

February 25, 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 Reverend Robert Moore, Associate Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of February 11, 2008 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #08-74 – RESOLUTION REDUCING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES OF WOODBURY CLUB, L.L.C. REGARDING REDUCTION #1

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney asked for a clearer explanation for the purpose of this resolution.

James Pierson, City Solicitor, explained that whenever someone does a project to improve a property, as the project progresses they are entitled to ask for reductions for what has been done relative to the performance bond; this is all they are doing. The property in question is the old Greenbrier Nursing Facility on Evergreen Avenue.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION #08-73 – RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST CENTRE STREET (JACKSON TO BROAD) TO MOUNT CONSTRUCTION

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Belko asked Mr. Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, to talk about the project and exactly what will occur as the project gets underway. Mr. Wilkinson continued by explaining about the materials that will be used and how the pipeline will be dealt with.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #08-71 – RESOLUTION REQUESTING NJDOT TO IMPLEMENT PORTIONS OF THE SHORT RANGE PLANS FROM THE NJDOT ROUTE 45 TRAFFIC STUDY OF MAY 2006

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Belko inquired why another resolution was needed.

President Sloane explained that another resolution was needed to conduct the study because of changes that were made to a resolution previously adopted.

More conversation continued regarding the study because of some concerns Councilman Belko had with pedestrian safety.

The Mayor requested that item #4 be amended in the resolution and also the section pertaining to Curtis Avenue.

President Sloane expressed some concerns regarding the Curtis Avenue request.

The Mayor advised that he spoke with Chris Glory who is a Deputy Commissioner from the Department of Transportation and was advised to write a letter regarding the City's requests.

President Sloane stated that he was unaware of this and now that he is we should table this resolution and a new one be introduced and a letter be written to Chris Glory at the Department of Transportation requesting the changes we discussed.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was tabled until such time that the recommended changes as discussed are made and the letter written by the Mayor for Council be reviewed so that everyone is aware what they are agreeing to and requesting.

RESOLUTION #08-71 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSUMPTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT ELECTRIC COCTS RE: PROPOSED HUNTER AND BROAD STREET LIGHT

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Villari commended Councilman Fleming for laying the foundation for the future Economic Development of Woodbury. Councilman Villari stated he also met with Bob Leather to discuss several other projects that are being considered in the very near future while awaiting for the Department of Transportation's response.

Councilman Villari also advised that we are still awaiting for the Bid Challenge Grant decision which we are still being considered for and have a very good chance of getting.

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION #08-68 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #08-69 – WILL NOT BE PRESENTED THIS EVENING

RESOLUTION #08-70 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH POLICE LIEUTENANTS

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney advised that her Committee will be attending the next WORC Meeting being held at the Train Station on March 13, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

President Sloane advised that many supermarkets are suggesting that patrons bring their own recycling bags and are even selling canvas bags for that purpose. If you stop to think just how many bags a person uses if they go food shopping each week per person, it could save our landfills a great deal of trash if everyone gave thought to using their own canvas bag each time they shopped. He thought this was worth mentioning.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #08-65 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 118, LOT 36 A/K/A 60 CURTIS AVENUE

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-66 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #08-46 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 102, LOT 2 A/K/A 45 NELSON AVENUE

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-67 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AND PROCEDURAL MANUAL

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that she has contacted our State Legislatures regarding the Grant we applied for earlier to ensure that we do not get lost in the shuffle.

Councilwoman Schreyer also advised that small electronic devices can be recycled at any Best Buy store.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Fleming stated that he had a meeting with the County's Engineer and the Police Chief pertaining to the proposed construction of the garage at Broad and Hunter Streets. One of the topics of concern was parking along Hunter Street, and the estimated time construction will be going on. The project is tentatively scheduled to start sometime in May.

Councilman Fleming stated that the first kick-off meeting for the redevelopment committee was held on Wednesday and we will continue to have other meetings so that people are informed regarding the progress of what is being discussed.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Law, Chief Financial Officer advised that he plans to introduce the budget at the March 10th Council Meeting as he has been advised that it must be in Trenton by March 11th with the application for Extraordinary Aid due by March 21st. There was some conversation

about when the Department Heads should meet and when the Council Members could meet. It was finally decided that the schedule will be the Department Heads meeting on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss their proposed budgets with a Workshop Meeting planned for March 8th, Saturday at 9:00 am.

Councilman Louis advised that he received a call from someone who lives in the Third Ward who had spoken with Bob Clark regarding the auction for the Liquor License. Mr. Clark supposedly told the individual that the auction was cancelled because the lien had been satisfied with the bank. In addition, this person also mentioned that he spoke with Cindy Travato who told him the same thing. Councilman Louis is bringing this information forward because the auction did occur and in fact Mr. Clark was the winning bidder for the sale of the liquor license.

Mayor Curtis stated that he received information from someone who worked in the bank relating the same information.

Mr. Bowe advised that whoever that caller was should have contacted his office to get an official response concerning the sale of the license.

Councilman Louis stated that his concerns were that the person who called him was expressing his discontent because the person who won the auction of the liquor license was the one who was giving out the information that the sale was not going to take place, which gave the appearance he was attempting to eliminate as many perspective bidders as he could to work for his benefit. Councilman Louis indicated that he wanted Council to be aware of the information he received.

President Sloane advised that the sale of the license was being conducted by the Division of Taxation and if there are any challenges they should be handled through a civil suit between the two parties. The City had no input either in the sale of the license or giving out any information regarding the cancellation of the sale. It appears to be a "he said, she said" situation.

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that the meeting she and Councilwoman Brown had previously scheduled for February 21, 2008 has been re-scheduled for March 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers. The meeting was to discuss a Memorial for John Green and Howard Pendleton.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis spoke on the following subjects:

1. The Mayor advised that on the first weekend in March there will be a Hazardous Waste Collection Day scheduled at the County Landfill on Monroeville Road, and will continue every first Saturday of the month thereafter;
2. Mayor Curtis stated there were two official grand openings on Broad Street of two new businesses: one was Scotto's Pizzeria and the other was Dollar Sea;
3. The Mayor advised that he is planning to meet with people from the State to apply for a grant for safe roads for schools. This has been a topic of concern for Woodbury; the Mayor also stated that the Department of Transportation has requested a letter from him regarding the above subject matter.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Mayor was directed to write the letter to DOT as discussed above.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised of the Liquor License Sale recently held by the Division of Taxation. The license was sold for \$32,000 to Bob Clark and Al Nicolosi as a partnership.

Also the Administrator asked for a motion to allow the shredding of old checks per our CFO's, Mr. Law's, memo. Councilman Riskie presented the motion which was seconded by Councilwoman Tierney.

Mr. Bowe also advised that the filing of primary petitions are due in his office by April 7th, 2008.

Mr. Bowe invited questions for the City Engineer, Ted Wilkinson, who was present this evening.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about the decision regarding the sign at the new Soccer Complex and what decision was made on naming the complex.

Mayor Curtis advised that everyone received an e-mail regarding the naming of the field after Mr. Kelly, but because of the fields being in Deptford, he was advised that this suggestion was not acceptable. Also at the last Deptford Planning Board Meeting, the original owner of the property was present and stated that if the field was going to be named after anyone she would like to see her brother's name used. The third option is there will be three (3) fields at this location and possibly each field could be named after someone different.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he would like to do a back-up grant for our CDBG Grant just in case the original grant is not approved.

Mayor Curtis stated that the Laurel Street Parking area near the railroad needs work. Also there has been an increase of traffic on Green Avenue since the building of the Woodbury Mews and this area should also be looked at, possibly eliminating one-way traffic.

Councilman Belko made an announcement that on Thursday; and Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. and at a matinee on Saturday, Woodbury High School will present the musical "In the Woods".

PUBLIC

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

Stephanie Jones, 140 Spring Street, came forward to inquire if fencing and lighting will be installed at the YMCA Football fields.

President Sloane stated that because of the lack of funding, this is not one of the projects we will be looking at this year.

Councilman Fleming stated that possibly fencing could be accomplished by using sponsors.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Riskie, 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 8:50 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 Officer: Lieutenant Steven Cope
Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.