

January 24, 2005.

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Harry R. Riskie 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 5, 2005.

President Riskie requested a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Curtis, Louis, Sloane, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

Absent: Brown, *Graziani (**Arrived at 7:45 p.m.**)

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the meeting of December 27, 2004 were approved as submitted.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of the Re-organization Meeting of January 5, 2005 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to inquire about Resolution #05-50, "Resolution Accepting a \$350,000 Special Purpose Grant from the NJ Department of the Treasury, Division of Administration for the Construction of a Skateboard Park". Mr. Jenkins' question was whether the original quote for the construction of the skateboard park was closer to \$500,000 or was closer to the figure in the resolution.

Mayor Clark stated that the original quote was around \$385,000, of which the City already had a previous grant for \$50,000. When added together, we are within the grant monies received to do the project.

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE #1984-05 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE: HEALTH, BOARD OF

Councilman Grimming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the next Regular Meeting of Council on February 14, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #05-38 - 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 Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-39 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL A. AIMINO, ESQ. FOR SERVICES AS CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-40 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM H. BUCKLEY, III FOR SERVICES AS AUDITOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-41 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JOSEPH J. SCHIAVO, P.E. FOR SERVICES AS CITY ENGINEER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-42 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PARKER, MCCAY & CRISCUOLO FOR SERVICES AS BOND COUNSEL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-43 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DAVID STROUT OF CETTEI & CONNELL FOR SERVICES AS INSURANCE AGENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,132.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

***COUNCILMAN GRAZIANI ARRIVED AT 7:45 pm**

RESOLUTION #05-44 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS AND INTEREST PER BANKRUPTCY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-45 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 97, LOTS 21.01 AND 22.03 a/k/a 35 BELLEVUE AVENUE

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-46 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-47 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLANCY & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE AWARDING OF THE SAFE STREETS TO SCHOOL PROGRAM PROJECT

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-48 - RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES (53 NEWTON AVENUE)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-49 - RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES (490 MANTUA AVENUE)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-50 - RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$350,000 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATEBOARD PARK

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-51 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

PUBLIC SAFETY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Sloane presented three applications for membership into the Friendship Fire Company; the applicants were: Walter Trout of 163 W. Centre Street, Michael Laverty of 335 King Street, and Mark Gartner of 73 E. Centre Street.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, all three applications were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Tierney thanked all public works employees who worked during the weekend to help with the recent snowfall to help make our streets safe for all.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Schreyer introduced Virginia Horn to brief Council on the continuation of the Neighborhood Preservation Program for the next five years.

Ms. Horn first gave a closeout report for the previous five year program. Ms. Horn explained the competitive process whereby residents applied and received grant money set aside for the program. Ms. Horn then mentioned individually all the people she is thankful to who have helped her conduct such a successful program. Ms. Horn spoke of some of the specifics offered including the housing rehab program, which also is funded through the HOME Program.

Mr. Bowe referenced a similar program in which the City was involved dating back several years. Mr. Bowe also related the City's ongoing efforts to get grant monies into the City to attempt to rehab the City's housing stock. To now, again, get another five year NP Program is truly a compliment to Ms. Virginia Horn and the work she has done with the program. President Riskie also thanked Virginia Horn for her hard work.

Stephanie Patterson, 50 Hopkins Street, stated that she has been involved with the NP Program for the past five years and wanted to share a positive comment made at a recent Neighborhood Watch Meeting by one of the Board Members. It is the opinion of the realtors in Mt. Laurel that it is a good thing to purchase a home in Woodbury, especially on Hopkins Street. Ms. Patterson wanted to share this so Council knew that all the efforts being put into the program are working.

MAYOR

Mayor Leslie Clark thanked the Public Works Department, Fire Department and Police Department for all their efforts in making the City a safer place for the residents during the recent snowstorm.

Mayor Clark also announced that Congressman Andrews was at the Friendship Fire Company this morning to talk to our Fire Chief, Drew Bain, and County Fire Marshall, Bill Reiger, as well as to meet with our local firefighters to ask questions regarding their experiences and needs which will be taken by the Congressman back to Washington on our behalf. The Mayor stated that she was very appreciative of Congressman Andrews taking the time out of his busy schedule to do this for the City of Woodbury.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report for the Current Fund for the month of December 2004 which was received as filed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

President Riskie inquired regarding the status of Wick Boulevard Project. Mr. Weir stated that his office is currently working on the specs and the project will go out to bid this spring.

PUBLIC

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

As no one came forward, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and Council went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:20 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Solicitor was authorized to act on behalf of the City as discussed in Executive Session regarding 30 E. Barber Avenue.

Mr. Bowe advised that the City was moving forward with plans involving the Green Hotel Building for redevelopment with a private developer.

Councilman Curtis inquired as to the status of any liens against the property in question if the City acquired it through eminent domain.

Mr. Law stated that it would be the responsibility of the developer to take care of the liens.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Engineer's Office: Dwight Weir

NPP Program: Virginia Horn

Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire.

Police: Sergeant Duffy

Public Works: Rick Middleton