

March 22, 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 Lay Leader Roberta Smith.

ROLL CALL

Present: Villari, Pottillo, Riskie, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, President Sloane,

Absent: Mayor Curtis

MINUTES:

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the minutes of March 8, 2010 were approved as submitted. Councilman Louis and Councilwoman Brown both abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC

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

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, approached Council to inquire about Resolution #10-66, the award of contract for HVAC improvements to the Tax Office.

President Sloane explained the bidding process and how the selection of a bidder is determined.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2115-10 – CALENDAR YEAR 2010 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APROPRIATION 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 Councilman Louis, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about what happens if the additional funds are not utilized; could they be carried over to the following year?

Mr. Law explained the appropriation process.

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

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

Ayes	9	Villari, Pottillo, Riskie, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, President Sloane
Nays	0	

RESOLUTION # 10-66 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDDING CONTRACT TO W. B. STEWARD AND SON FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF WOODBURY, TAX OFFICE

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTON #10-67 – RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR AUXILIARY GENERATOR INSTALLATION AT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

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 #10-68 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-69 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE TO THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-74 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDED CONTRACT TO R.E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR SANITARY SEWER GRAVITY MAIN REPLACEMENT

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Fleming advised that at the last Planning Board Meeting, the Redevelopment Plan was presented by the City Planner and the Board did move to accept the plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis commended the Woodbury Police Department regarding the recent shooting that occurred in Woodbury. Councilman Louis stated their handling of the situation was extremely thorough and professional.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

RESOLUTION #10-71 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH NJDOT FOR UTILITY MAPPING AND MODIFICATIONS REGARDING BROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM CARPENTER TO RED BANK AVENUE

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis asked the engineer to elaborate on the situation.

Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, advised that the State will be making plans for the coming of channelization along Broad Street. We will be adding them with this process.

Mr. Wilkinson also advised that he received notice from DOT approving the illuminated crosswalks planned for Broad Street.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #10-70 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MAIN STREET WOODBURY, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE WOODBURY FARMERS MARKET

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-72 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ENTER INTO AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MUNICIPAL PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION SEEKING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,000.00 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS TO LEEDS PLACE, FROM EAST BARBER AVENUE TO WALLACE STREET – PRIORITY NO. 1

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #10-73 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ENTER INTO AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MUNICIPAL PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION SEEKING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADA COMPLIANT HANDICAP RAMPS THROUGHOUT SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE CITY – PRIORITY NO. 2

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the Governing Body would consider presenting a proclamation to the Woodbury High School Basketball and Football Teams commemorating their accomplishments during their respective seasons.

Mr. Bowe was instructed to notify the Mayor to prepare the proclamation to be presented at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Riskie stated that since the Sustainable Jersey Program has been endorsed by Council by way of a resolution he will be bringing forth the program to Council in the very near future.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown extended her appreciation from the Woodbury Manor to Keith Long from Public Works who she personally thanked for all his help.

Councilwoman Brown stated that the Gloucester County Times made an error when reporting the location of the recent shooting in her neighborhood.

The Woodbury Boys and Girls Club of Woodbury is working very hard to make the group a reality.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe requested a motion to have the City Engineer develop specifications and advertise for bids for the installation of sanitary and storm sewer lines on Delaware Street. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the request was approved.

Mr. Bowe advised that the last day for filing political petitions for any local government position is April 12th, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Finally, the Clerk referred to copies of a law suit with which the City is being charged for Council's review.

PUBLIC

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

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, approached Council to inquire about the recent shooting incident. President Sloane stated that we will not respond (due to this being an ongoing investigation).

Mr. Chiesa again inquired about the shooting incident at which point the City Solicitor advised Council not to respond.

Thirdly, Mr. Chiesa wanted to ask if Public Works workers could maintain the sewer storm drains in the Rugby Place area so as to prevent flooding.

John Belko, 605 Delaware Street, stated that he was surprised that the Planning Board voted on the Redevelopment Plan resolution at the meeting the other night. He was under the impression that the public would be able to comment before the Planning Board took any action. That being said, Mr. Belko wanted to know if Council would afford the public an opportunity to have an input on the Plan and if it would be by ordinance or resolution?

