

March 26, 2007

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 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 4, 2007.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Brown, Tierney

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the minutes of March 12, 2007 and March 19, 2007 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #07- 82 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006

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 vote.

RESOLUTION #07- 83 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2007

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION #07-86 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAND SWAP WITH THE KEMBLE METHODIST CHURCH

Councilman Belko presented the above entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #07-84 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Villari advised of the three (3) projects that would be included in the body of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-85 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FOR SUBMISSION AND INCLUSION IN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STREATEGY (CEDS)

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Sloane thanked all who worked on putting these projects together.

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

PERSONNEL

Councilman Riskie advised that he is still working on the job descriptions and will have them by the next Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis inquired how things were going with the Deptford Planning Board and the new soccer fields.

Mr. Pierson responded that he is working with the Planning Board and we are updating and upgrading our application.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

GREEN ACRES

Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Nothing to report.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Fleming noted that there have been a number of municipalities that have requested the United States Government to establish a Cabinet level Department of Peace as we need to emphasize peace if we are ever to have peace. Councilman Fleming is recommending that Woodbury consider a resolution to this effect and that more information would be provided to Council to assist in this consideration. He also pointed out that Woodbury should take a leadership position on this as the City was founded by Quakers and both the President of Council and the School Board President are Quakers.

President Sloane agreed and stated that he is in total agreement with this process giving his reasons why he supported the program such as 75% of the US budget is going toward military-defense spending and all the services have military academies, yet we do not have one academy for diplomats or statesmen. Additionally, the United States has been involved in more than 250 military incursions since World War II and we have not emphasized alternative peaceful alternatives as well as we might.

Councilman Riskie inquired if this was a new department and would it require the hiring of more personnel at a greater expense to the taxpayer.

Council President Sloane responded that President Nixon established the EPA, that the EPA cost money and that the money was well spent given the progress we have made to clean up our environment; so why would we not make an investment here to reduce the costs (economic and human) of wars?

Councilman Fleming stated that he has made copies of an article and he was just bringing up the topic for Council's consideration and possibly inviting someone to talk to Council in more detail and to answer their questions.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis referenced a letter he received from the County Engineer advising that the County will be working on the Delaware Street Bridge. This project has been delayed because of wetland mitigation, but we have now resolved that problem as it was discovered that the City owns a couple of lots in that area that we can transfer to the County.

The Mayor also advised that the Woodbury Courts will be staying in Woodbury and the plans now are to built the proposed parking lot at the same site with some slight changes. The SODAT offices and the Friends Meeting House will still have access to their properties. The Mayor stated that he was very happy that things worked out in our favor, especially since Washington Township presented the County with a very attractive package; however, now that the courts are staying in Woodbury the City will have more of an advantage when the "light rail" topic comes up again.

Mayor Curtis advised Councilman Belko that he has talked to Freeholder Sweeney regarding his request and he should contact him directly.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe stated that he has distributed each person with a Financial Disclosure Form and would appreciate Mayor and Council filling them out and returning same to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Bowe invited questions to the City Engineer who was present this evening regarding the DEP.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, talked about the drilling a new well and raising a tower within the City limits in lieu of the Woodbury Heights Reservoir. Because it takes so long for DEP approval, it could take as long as two years for approval, we should act now.

Council members asks questions.

Mr. Wilkerson discussed the location of the well and tower stating that it would be near the CONRAIL location on S. Barber Avenue and answered other pertinent questions.

Councilman Fleming expanded more on how the project would be approached.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the City Engineer was authorized to proceed with contacting the DEP to discuss this project further.

Mr. Bowe advised of a public hearing before the Planning Board for a Variance at the old Vallee & Bowe property.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Mr. Kennedy came forward to discuss being overcharged for two sewer bills when he only has one sewer line. Why after 20 years are they charging him for two separate bills.

Councilman Riskie explained that it appears that this is because he has a rental property.

Mr. Bowe read the ordinance that addresses Mr. Kennedy's situation.

President Sloane stated that he understands the point that Mr. Kennedy is making; however, the ordinance is very clear regarding this situation.

Councilman Belko made the distinction between minimum charges and other units using large quantities of water.

There being no one else to address Council, on motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkerson, PE – Federici and Aiken
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Fire Chief: Chief John Keuler
Police Chief: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Tom Dukelow
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.