

February 11, 2008

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 given by the Reverend Wendell F. McGinnis, Jr., Pastor, North Baptist Church.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: No One

President Sloane took a moment to thank everyone for their condolences during the recent passing of his mother.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2008 were approved as submitted.

PRESENTATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Stanley El read an excerpt from the Black History Minutes reflecting on the equality of all men in honor of Black History Month.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN CARTER

Mayor Curtis introduced John Carter, life long resident of Woodbury. Mr. Carter, 314 Briar Hill Lane, came forward to explain his intention of putting into place a chapter of the Road Runners Club of America in Woodbury in honor of Browning Ross. Mr. Carter then gave a brief history on the accomplishments of Browning Ross and his love of running. Mr. Carter than named all the people who have made Woodbury proud, many for their athletic achievements

and stated that he would love to make Woodbury a runner friendly town considering the City has eighteen (18) parks within the City limits and by establishing the Road Runners Club along with bringing back the Woodbury Relays these events would help bring attention to the town in a positive way.

Lynn Dennen read a commentary regarding the future visions that are being planned for Woodbury in the overall area of recreation.

Mayor Curtis stated that he is aware that the people involved in putting the Road Runners Club together have worked very hard to get this far and have only the best intentions for the City.

Councilman Riskie inquired that although running is the prime focus, maybe they should consider walking as well.

Mr. Carter stated that the intent is to get everyone involved, young, old and yes walking would be included.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the club was open to the public. Mr. Carter stated that it was, and right now they are meeting once a month. Anyone interested in joining can contact him directly.

President Sloane thanked Mr. Carter for the information and welcomed him back to update Council on the progress of the Club.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2068-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR 17 HOPKINS STREET, WOODBURY, NJ

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	9	Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, President Sloane
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Nays	0	
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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

VOUCHERS

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

RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #08-64 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REQUESTING NEW STATE REGULATIONS TO PERMIT LOCAL POLICE TO ENFORCE NEW TRUCKING REGULATIONS AND THE CREATION OF FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO OFF-SET THE IMPACT OF NEW TOLL HIKES

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis explained that this resolution came about because of another resolution from Hopewell Township and the impact that the proposed toll hike increase would have on many smaller towns not to mention the increase of local traffic.

Mayor Curtis further stated that he attended a luncheon with the Governor where this topic came up and the Governor encouraged all municipalities to support the resolution.

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

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilman Louis presented a raffle application from the Woodbury Alumni Foundation. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the application was approved as submitted; Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote.

Councilman Louis presented two raffle applications from St. Patrick's Church. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, both applications were

approved as submitted. Councilwomen Brown and Schreyer along with Councilman Riskie abstained from this vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION #08-63 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REJECTING BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

James Pierson, City Solicitor, explained that there were only two bidders who submitted and both were too high.

Councilman Louis inquired why the bids came in so high; was it because of the type of meters we were purchasing?

Mr. Law stated that he had talked with Rich Leidy to discuss why the unit price came in double of what was anticipated stating that possibly there was some misinterpretation in the specifications; if not, and this is the standard installation price then we would have to break down the project into a three stage installation.

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

PERSONNEL

Councilman Riskie advised that the JIF people have suggested some changes to be made to the Personnel Evaluation Forms and this will be completed in the very near future. In addition there will also be changes made in the Personnel Manual. This will probably be addressed after the Budget has been finalized.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney advised that she met with Mr. Dukelow and discussed how homeowners have taken it upon themselves to remove trees from in front of their properties in the City's right-of-way. When checking our ordinance books to see how this should be handled, it was discovered that there were no ordinances on record to use as a guideline. After checking on the internet, Councilwoman Tierney stated that she found a couple of samples and will refer them to our Solicitor for review. The concern here is that people are removing trees that really should not be removed thus effecting the City's environment.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that she has discussed the possibility of WORC working with the City relating to funding of trees with monies they have available. A WORC Meeting will be held at the Train Station on March 13th at 7:30; anyone from the Environmental Committee would be welcomed to attend.

Councilman Belko inquired why trees are becoming such a problem.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that mainly because of damage being done to curbs and sidewalks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown announced that tomorrow at 9:30 am at the Woodbury High School a program relating to Black History Month will be held where students can hear about events that occurred from their elders. The program is called "Sitting at the Feet of the Elders"; are all welcomed to attend.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that she has been working along with Councilwoman Brown to present a program to remember John Green and Henry Pendleton. A meeting is scheduled to discuss further the details in Council Chambers at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Councilman Fleming advised that the Redevelopment Meeting previously scheduled for the 13th of February will not take place because of insufficient time to advertise the meeting. The tentative new date will be Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 pm.

Also Councilman Fleming stated that a Budget Workshop may be taking place on Thursday the 21st; but will advise of the definite date.

Councilman Fleming also advised that he attended a seminar sponsored by our auditors on municipal budgets. These seminars are always very informative.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired when the deadline is for the budget. Mr. Law responded March 21, 2008.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis discussed the following subjects:

1. Mayor Curtis thanked Council persons Riskie and Brown for their attendance at the Annual Firemen's Banquet. This year's event included a Presentation of Citations to

Members of three local companies where a life was saved at Woodlake Apartments last January. The recipients were Captain Lester Theodore, Deputy Chief William Gotthardt, Lieutenant Chris LaCroox, Firefighter Randy Ballinger, Firefighter Michael Laverty, Firefighter Will Schoenliber;

2. Also a special thanks for everyone who worked on the Tourism program which the County is in the process of developing. Mayor Curtis stated that 90% of the people who responded to the survey were from Woodbury;

3. Mayor Curtis advised that he met with Governor Corzine today with several other Mayors where State Funding was the topic of discussion. Some of the items they discussed were: extraordinary aid, toll increases, school funding, light rail, and a fuel tax increase; and

4. Also at this meeting was the Department of Transportation Commissioner who the Mayor stated he had the opportunity to speak to concerning Route 45 in Woodbury.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised that there will be a Public Auction for the Sale of a Liquor License previously held by Alessandro Enterprises, LLC in Council Chambers on February 20, 2008 at 10:00 am. The sale of the license will be conducted by the Division of Taxation.

PUBLIC

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

Ms. Stephanie Jones, 140 Spring Street, came forward to inquire if the City sells any old items that they not longer have use for.

President Sloane advised that we did and to contact Mr. Bowe for information.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

THOMAS B. BOWE

Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Emergency Mgmt Ofcr: Lieutenant Cope

Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Public Works: Michael Walsh

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.