

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 and 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.

The Reverend Robert Moore of the One Way Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Stephanie Patterson read a poem in honor of Black History Month.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

**Absent:** Brown, Curtis, Schreyer

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grimming the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2005 were approved as submitted.

### **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 Agenda Items Only.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, approached Council and inquired about the increase mentioned in Resolution #05-55 regarding the Police Sergeants Contract. The increase was verified at 4% each year.

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

### **ORDINANCES**

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

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance and explained its purpose.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by roll call vote.

Ayes	6	Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Brown, Curtis, Schreyer

**ORDINANCE #1985-05 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A., 40A:12-13, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 AND N.J.S.A. 40:55-C-37: BLOCK 142, LOT 6.01**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was passed 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 28, 2005.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #05-53 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

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 motion.

**RESOLUTION #05-54 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING THE WOODBURY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING CONVERSION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis stated that he welcomed the program because this conversion was in the City's best interest.

Councilman Sloane stated that many other towns have participated in this program with great success.

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

**RESOLUTION #05-56 - RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Negotiations and Litigation)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Riskie advised that action may be taken when Council returns to the Regular Order of Business after the Executive Session this evening.

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

**RESOLUTION #05-57 - RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTIONS OF CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR IN DECLARING EMERGENCY CONDITION AT 408 MANTUA AVENUE**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Riskie explained the nature of the emergency and the City's responsibilities and the homeowner's responsibilities concerning the repairs.

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 Councilman Sloane, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

**BUDGET**

Councilman Louis advised that the 2005 Budget has to be in Trenton by March 11, 2005 which means that a Special Workshop Meeting is being called so that this could be accomplished. A Special Workshop is being requested for Saturday, March 5th, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and then a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. when Council will discuss any proposed changes to the budget.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**RESOLUTION #05-52 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE WOODBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane spoke about his objection to the word "approving" instead of "accepting" in this document because of the possible liability factor. The City Solicitor, Michael Aimino, assured Councilman Sloane that the word "approving" was acceptable.

Mike Aimino, City Solicitor, further stated that when Council acts in its official capacity, it has certain immunities and after balancing out both words and speaking with the Borough of Westville whose Solicitor reviewed the same materials also using the word "approving", Mr. Aimino was very comfortable with the word "approving".

Councilman Sloane was still not in total agreement of the wording; however, he did want to compliment both departments for all the time that was put into compiling the guidelines which can be very time consuming.

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

**RESOLUTION #05-55 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SERGEANTS OF THE WOODBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RAFFLE APPLICATION**

Councilman Sloane presented a raffle application from Woodbury Main Street, Inc. . On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the application was approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilwoman Tierney informed everyone that Councilwoman Schreyer was not present this evening due to an emergency appendectomy that she had to undergo on Thursday.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION #05-58 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS TO PERFECT THE HOPKINS STREET MINOR SUBDIVISION**

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #05-59 - RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00**

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark updated Council on a recent meeting she attended where the subject of “lightrail” was discussed. The Mayor referred to a package she copied and distributed to each Councilperson, referencing two future meetings to be held in our area on Tuesday, March 1st at the Rowan University Student Center Ballroom and Thursday, March 3rd at the Deptford Municipal Building both from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. The forum for the meetings will be an open house format and public opinion will be welcomed and encouraged. Other meeting dates are February 22, 23, and 24th which are at other locations not as convenient. Mr. Law will be posting all the details on the City’s website.

Mayor Clark also advised that the first meeting of the Skate Park Committee was held and the Committee is in the process of establishing two Advisory Boards: one consisting of local skaters for their input, and the other consisting of adults who will be responsible for the organizing and following through for the completion of the project.

The Mayor stated that she wanted to make her own comments on the Multi-family Rental Conversion Program, advising that many details were required to make this program a reality. The Mayor stated that she has talked to Collingswood, a community who already has implemented this program, to get a copy of their legal work which commits the property owner to permanently remove their apartment if they participate in the program. The Mayor has also heard about or spoken with many other interested people such as realtors, private investors and several residents who plan to participate in the program. Mayor Clark stated she is extremely excited to work along with WORC, which will also help with extensive marketing of the program. The Mayor said she is looking forward to a successful start to this program, which will impact the City of Woodbury in a very positive way.

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, referred to a map he distributed pertaining to City property near Railroad Avenue that is currently being utilized by the Farmers’ Market. They are requesting that a gazebo-like structure for storage be constructed on City property for their use during their Saturday morning events. Mr. Bowe then invited Ms. Virginia Horn to further explain to Council this request.

Ms. Horn stated that in the past the Saturday Farmers’ Market used a tent that would have to be set up by someone, usually a volunteer, which was an extremely difficult task. The structure would be for use by the Market Manager giving him/her the ability to do his paperwork, greet customers, and conduct various raffles or drawings. Last year the tent broke and the thought was brought forward to use a permanent structure for this function as well as an advertising tool for the market.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the request for the Farmers' Market to start planning and taking the proper steps to erect a structure on City property at the Railroad Station location was granted.

Mr. Bowe advised that a benefit will be held for the Tim Gale Scholarship Fund at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Saturday, March 5th. Details will be provided when they become available as to the time of the event and price of the tickets.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **PUBLIC**

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to inquire about the status of the Tennis Courts.

Mr. Bowe stated that the lining and permanent surfacing will be completed when the weather is conducive to complete the project.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, there was a five minute recess before going into Executive Session. (8:10 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 Louis, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:30 p.m..

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

### **OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works: Thomas Dukelow  
Tax Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.