

January 8, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President C. Barry E. Sloane at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Clerk/Administrator, Thomas B. Bowe, stated that it was a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Woodbury City Council and due notice had been given to both the press and the public by reason of a resolution for Regular Meetings adopted January 4, 2007.

The Invocation was given by Evangelist Samuel Jackson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Mayor Curtis

Absent: Belko

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the public for Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer the Public Portion for closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #07-32 – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SOLICITOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (James Pierson – Angelini, Vernir, Freedman, Esq.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired what the hourly rate of the solicitor was?

President Sloane advised that that rate would be capped the same as last year which was \$75,000.

Mayor Curtis stated that on the advice of Mr. Law, the Chief Financial Officer, no dollar amounts would be in any of the resolutions this evening where appointments are being made. At

the next meeting when contracts have been negotiated, the dollar figures will be in the contracts and in the resolutions authorizing the signing of the contracts.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #07-31 – RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #06-322
“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH
MITCHELL HUMPHREY & CO. TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND
SUPPORT SERVICES FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND PALM PILOTS FOR THE
WOODBURY JOINT CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution, explaining that this resolution was previously adopted with an incorrect figure.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Riskie inquired if Mr. Law requested the change.

President Sloane stated that Mr. Kunkle, Code Enforcement Official, noticed the error and asked that the correct amount be approved.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #07-33 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PROSECUTOR FOR THE
CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007** (Timothy Chell, Esquire)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #07-34 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR
THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007** (Stuart W. Jay, Esq.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #07-35 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AUDITOR FOR THE CITY
OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007** (Michael Cesaro - Bowman & Co.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-36 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (Ted Wilkinson – Frederici & Akin Consulting Eng.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she was happy to see that a Woodbury native was a part of the firm receiving the appointment (Paul Breier was the individual to whom the Councilwoman was referring).

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-37 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (Parker, McCay, Criscuolo, P.A.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-38 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMPUTER CONSULTING FIRM FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (S.G. C. Consulting Svcs)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-39 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INSURANCE AGENT FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE GLOUCESTER SALEM, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2007 (Dalton Insurance Agency)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-40 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TAX COURT LITIGATOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (Harry Haushalter, Esq.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-41 – RESOLUTION GIVING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT FOR A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR A THREE YEAR TERM (William J. Golden, Esq.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney requested dates be changed listed in the resolution to January 8, 2010.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote as amended.

RESOLUTION #07-42 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A GRANT CONSULTANT FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (Michael Zumpino – Triad Associates)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #07-43 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007 (Louis Rosner, Esq.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid. Councilman Fleming stated he was abstaining from the vote just in case there were vouchers from his Engineer's firm of Churchill Engineering.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis inquired why one of our Council members did not have a committee to be Chairman of since no committees were eliminated from last year.

President Sloane stated that the decision was made by him and it was his prerogative to do so and had discussed the matter with the affected Council Member.

Councilman Louis stated that he just wanted a response to why the decision was made since every Council person was designated as a Chairperson even when the Republicans controlled the majority.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #07-30 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 152.01 LOT 21 A/K/A 478 HEMLOCK TERRACE

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

PRESIDENT SLOANE

President Sloane referred to a pamphlet that was distributed for various courses being offered and recommended Council members review the different courses and advise if they are interested in attending any.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis thanked everyone present this evening, especially the department heads.

The Mayor stated that the Municipal Judge who was appointed this evening, Judge William J. Golden, has been a substitute judge on many occasions for Woodbury and his law office is located on Cooper Street.

Mayor Curtis advised that after speaking with the Library Director, Jean Wipf, and Mr. Law, he is appointing Cheryl Slack as Treasurer to the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Law previously held that position and everyone is in agreement that appointing Ms. Slack as the Treasurer would be a good move after all her years of service on the Board in addition to her accounting background.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the appointment was approved.

The Mayor advised that the Bowman & Company Seminar is a very informative seminar and urges Council members to attend if possible. The two dates are January 25 and January 30, 2007.

Mayor Curtis stated that currently the owner of the Police mini-station would like us to move so that he can sell the property. The new location being offered by the same owner, Scott Lupow, is 11 Hopkins Street, just across the street.

The Mayor advised that although he has the power to perform marriages or civil unions he has decided not to do so until guidelines are clearer from the State.

On another matter the Mayor stated that the Supervisor of Water and Sewer has talked to him and would like Council to create the position of foreman so that the Supervisor, Rich Leidy, when away has a significant substitute.

Mayor Curtis stated that he has received information regarding the old ISTE A grant and has asked Councilman Fleming and Villari to look into it.

CLERK.ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised of current issues coming before the Woodbury Planning/Zoning Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Sloane presented the Treasurer's Report which was received as filed.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

George McKnight, former Lieutenant from the Woodbury Police Department, came forward to reflect on his service to the City and the honor he felt when Council presented him with a resolution three years ago upon his retirement. However, tonight he is coming forward to express his feelings regarding the way in which the retirees have been treated regarding medical coverage.

Lieutenant McKnight continued by saying that he has now become aware that there has been a reduction in medical coverage being offered to the active officers; but in exchange they agreed to a pay increase. Unfortunately, this was not offered to the retirees at the time they left the City's service which would offset the loss of medical coverage. Mr. McKnight then gave some statistics

Mr. McKnight explained prior to his retirement he attempted to get an individual contract as Lieutenant with the City. He made repeated attempts through Mr. Law and Mr. Hasbrouck, the Solicitor at the time. Mr. McKnight was upset that he was not provided with a personal Lieutenant contract guaranteeing his benefits when he retired, as he was no longer covered under the Sergeants contract. He was also upset that the current PBA union would not currently protect his interests as he is not a current employee.

President Sloane suggested that the Personnel Committee look into this situation and report back to Council within a month; stating that this has to be resolved for now and future retirees.

Councilman Louis requested Mr. Law have an opportunity to respond and also inquired historically, as to how contracts have been revised in the past and do they effect the police department retirees who went out under a different contract.

Mr. Law responded that yes it would effect the previous retirees; there is no clause excluding them from the changes. Mr. Law stated that some of the changes Mr. McKnight is referring to were prescriptions which went from \$1.00 and \$4.00 to \$5.00 and \$10.00 for everyone, while co-pay's remained the same at \$5.00 for office visits and specialists went from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and the out-of-network went from 80% to 70%.

Mr. Law responded to Mr. McKnight's remarks about asking for an individual Lieutenants contract, stating that his request was referred to the Solicitor and to Legal Counsel for review and preparation. Mr. Law continued by advising that one of the ways various

insurance's are able to offer the package to the city is because it is a unified package based on offering the same coverage and co pays to everyone. To freeze the contract and offer one package to one group and another package to another would not allow the City to negotiate the best package being offered by our provider, and the provider may choose not to provide coverage to the City at all.

Mr. Law did acknowledge that one change he would suggest is that when there is a change in medical coverage, the retirees should be better informed rather than finding it out through other people, so he knows where Mr. McKnight is coming from when he states that he feels as though the retirees are not being represented when the City re-negotiates a new contract.

Councilman Riskie asked several questions pertaining to past and current coverage and advised that his committee would further look into the situation and report back with their findings.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Deputy City Clerk: Gail Scheffler
Fire Chief: John Keuler
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police Chief: Reed Merinuk, Lieutenant Sheehan
Public Works: Mike Walsh, Rich Leidy, Bill Lynch
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.