

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 3, 2006.

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend David Coles, of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Brown, Curtis, Louis, Tierney, Sloane, Curtis, Grimming, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

**Absent:** No One

**MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of February 13, 2006 were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR PRESENTS LETTER OF RECOGNITION**

Mayor Leslie Clark read a letter of recognition she prepared in honor of Paul Bunn, an avid volunteer, who has helped the City of Woodbury through the time he has dedicated especially to repairing and repainting the shutters at City Hall. The Mayor presented an accommodation letter along with team jerseys from the Woodbury baseball, and basketball teams.

Mr. Bunn greatly appreciated again the recognition and expressed his sincerest thanks stating he would gladly do volunteer work if a need arises.

**PUBLIC**

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

As no one desired to address Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**ORDINANCE #2019-06 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND ESTABLISH SALARIES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION ON THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed by a roll call vote.

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| Ayes | 9 |
| Nays | 0 |

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **RESOLUTION #06-61 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation & Attorney/Client Privilege)**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Riskie advised that no action would be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

#### **RESOLUTION #06-62 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH VERIZON FOR THE CITY TO REIMBURSE THE COST OF AN APPRAISAL FOR BLOCK 119, LOT 8, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE VERIZON PARKING LOT, AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,750.00**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

## **VOUCHERS**

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

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the Budget Committee would be meeting this week to discuss items that could possibly be cut as discussed at the Budget Workshop Meeting held a week ago.

Councilwoman Tierney thanked everyone who attended the Budget Workshop and especially Bob Law for working along with the Department Heads. This particular workshop seemed to be the most productive in recent years.

## **PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES**

Councilman Belko advised that a meeting was held last Friday with the Merchants and the concern of trash collection was discussed. Councilman Belko advised that one of the issues that will be addressed is the way and time that trash is placed on Broad Street for Monday collection. It has been, especially suggested that trash not be put out on Sunday evening along Broad Street.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Louis stated that the Economic Development and Steering Committee have continued to meet and the next meeting is March 14, 2006 at 6:15 PM at City Hall; unfortunately, the meeting is closed to the public.

## **PERSONNEL**

Councilman Grimming advised that due to scheduling conflicts the Personnel Committee was not able to meet, but will desperately try to do so before the next Council Meeting.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **PRESENTATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION DIRECTOR**

Councilwoman Brown introduced Ms. Virginia Horn, Director of the Neighborhood Preservation Program, who came forward to conduct the Public Hearing for the 5 Year Neighborhood Preservation Program and take questions and comments from the audience.

Ms. Horn introduced Colleen Devereux, Woodbury's Program Manager from the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton. Ms. Horn then explained the planning process that went into the design of the 5 Year Work Plan and recognized in the audience members of the Resident Organization who assisted in the planning process: Stephanie Patterson, Cynthia Russell, Dawn Talbert, Gwen Maddox and Dave Jenkins. Ms. Horn then summarized the 17 activities that comprise the 5 Year Work Plan. A Block and Lot Map of the target area was on display, as well as the current income limits for the forgivable loans, and these were referenced during the presentation. Ms. Horn referred the audience to page forty-two of the Work Plan, which outlined the spending plan for Year 1.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Anthony Chiesa inquired about the previous NPP and if it was successful. Ms. Horn stated that it had been successful and that she was preparing the Close Out Report and would make that available when completed. Paul Bunn asked if the old target area and the new target area were the same. Ms. Horn replied that the new target area mirrors the City's Redevelopment Zone that was established in the late 1990's and is smaller than the old target area. Dave Jenkins stated that the proposed Boys & Girls Club for Woodbury would be very expensive and would require a corporate sponsor. Ms. Horn agreed and stated that there were many details that needed to be worked out. Anthony Chiesa then inquired about the proposed job training program and suggested that contacts at DCA would be able to assist with customized training grants. Ms. Horn stated

that she and the Superintendent of Woodbury Schools, Joe Jones, had met with the customized training grant staff from Gloucester County College and that they will be partners in this new endeavor. The NPP funding would be used for tuition assistance for target area students when classes begin in the Fall semester of 2006.

There being no further comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION #06-60 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WORK PLAN FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark advised that the meeting held with the high school students pertaining to the Master Plan went very well. The students were absolutely outstanding with their many thoughtful and insightful comments for the Master Plan. The Mayor stated that she later learned that the students were so excited about their input that one of the teachers is incorporating a project involving the acceptance of more ideas as they are shared by the students. Once that is accomplished, the teacher will submit the ideas to Council to be considered when the final Master Plan is established.

The Mayor also spoke of a meeting she attended at Rowan University where Congressman Andrews invited all the Mayors in his district to discuss the "dredging" topic and listen to some tax concerns expressed by various municipalities.

Mayor Clark stated that a Public Meeting was held to discuss the Police Accreditation Process where Councilman Curtis spoke and hopefully in June the City will hear back to see if we qualified.

Last Friday evening at the Mayor's Association Dinner, Roy Duffield, Woodbury's Tax Assessor discussed the municipal re-evaluation process. Although Woodbury was not listed as one of the towns to be reassessed this year, it is only a matter of a couple of years before our town will need a reval. The Mayors who were in attendance discussed coming together as an inter-local to go out for bid on some of these assessments.

And finally, the Mayor advised that the Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance is this Friday evening and will honor the People for People Volunteer Organization. Main Street will also be holding their Annual Pasta Party this Sunday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM to raise money for their organization.

**PRESIDENT RISKIE**

President Riskie stated that he is very concerned about the reevaluation. Whoever is doing the work will be comparing market value prices which have risen dramatically since the last reevaluation.

### **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

The City Clerk stated that he distributed the Financial Disclosure Forms which must be filled out and returned.

The Clerk/Administrator also requested that Council consider waiving permit fees for work being done at the Train Station and for the removal of an underground tank on one of the redevelopment properties on Hopkins Street.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, both requests were approved.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Clerk/Administrator welcomed questions pertaining to the Engineer's Report.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired if the Reservoir Project has progressed. The City Engineer responded that a meeting will be planned for this week at his office and then arrangements will be made to further discuss the subject with Woodbury Heights.

Councilwoman Schreyer also inquired about the Woodbury/Glassboro Road Water Main Project and the Water Treatment Plant. The Engineer stated that plans and specifications are being compiled. They will have to be approved by the County, after which we will go out to bid.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired about sale signs at a location near the soccer complex. The Engineer advised that the City has been contacted by the property owner next door to see if the City is interested in expanding the soccer fields by purchasing his property. The response is that we do not need it.

Mr. Bowe advised that the Woodbury High School Boys Basketball Team will be playing their first play-off game tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Councilman Belko advised that the Woodbury High School Theatre Group will be putting on their production of "Anything Goes" this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He encouraged everyone to come out to see the show.

### **PUBLIC**

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

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and Council went into Executive Session after a five-minute recess. (8:20 pm)

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:10 pm.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Engineer: Joseph Schiavo, PE  
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R.Scheffler  
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator: Lieutenant Cope  
NPP Co-Ordinator: Virginia Horn  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works: Michael Walsh, Director  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire