

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 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 5, 2004.

President Riskie requested a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Police Officer Patrick Sullivan of the Woodbury Police Department who passed away this past Saturday.

Mr. Law advised of the details of the arrangements for Officer Sullivan's funeral.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Curtis

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the minutes of January 26, 2004 were approved as submitted with Councilman Sloane abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC

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

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired if Council was considering raising the fees from \$50 for the Landlord/Tenant Licensing Fee.

Mr. Aimino stated he was not aware of any amendment to the current ordinance.

Mr. Chiesa then inquired if apartment rentals were considered individual units or was the \$50.00 fee for the entire complex.

Mr. Aimino responded it was \$50.00 per unit.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1970-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

As no members of the public came forward, on motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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	8	Brown, Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Schreyer, Grimming, Grebb, Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Curtis

ORDINANCE #1971-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE LANDLORD/TENANT LICENSING

Councilman Graziani presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Grebb, 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 March 8, 2004.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #04-54 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-55 - RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2004 SAFE STREETS TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-56 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PROCEEDS TO EFFECTUATE THE PURCHASE OF THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 60 HOPKINS STREET

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-57 - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-58 - RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE WICK BOULEVARD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Louis advised that this past Saturday a Budget Session Workshop was held and attended by many of the Department Heads; unfortunately, attendance from Council was very sparse. Councilman Louis stated that President Riskie, Councilman Louis and Councilwoman Schreyer were the only Council representatives present. Although the meeting was very beneficial to those who did participate, Councilman Louis stated when something as significant as the budget is discussed, it would seem to be in the best interest of everyone to have as much Council involvement as possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilman Sloane presented a raffle application for "A Night at the Races" submitted by the Knights of Columbus from St. Patrick's Church. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Sloane presented a second raffle application from the Knights of Columbus. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, this application was approved as submitted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Graziani stated that at a meeting held earlier this evening by the Economic Development Committee it was decided that \$1900 of HUD grant money will be used to do the necessary

research on how to make the website more effective and make recommendations on improvements and changes, including recommendations on how to add online services.

Councilman Graziani advised that he along with Councilman Louis attended a special meeting held by the School Board to discuss "school funding". Councilman Graziani stated that no action was taken just more talk regarding the subject matter. Councilman Graziani suggested that Council review a letter from the League of Municipalities addressing a Constitutional Convention Bill before the Senate and stated that unless our voices are heard in Trenton nothing will change this burden before us.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that a meeting occurred where the Ratepayer Advocate Office Representatives did come to Woodbury on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 to share information with the public on ways to reduce their energy bills. Pamphlets are available for the public tonight if interested, and will also be available at City Hall and the Library while supplies last.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Grimming inquired if Councilman Sloane and Councilman Graziani would be kind enough to meet with him after tonight's meeting to set up a date for a personnel committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown referenced a request she has received from the Parks & Recreation Department and asked Council to look it over for their consideration.

Councilwoman Brown also advised that she had a report regarding the Woodbury Basketball Program and that she would see to it that the Mayor and Mrs. Horn received a copy.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PRESENTATION

Thomas Dukelow, Supervisor of Parks and Recreation, presented Mayor Clark and Councilwoman Schreyer with a "Certificate of Approval for the City's Community Forestry Plan" which could enable the City to receive grant money. Mayor Clark thanked Mr. Dukelow for all the work he did to help the City receive this "Approval",

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark spoke on the following subjects:

1. The Mayor acknowledged a Letter of Resignation she received from Councilman Robert Grebb and wished Councilman Grebb the best;

Councilman Grebb publicly thanked everyone on Council with whom he had ever worked both past and present, as well as several City officials, but mainly he wanted to thank his wife, Donna and his two sons;

