

January 12, 2009

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 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. 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 2, 2008.

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Robert L. Moore, Assistant Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church.

ROLL CALL

Present: Villari, Pottillo, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

Absent: One Vacancy

PRESIDENT SLOANE NOMINATED CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCY

President Sloane nominated three names selected by the Democrat Party of the City of Woodbury to fill the unexpired term of Roberta Schreyer who recently passed away. The following names were submitted: David Schrock, Danielle Carter, and Jeffrey Croce.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Villari, the name of Jeffrey Croce was nominated.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Villari, Jeffrey Croce was chosen to fill the vacancy in the First Ward.

President Sloane invited Jeffrey Croce to come forward so that the Mayor could administer the Oath of Office.

Mayor Curtis Administered the Oath of Office to Jeffrey Croce, after which Councilman Croce took his seat.

President Sloane then made changes to his recent appointments for the yearly committees as followed:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Fleming, Chairperson	Villari	Tierney
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis, Chairperson	Croce	Brown
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-43 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-44 – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TAX EXEMPTION AND CANCEL TAXES FOR A DISABLED VETERAN (Paul Carruolo, Sr.)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-48 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-05 ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2009

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, a request to go into Executive Session with no anticipated action following the Executive Session was passed.

PRESENTATION BY THE WOODBURY ARTS COUNCIL

President Sloane introduced Steven Graff, 213 S. Maple Avenue, and Richard Robinson, 115 High Street, who are involved with the Woodbury Arts Council. A number of other members were also in attendance to witness Mr. Graff and Mr. Robinson read a summary

of the purpose of the group. Mr. Graff stated that the Group sponsored a "Meet the Artist Night" recently on November 21, 2008 at a Cooper Street location with the help of Ms. Virginia Horn.

Mr. Robinson stated that the group would also like to sponsor another event on June 7, 2009 to bring in other artists to the City similar to an Art Festival. That date was chosen because Main Street usually has their Block Party on the first Sunday in June, and Mr. Robinson understood that this year they may not have it.

Mayor Curtis stated that, indeed, it is not 100% positive that Main Street is not having the Block Party and Mr. Robinson's request is a little premature.

More conversation ensued about whether or not the Block Party will be taking place, and when other approvals might be given.

President Sloane further explained that over the past few years the City has taken over the Fireworks when the Jaycees dissolved and frankly cannot take on any other costs at this time, even though he thinks it certainly would be a welcomed change.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Woodbury Arts Council would take full responsibility and a Committee has already been formed. However, because it takes time to organize such an event that is why they are coming before Council this early in the year.

Councilman Fleming advised that there has been some talk with the High School about some type of carnival event being held in conjunction with the Spring Relays.

In conclusion, President Sloane stated that he is in support of an Art Festival, but before any further details are discussed we have to find out what is going on with the Block Party. We will be in touch with the Arts Council as soon as we know Main Street's intentions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilman Louis presented a raffle application from the American Legion Post #133 which was received as filed. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as submitted. President Sloane abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Pottillo stated that he thought the gentleman (Paul Bunn) who recently suggested recycling old computers had a very good suggestion.

Mr. Walsh advised that we currently pick up old computers; the state law will mandate by 2010 that all electronics must be picked up.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Villari advised that he would be meeting with Main Street to inquire what the status of the organization was, and if in fact they do or do not intend to continue holding the Annual Block Party. He will then advise Council so we know where we stand.

Also, if Main Street is not interested then possibly the City would become involved. Since Mr. Dukelow has taken on the additional duties of the Fall Festival Parade and the Fireworks when the Jaycees disbanded, then possibly he would consider adding the Block Party to that list.

It was noted that Mr. Dukelow had quite a bit on his plate already.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Croce had nothing to report.

President Sloane advised that seeing there are three new Council members on Council he would encourage them to attend classes for elected officials. The classes will be paid for by the City and they are extremely valuable. Also, our Auditor's, Bowman and Company, offer budget courses for Council that also are highly recommended.

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION #09-41 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY (Joseph Buono)

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#09-45 – RESOLUTION DECLARING ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200th BIRTHDAY (February 12, 2009) A DAY FOR CELEBRATION IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO "TAKE A LAWYER TO LUNCH IN WOODBURY" TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Fleming explained that he was the person responsible for suggesting this resolution and hoped that it would become an annual event.

Councilwoman Brown invited everyone to attend Deptford Township's Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. The event will take place on Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 pm at the Deptford Township Recreation Center.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis advised that he attended Wenonah's Reorganization Meeting and was pleased to report that they had nothing but good reports for the work of our Fire Official, Joseph Buono, provides to Wenonah.

Also, the Mayor announced that tomorrow is the Official Grand Ribbon Tying at the PNC Bank on Broad Street. He explained that the terminology "Tying" is used now, rather than "Grand Ribbon Cutting" because it represents a business tying itself with the community.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised that the Manager at the PNC Bank to which the Mayor referred was a Woodbury High School graduate who is very much interested in making an impact on Woodbury.

Mr. Bowe also advised that he received notice that there was one more JIF dinner for credit which will be held on January 29th in Hammonton for those individuals who did not make the other dinner meetings for elected officials.

The Clerk/Administrator referenced a resolution distributed this evening from the County advising that their contract with Wheelabrator is about to run out.

Mr. Bowe also referenced a letter from the Solicitor requesting a meeting with Habitat for Humanity to see exactly what their intentions are for the homes they are planning to build in Woodbury.

Also, there was a memo received from WORC regarding the business that is planning to sublet the facilities at the Train Station.

President Sloane inquired if everyone had a chance to review the memo and if so to approve the business going into the Train Station this evening.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, WORC was given the approval to proceed with the lease contract for the use of the Train Station.

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 Non-Agenda Items.

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

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, there was a five-minute recess before Council went into Executive Session. President Sloane advised that no action would be taken upon return to the Regular Session (Approximately 8:15 pm)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tierney left during the Closed Session at 8:32 pm

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the Regular Order of Business was resumed

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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 R. Scheffler

Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Lieutenant Cope
Public Works: Michael Walsh
Solicitor's Ofc: Jeff Daniels, Esq.