Mr. Pierson stated that if it were an ordinance it would be given the standard public hearing upon second reading.

President Sloane stated that although the Planning Board did adopt a resolution he was under the impression that they would take the 45 days they are afforded and plan to discuss it again at their next meeting.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if an amendment could be made to the resolution that the Planning Board adopted.

Mr. Pierson stated that although he was not present at the Planning Board Meeting he is under the impression that amendments to the resolution could be possible.

Councilman Pottillo advised that unlike what is being described here, the Planning Board did act properly and did have representation by the public.

Mr. Belko stated that he was advised that no action was being taken by the Planning Board on the Redevelopment Plan nor was it on the agenda.

Councilman Pottillo advised Mr. Belko to attend the next Planning Board Meeting as it will definitely be discussed again at that meeting.

President Sloane suggested that Mr. Belko return to the Council Meeting on April 26th to voice his opinions regarding the ordinance which will be made open for public discussion.

Councilman Fleming also welcomed everyone's comments at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Tierney stated her concerns regarding changes to the Redevelopment Plan and how they could be presented. Councilwoman Tierney also was concerned with how an amendment would be handled separately or in conjunction with the overall Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Pierson defined the steps that should be taken on presenting any amendments Council may have as well as public comments.

Karlene O'Connor, 58 Hopkins Street, came forward to thank Councilwoman Brown for correcting the area mentioned in the newspaper article involving the shooting incident which was erroneously reported.

Mrs. O'Connor also asked Council about the City's actual intent regarding the downtown area. For someone such as herself who has roots in Woodbury and has been away for a very long time, her return was quite upsetting to come back and see the deterioration of the downtown area.

President Sloane advised that there are numerous reasons for the deterioration and Council is now trying and has been trying for years to make improvements. This all takes time. He then explained how the City intends to go about implementing the Redevelopment Plan and what has been accomplished so far.

Virginia Horn, Neighborhood Preservation Director, again reminded Council of two future events her department was planning: the Wing-Dickerson Re-Dedication, and the Juneteenth Day.

Ms. Horn stated that NPP and GWAC wanted to conduct a fundraiser for Juneteenth, a massive yard sale to be held at the City's Railroad Avenue Parking Lot on Saturday, May 15th, 2010; Ms. Horn requested Council's support. On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the request to conduct the yard sale was approved, pending Police Approval.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Avenue, inquired about the status of the grant that included the renovation of the outside of City Hall.

Mr. Bowe stated that the original grant application was rejected due to funding cut backs.

Mr. Bunn inquired that while we are waiting for any other applications to occur could Public Works take on this project along with the dug-out at Frances Avenue Fields which are in very poor condition?

Councilwoman Tierney wholeheartedly agreed stating that she is well aware of the condition of that field.

Councilman Pottillo stated that he would check into the initiation of these projects and when they could be undertaken.

Another issue Mr. Bunn asked about was Ordinance #2113-09, adopted December 14, 2009 stating that all city vehicles would be marked; this has not been done.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she along with Councilman Pottillo have had this conversation and they are disappointed that it has not been done.

President Sloane instructed Mr. Bowe to compile a list of vehicles that still have to be done.

Finally, Mr. Bunn inquired as to the ramifications of violations regarding the misuse of city vehicles used for personal use.

President Sloane advised that he is totally against anyone who is in violation of this ordinance. The Personnel Committee took a long time to compile the revised Personnel Policy and the City intends to uphold the changes that were made and see that they are strictly enforced.

Councilman Pottillo advised that he intends to pursue both issues brought up tonight: the completing of the marking of city vehicles, and the misuse of city vehicles for personal use. Councilman Pottillo stated that he has talked to Mr. Bowe regarding these same issues in the past.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, thanked Mr. Law for obtaining a disc of the Redevelopment Plan stating that he had problems with the web site. Also Mr. Chiesa suggested that provisions be made prior to the meeting where the Redevelopment Plan will be discussed to have an optional alternate meeting room to accommodate the possible overflow of attendance.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer, Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn