

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL COURT 73 S. VAN BRUNT STREET**  
**JANUARY 5, 2026 – 7:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President will call the Regular Council Meeting of January 5, 2026 to order at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

*City Clerk: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was included in a notice sent to the Record and advertised in said newspapers on December 22, 2025, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.*

*Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.*

**ROLL CALL:**

COUNCIL MEMBER	Present	Absent
Councilwoman David		
Councilman Rosenzweig		
Councilman Tokayer		
Councilman Wilson		
Councilwoman Wisotsky		

**Also Present:** Mayor Michael Wildes \_\_\_\_\_; City Manager Robert S. Hoffmann \_\_\_\_\_; Deputy City Manager John Birkner \_\_\_\_\_; City Attorney William Bailey \_\_\_\_\_; City Clerk Yancy Wazirmas \_\_\_\_\_;

**PUBLIC HEARING: NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

*The City of Englewood is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Park Development Program for improvements at Denning Park located at 340 Harold Avenue near the intersection of Coolidge Avenue and Harold Avenue in the City of Englewood.*

Council President will open the public hearing on the proposed plan. Speakers are asked to step up to the microphone and give their name and address for the record.

Council President will close the public hearing.

#056-01-05-26

**Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to NJ Green Acres Program For Denning Park Improvements Project**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members \_\_\_\_\_ David \_\_\_\_\_ Rosenzweig \_\_\_\_\_ Tokayer \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ Wisotsky

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**ORDINANCES - SECOND READING:**

- None

**ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

(The City Clerk will read the title of the ordinance.)

**ORDINANCE #26-01**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CONTRACT SALARIES AND  
BENEFITS FOR LOCAL 108, RWDSU, AFL-CIO FOR LIBRARY EMPLOYEES**

made a motion that the ordinance pass on first reading and be published once, by title only, in the Record, and that a public hearing be held on January 20, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members \_\_\_\_\_ David \_\_\_\_\_ Rosenzweig \_\_\_\_\_ Tokayer \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ Wisotsky

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Council President will open the meeting for public comments on the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

\*\*Members of the public are requested to state their name and address before speaking and are reminded to speak on the Consent Agenda Resolutions # \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_ **only**.

Council President will close the public comment section on the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS-CONSENT AGENDA**

#057-01-05-26 Enabling Resolution for NJDEP Grant #0215-23-036 Mackay Park Revitalization Project

#058-01-05-26 Enabling Resolution for NJDEP Grant #0215-24-051 Mackay Park Playground Improvements Project

#059-01-05-26 Resolution Authorizing Separation and Release Agreement for Police Sergeant Christopher Colon

#060-01-05-26 Resolution Recognizing January as Muslim Heritage Month

Motion to approve Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members  David  Rosenzweig  Tokayer  Wilson  Wisotsky

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY AND CITY MANAGER**

- Mayor Michael Wildes
- Councilwoman Angela David
- Councilman Dr. Kenneth Rosenzweig
- Councilman Dan Tokayer
- Councilman Kevin Wilson
- Councilwoman Dr. Lisa Wisotsky
- City Manager Robert S. Hoffmann

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President will open the meeting to the public. Speakers are asked to step up to the microphone and give their name and address, and have three minutes to speak.

Council President will close the Public Session.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members  David  Rosenzweig  Tokayer  Wilson  Wisotsky

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

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# Presentation

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION #056-01-05-26**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO  
NJ GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR DENNING PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$1,050,000.00, in the form of a \$1,050,000.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project: Denning Park Improvements Project at a cost of \$5,364,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. Robert Hoffmann, City Manager of Englewood City or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:
  - (a) make application for such a loan and/or a grant,
  - (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
  - (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$4,314,000.00;
3. In the event that the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>David</i>					
<i>Rosenzweig</i>					
<i>Tokayer</i>					
<i>Wilson</i>					
<i>Wisotsky</i>					

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Yancy Wazirmas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Englewood City Council at a meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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*Yancy Wazirmas, City Clerk*

# Resolutions

## (Consent Agenda)

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION #057-01-05-26**

**ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR NJDEP GRANT #0215-23-036**  
**MACKAY PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$364,300 from the State to fund the following project(s):

**#0215-23-036 Mackay Park Revitalization Project**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood that:

1. The City Manager of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Mackay Park Revitalization Project and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$364,300 and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

*Yancy Wazirmas, City Clerk*

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**

**RESOLUTION #058-01-05-26**

**ENABLING RESOLUTION FOR NJDEP GRANT #0215-24-051**  
**MACKAY PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood has obtained a Green Acres grant of \$540,920 from the State to fund the following project(s):

**#0215-24-051 Mackay Park Revitalization Project**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood that:

1. The City Manager of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Mackay Park Playground Improvements Project, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$180,306, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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*Yancy Wazirmas, City Clerk*

# CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

**RESOLUTION #059-01-05-26**

## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEPARATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER COLON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood employed Christopher Colon as a Police Officer since January 13, 2014; and;

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Colon was promoted to the position of Police Sergeant (“Sergeant Colon”), effective January 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Colon is an active member of the PFRS; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Colon has met the minimum service credit requirement of at least 4 years for PFRS members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Englewood are of the opinion that Sergeant Colon is totally and permanently disabled and can no longer perform his assigned duties based on documentation supplied by treating or examining health care professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS-covered position with duties capable of being performed by Sergeant Colon; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Englewood have consented to the processing of the Involuntary Disability Retirement application; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Labor Counsel recommends entering into a Separation and Release Agreement with Sergeant Colon to effectuate the application of the Involuntary Disability Retirement, the terms of the separation of employment and the release of claims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Englewood that the City Manager and the appropriate City staff are authorized to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for Sergeant Colon; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Englewood hereby authorize the City Manager to execute a Separation and Release Agreement with Sergeant Colon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Englewood hereby authorize Labor Counsel to make de minimis changes to the Separation and Release Agreement that are in line with the intent of the Governing Body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the administration of this action.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Englewood at their  
meeting held on January 5, 2026

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD****RESOLUTION #060-01-05-26****RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2023, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Joint Resolution No. 6 by the Senate and the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey designating the month of January of each year as Muslim Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslims are the world's second largest religious group with 1.9 billion followers representing approximately twenty-five percent of the world's population; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslims have made significant contributions to shape our world, including notable achievements in philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, medicine, architecture, music literature, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the 3.45 million Muslims in the United States come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, including immigrants and native-born Americans, and represent approximately 1.1 percent of the country's population; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Muslims in the United States dates back to before the country's founding, originating with enslaved Africans, of whom historians estimate 30% were Muslim. Their Islamic beliefs and practices contributed in numerous ways to the founding of our nation, including courageous and dedicated military service in every major war, including the American Revolutionary War; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslim Americans strive to promote peace and mutual understanding between all faiths and identities, while upholding the values and principals of Islam and those of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 300,000 Muslim Americans in New Jersey, representing one of the largest Muslim-American communities in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, incidents of anti-Muslim violence and rhetoric are still prevalent in our state and educational initiatives are critical to combatting bigotry; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood benefit from the social benevolence, patriotism, philanthropy, humanitarianism, advocacy, civic engagement, culture, and business of Muslim Americans and Muslim American organizations that operate within the City and the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Englewood recognizes the positive impact Muslims have made, and continue to make, to the advancement of the City, State and nation, and believe it is appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness and appreciation of the invaluable contributions of Muslim Americans; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Englewood, do hereby recognize the month of January as "Muslim Heritage Month" and acknowledge the contributions of all Muslims who continue to enrich all aspects of the Englewood community.

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Yancy Wazirmas, RMC  
City Clerk  
City of Englewood