2. Mayor Clark extended her deepest sympathy to Officer Pat Sullivan's family on his passing and reflected on the many hats that Pat wore, and his ability to get along with so many people because of his unique sense of humor; the Mayor stated that Pat would be greatly missed;
3. The Mayor advised of a meeting where Main Street, Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, and the Merchants Association representatives expressed various ideas for the betterment of our City. John Beal, President of the Merchants Association, will be presenting a report to Council at the next regularly-scheduled Council Meeting;
4. Mayor Clark advised of the Energy Meeting she attended whereby the State Ratepayer Advocate, Seema Singh, a member of the Governors cabinet made recommendations to the residents on ways to conserve energy. Mayor Clark thanked Ms. Singh, along with Councilwoman Schreyer, and Mr. Law who all played a part in making this meeting happen;
5. The Mayor made reference to the Budget Workshop she attended last Saturday and informed of the success of the workshop. The Mayor personally thanked all the Department Heads who did attend;
6. Mayor Clark reminded everyone that a District Briefing Session will be held at the Bellmawr Community Center on Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. and is being sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Roberts. All Council members are encouraged to attend;
7. Mayor Clark also advised that the Chamber of Commerce will be having their Annual Dinner Dance honoring their Person of the Year. This year's honoree is Bob Shyrock. Tickets are \$45 and the dinner will be held Saturday, March 6th; and
8. The Mayor also reminded everyone about the Pasta Party to be held by the Merchants Association at the Masonic Hall on Sunday, March 7th, with proceeds benefiting Main Street Woodbury.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Law requested authorization to update the appraisals previously received for the properties on Hopkins Street and Barber Avenue; specifically 37 and 39 Hopkins Street and 26, 28 and 30 E. Barber Avenue. Mr. Aimino explained that appraisals done last year on those properties had to be updated.

Mayor Clark inquired from Mr. Aimino if the fact that the properties have been vacant for so long would hurt the appraised value.

Mr. Aimino responded that he did not believe the vacancy would impact the appraisal.

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Grimming, authorization was granted to have the subject properties re-appraised as requested.

Mr. Law also requested authorization to have new plans and specifications drawn by the Engineer for the purpose of going out to bid again for the Wick Blvd. Storm Sewer Project.

Councilman Louis inquired why this was being done.

Mr. Schiavo explained that the old specifications needed to be revised and the end result would be a cost savings over the previous specifications.

On motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the request was granted to re-bid the Wick Blvd. Project.

Mr. Law advised of a Planning Board Hearing Notice in the Council packets where the subject to be discussed will be the Lawland Associates.

REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Treasurer's Report for the Current Fund for the entire 2003 calendar year was received as filed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

President Riskie inquired if there were any questions pertaining to the Engineer's Report which was distributed this evening. There were no questions for the Engineer.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the public for non-agenda items.

Don Sanderson, former Mayor of the City of Woodbury, came forward to give a brief background and history on how Councilman Grebb came on board as a Council member. Mr. Sanderson went on to explain how Bob Grebb was asked to fill the shoes of Jack Scott, a former Third Ward Councilperson, who resigned after many years of dedicated service to the City and who was going to be a difficult vacancy to fill. Mr. Sanderson explained how the only person he could think of to take on such a task was Bob Grebb and the former Mayor has never regretted the choice. Mr. Sanderson stated that not only did Councilman Grebb fill the vacancy with dignity, he did so fairly and with such grace that he has nicknamed him, "Mr. Cool". In addition to being an outstanding City official, Bob has also done an excellent job, along with his wife Donna, of raising two of the finest sons any parent could wish to have.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to advise Council of a problem in his neighborhood with young adults who are publicly smoking marijuana on City streets. Mr. Jenkins inquired if the Police Department could take more serious measures to deter this from happening on our streets.

Mr. Jenkins had another issue regarding litter left after trash collection on the part of the Public Works Department workers.

Mr. Dukelow advised that once that occurs to immediately call the Public Works Department advising of the trash truck number.

Mr. Jenkins also inquired about the Public Hearing for the RCA Agreement.

Ms. Horn stated that first approval must be received from COAH and the Gloucester County Planning Board, then the public hearing will be held.

William Wakemen, 22 S. American Street, came forward as a taxpayer to thank Bob Grebb, for making whatever cuts were necessary to keep budget costs down during the City Hall Renovations Project.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the public portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Each Councilperson shared personal thoughts regarding Councilman Grebb and how deeply he will be missed on Council.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, Councilman Grebb's resignation was accepted with regret.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

ROBERT LAW
Deputy Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Joseph Schiavo
Construction Code Official: William Wakemen
Construction Office: Brian Bosworth, Tom Stone
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Thomas Dukelow, Supervisor
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.