Municipal Court. Mayor Woodward asked if the dog was taken into quarantine. Commander Condreay replied 10 day quarantine at the animal shelter...two of them. Council Member Wilson said and they attacked another dog? Commander Condreay answered yes ma'am. Council Member Wilson said and how is that dog? Commander Condreay replied severely injured. Mayor Woodward said okay. Thank you.

14. City Attorney's Report

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

15. Adjournment

MAYOR WOODWARD MOVED TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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City Clerk