

January 23, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Curtis at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Deputy Administrator, Robert Law, 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, 2003.

The Invocation was delivered by Chaplain Frank W. Evans, Jr. of the American Legion Post #133.

In observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday, Mr. Stanley El delivered a speech entitled "Loving your Enemies" .

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schrock, Schreyer, Brown, Sloane, Grebb, Louis, Graziani, President Curtis and Mayor Clark

Absent: No One

THE MAYOR SWORE IN SERGEANT STEPHEN COPE

Mayor Clark read a Letter of Recommendation from Police Chief Merinuk supporting the promotion of Detective Stephen Cope to Sergeant.

Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Cope.

Sergeant Cope introduced his family and friends who were present in the audience.

PRESIDENT CURTIS

President Curtis thanked the Mayor and Councilwoman Schreyer for attending a Strategy Session with Congressman Andrews last Monday regarding transportation and funding information that would be available to municipalities for other than road improvements.

MINUTES

Councilman Louis requested that the following changes be made to the minutes of January 3, 2003 as follows; Resolution #03-15 should be Councilman Louis seconding the motion, not Councilman Craig; Resolution #03-16 should be motion made by Councilman Graziani not Councilman Louis; and lastly, Resolution #03-24 should be motion made by Councilman Graziani not Councilman Louis as indicated.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the minutes of December 30, 2002 were approved as submitted and the minutes of January 3, 2003 were approved with the proper corrections being made.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items only.

As no one desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #03-38 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERBILLINGS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-40 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-41 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-42 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH S.G.C. CONSULTING, INC. FOR COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000.00

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-43 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,600.00

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #03-44 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PARKER MCCAY & CRISCUOLO, PA FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #03-45 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (TCDI) GRANT PROGRAM

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-46 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Harry Haushalter)

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #03-48 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CHURCHILL CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Graziani inquired why this professional service resolution did not include the same language as the other professional service resolutions with the terminology “not to exceed the amount of”.

Mr. Law advised that the amount of the contract was \$80,000 and language to this effect appears in the actual agreement.

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

RESOLUTION #03-49 – RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO A TAX ABATEMENT DATED JULY 14, 1980, CONCERNING PROJECT DESCRIBED AS BLOCK 162, LOT 1B, (NOW KNOWN AS BLOCK 162, LOT 1.02) AND BLOCK 148, LOT 24A, WOODBURY, NJ (THE PROJECT)

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Roy Duffield, Tax Assessor, explained that this parcel of land known as Lakeside Apartments was originally funded under New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

Bonding; however, the owners now need to refinance and one of the requirements is that authorization be granted that the tax abatement agreement would continue.

Mr. Hasbrouck inquired if there would be any changes to the original agreement by extending the terms.

Mr. Duffield stated that the only change would be a service charge to the City in lieu of taxes based on gross revenues of the project from 6.28 % to 7%.

Councilman Louis referred to a statement that listed a figure of \$60,000 and inquired what the actual tax figure would be if they were to pay taxes. Mr. Hasbrouck stated that although he was not involved in the arrangements of the agreement back when it was originally done, he could only assume that it was in their best interest as well as the City's to agree to the "in lieu of taxes" contract.

Councilman Graziani asked why was it being done at this time. Mr. Hasbrouck responded that the refinancing company wanted some guarantees that the same program would continue.

Mayor Clark stated that many of the tenants who live at that complex have children who attend the Woodbury School System, and "Does the school receive any money from that 7% agreed upon?" Mr. Hasbrouck stated that it did not.

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

RESOLUTION #03-50 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERBILLINGS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the vouchers as presented, listed and certified were authorized paid.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilman Schrock presented two raffle applications: one for St. Patrick's P.T.A., raffle to be held on March 18, 2003; and the other from the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, Inc. raffle to be held June 10, 2003. On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Grebb, both applications were approved as submitted with the exception of President Curtis abstaining from the vote for St. Patrick's P.T.A..

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Schrock presented two applications for membership to the Goodwill Fire Company: one from Gregory Carey of Woodbury; and the other from Christopher LaCroix of Woodbury. On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie, both applications were approved as submitted.

Councilman Schrock requested that Mr. Law update Council on an e-mail he received concerning the purchase of a new fire truck

Mr. Law stated that there are insufficient funds available for the purchase of a new truck as originally planned; the bid received was over the amount the City was planning to spend. President Curtis suggested that the Finance Committee and Fire Department Chief along with Mr. Law get together to discuss other options.

PUBLIC WORKS

President Curtis suggested that the Public Works Committee meet to discuss the change orders that have been submitted by the contractor for the West Street Project.

UTILITIES

Councilman Riskie referenced a correspondence he received from Rick Middleton, Public Works Supervisor, advising that the City is replacing its chlorination system at various well sites

from gas systems to tablet systems. The change will start January 15th and will be implemented gradually; if anyone has any questions they should contact Mr. Middleton.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown thanked Stanley El for his speech in honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance.

RESOLUTION #03-39 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTIONS #02-166 AND #02-205 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 114 LOT 30 A/K/A 50 HOPKINS STREET

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-47 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A-2906 ‘RESPONSIBLE PIT BULL OWNERSHIP LICENSING ACT’

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown inquired if the Council desks could face the audience as has been requested by many of her constituents. President Curtis stated that they could not; they were stationary and could not be repositioned at this time.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark spoke on the following subjects:

1. Mayor Clark publicly acknowledged the twenty years of service given by Jackie Kupsey in the Tax Assessor's Office. Ms. Kupsey has resigned and has accepted employment in Greenwich Township;
2. The Mayor regrettably advised of the death of Mayor Duffy of Monroe Township and had ordered that the flags be flown at half-mast in her memory;

3. Mayor Clark stated that she received a "Thank-you" from the Woodbury Thundering Herd thanking Council for its support;
4. The Mayor referred to the conference President Curtis, Councilwoman Schreyer and she attended with Congressman Andrews concerning transportation. Mayor Clark stated that the information shared at the conference was extremely informative and hopes that Woodbury will be able to utilize some of the opportunities available;
5. Mayor Clark advised that she attended an ice-rescue training session conducted by the Woodbury Fire Department at the YMCA;
6. The Mayor welcomed Tom Haas to the Woodbury Historic Preservation Commission and looks forward to working with him; and
7. Finally, Mayor Clark stated that over the last several weeks she has attended many meetings and has talked to many people who have shared their favorable comments and who are looking forward to the changes that are being discussed for Woodbury.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the Floor was opened to the Public for non-agenda items.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, it was moved that the Regular Order of Business be suspended and Council go into Executive Session. Council went into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m..

E X E C U T I V E S E S S I O N

On motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Sloane, Council resumed the Regular Order of Business at 8:55 p.m..

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m..

ROBERT LAW
Deputy Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Engineer: William Fleming
Construction Code Official: William Wakemen
Construction Office: Brian Bosworth, Tom Stone
Economic Development Director: Stanley El
Neighborhood Preservation Director: Virginia Horn
Librarian, Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Merinuk
Public Works Manager: Mike Walsh
Recording Secretary: Fran A. Nigro
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.
Tax Assessor: Roy Duffield