

March 8, 2010

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 4, 2010.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation delivered by Dr. Robert W. Ralph of Kemble Methodist Church.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pottillo, Riskie, Fleming, Tierney, Trout, President Sloane, and Mayor Curtis

Absent: Villari, Brown, Louis,

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the minutes of February 22, 2010 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, approached Council to inquire about Ordinance #2115-10 especially regarding the 2 ½% vs. 3 ½% increases mentioned in the contents of the ordinance.

President Sloane stated that the person to directly answer that question is Mr. Law, Chief Financial Officer, who is not here tonight; however, President Sloane advised Mr. Chiesa to call Mr. Law for clarification.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired about the Professional Services Contracts on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Pierson stated that the professionals have already been named at the reorganization meeting, tonight's resolutions memorialize the agreements that go with the appointments.

Mr. John Belko, 605 Delaware Street, referenced the Redevelopment Plan Resolution #10-65 inquiring if the Plan could be reviewed on-line.

President Sloane stated that this resolution refers the Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Then, the Plan will return to City Council for final acceptance and transmission to Trenton.

Brandon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Resolution #10-59.

Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor, stated that this resolution pertained mainly to boarded-up properties.

President Sloane added that we do have another resolution in place for grass cutting and snow removal violations.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired if Resolution #10-65 was the same one we were trying to do last year.

President Sloane stated that this resolution was a culmination of a three stage process. There have been at least three public meetings that involved the input of many City residents and land owners. This resolution is merely the result of those meetings and allows the Planning Board to proceed and review the Redevelopment Plan.

As no one else came forward, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2115-10 – CALENDAR YEAR 2010 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 22, 2010.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #10-58 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY CONFIRMING THE DETAILS OF THE SALE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010A, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010B, TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PURSUANT TO THE 2009 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Fleming noted that this resolution will be the final resolution bonding any money needed to complete the Reservoir Project.

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

Ayes	6	Pottillo, Riskie, Fleming, Tierney, Trout, President Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Villari, Brown, Louis

RESOLUTION #10-61 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDED CONTRACT TO BUD CONCRETE, INC. FOR CDBG PROJECT ADA COMPLIANT HANDI-CAP RAMPS INSTALLATIONS – CITY WIDE – PHASE II

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-62 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THEODORE WILKINSON FOR THE FIRM OF FEDERICI & AKIN, P.A. FOR THE SERVICE AS CITY ENGINEER NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-63 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JAMES P. PIERSON, ESQUIRE FOR THE FIRM OF ANGELINI, VINIAR & FREEDMAN, LLP FOR SERVICES AS CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-64 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP FOR SERVICES AS AUDITOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY NOT TO EXCEED \$58,250.00

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Fleming stated that the Finance Committee recently met to discuss preliminary figures for the 2010 City Budget. At this point there is general agreement for the need to significantly reduce the budget as presented. Some of the suggestions for changes were: possible lay-offs, lower percentage raises, changes in longevity increments and furloughs. None of the above are things that the City wants to do; however, we may not have any other alternative.

President Sloane stated that many other municipalities are also experiencing the same problems; he stated that Galloway Township had to lay-off seven (7) police officers and they have a larger tax base than Woodbury.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #10-59 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IMPOSING LIEN(S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO MUNICIPALITY CODE §162-4

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-60 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ADOPTING THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

APPLICATION TO FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Pottillo presented an application for membership to Friendship Fire for Michael Laverty, 335 King Street, Woodbury, NJ. On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Pottillo stated he would like to commend the Public Works Department for the excellent job they did for snow removal during the recent snowstorms.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #10-65 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REFERRING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FORM-BASED CODE TO THE WOODBURY PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney asked if someone could please explain what happens once this resolution is adopted?

James Pierson, City Solicitor, stated that the Planning/Zoning Board will review the Redevelopment Plan and either support it as it stands or make new recommendations for Woodbury City Council to consider. Also, Mr. Pierson stated that there will be a Public Hearing during the Planning Board Meeting when the public can voice their opinions. There will be another public hearing when the final Redevelopment Plan comes back before City Council.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she has attended Planning Board Meetings and does not remember there ever being a public portion.

Mayor Curtis advised that whenever an application is being considered there is a public portion for concerns and input; only if no action is taken is there no public portion required.

Mr. Pierson advised that he would make sure that the Planning Board Solicitor is made aware that pertaining to this subject matter it is imperative that the public be invited to express their views.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Fleming advised that the City needs to consider applying for funding from one of two different programs now being offered. One is the Small Cities Program and the other is the County CDBG Program. Both programs would provide funds for various projects some of which are handled through the NPP Program at the present time; however, current NPP funding will expire on June 30th of this year. Councilman Fleming stated that all of this is something he and Mr. Bowe have looked into and in Councilman Fleming's opinion we should continue applying for funding through the County's CDBG Program.

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the Personnel Committee needs to get together soon to finalize some issues.

Also, she wanted everyone to know that two Woodbury Youth Basketball teams are competing for two different championships.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Riskie first thanked Councilman Trout for filling in for him at the last meeting and also thanked Virginia Horn for attending the (Sustainable Jersey Program) meeting and bringing back the information pertinent to that program to Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Riskie had nothing to report under this committee.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis discussed the following topics:

- 1) the City received \$3575.00 in incentives earned from the JIF Safety Program;
- 2) also the City has received notice that we will be getting \$70,000 in grant money to be used toward future development plans under the DVRPC Program;
- 3) thirty-four (34) citations were issued to residents for not removing their snow during the recent snowfall and all have been settled and fines paid;
- 4) Mayor Curtis advised that $\frac{1}{4}$ of taxes collected is kept in Trenton and $\frac{3}{4}$ is returned to the various municipalities to provide for services; so when tax cuts are made it affects us in that regard; and
- 5) the Mayor advised that Lisa Morina, from the County's Economic Development Office, was in the audience this evening representing the County. Last week we had the pleasure of meeting the County's other liaison, Mr. Bob Di Lella who attended a previous meeting.

PRESIDENT SLOANE

President Sloane suggested that possibly some of the JIF reward money could be used to replace some of the pedestrian signs that have been damaged recently.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised that Woodbury was one of 28 applicants to receive the DVRPC Grant out of 78 who applied; so we were fortunate to get this.

The Clerk also reminded everyone that political petitions can be obtained in his office and must be returned by April 12th for anyone interested in running for any local political office.

Mr. Bowe requested a motion to approve the annual request by the Woodbury Garden Club for \$1275.00 for the purchase and of the hanging baskets along Broad Street. This may be the last year for these baskets as funds are almost completely exhausted from the PSE&G Program out of which the money has been coming.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the request to donate the \$1275.00 for the maintenance of the baskets was approved. Councilman Riskie abstained from the vote.

Mr. Bowe advised that he received a letter from NJ Transit and they are considering putting the ticket machine in the County Garage on Broad Street.

PUBLIC

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

John Belko, 65 Delaware Street, approached Council to inquire if results of the County survey taken some fifteen (15) months ago were available.

Councilman Fleming stated they were not.

Lisa Morina, County representative, stated that the results were given out to Main Street and to the Mayors of the various communities involved.

Brandon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired if the County was considering charging for the use of the garage by installing a ticket machine.

Mr. Bowe stated that the machine he was referring to was for the purchase of tickets for NJ Transit bus services, not for the use of the garage.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, 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 Councilman Riskie, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Main Street Director: Ronda Abbruzzese
Police Chief: Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.