

April 10, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Curtis 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 and 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, 2003.

The Invocation was delivered by Christine Regan, Pastor, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Woodbury.

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schrock, Schreyer, Brown, Louis, Graziani, President Curtis and Mayor Clark

Absent: Brown, Grebb

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the minutes of March 27, 2003 were approved as submitted, with Councilman Sloane abstaining from the vote.

President Curtis recognized Ms. Amatto from Rowan University, who was present. Ms. Amatto is currently working on a "local government" project and President Curtis acknowledged a "thank-you" he had received from her.

PRESENTATION BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Stanley El, Economic Development Director, briefed Council on exactly what projects he has been working on for the City's economic growth. Mr. El expanded on materials distributed

this evening and how he formulated the information that was represented. Mr. El addressed various things with which he has been working such as: grants, CEDS, the Make A Wish program, as well as how to promote career excellence in deprived areas of the City.

Mr. El then fielded questions from Council members pertaining to proposed projects and when they might materialize. Future possibilities for Woodbury include a light rail line coming through the City, and a proposed central bus terminal. More conversation continued with Council members giving their points of view on the benefits of the train passing through Woodbury, as well as what the City has to do to keep this particular possibility alive while bringing it to fruition.

Mayor Clark commended Mr. El's presentation on paper as presented; however, Mayor Clark expressed some concern that nothing of a concrete nature has taken place. Mayor Clark directly inquired as to a time line that would show when something concrete could be expected. Mr. El responded by stating that projects do take time and do not happen overnight; all of the proposed projects will take between 3 to 5 years before final completion.

Councilman Sloane stated that he agreed with the Mayor and suggested that Council would like to see on paper the four or five projects discussed this evening with projected time frames for completion.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the floor was opened to the public for agenda items only.

As no one came forward, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE #1953-03 – ORDINANCE CHAPTER 167, ARTICLE I OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE; REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND OBSTRUCTIONS

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by roll call vote.

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| Ayes | 7 | |
| Nays | 0 | |
| Absent | 2 | Brown, Grebb |

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #1954-03 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35-1A(5) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by roll call vote.

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| Ayes | 7 | |
| Nays | 0 | |
| Absent | 2 | Brown, Grebb |

ORDINANCE #1955-03 – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ENTRANCE INTO AND EXECUTION OF A BENEFICIARY CERTIFICATE AS PART OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY 2003 GOVERNMENTAL LEASE FINANCING PROGRAM

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Sloane explained the obligations of the program.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, 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 meeting of Council on April 24, 2003.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #03-55 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEASIBILITY STUDY/MASTER PLAN FOR FRIENDSHIP FIREHOUSE, POLICE COMPLEX AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING RENOVATION

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the above-entitled resolution was brought off the table.

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

Councilman Graziani inquired if the applicant has provided references of other completed projects with which he has been involved.

President Curtis stated that he has not seen any; however, Mr. Fleming may know of some references, but he is not in attendance this evening to comment.

There was some conversation pertaining to a verbal agreement between the County and the City for use of the Board of Election Building.

Mr. Hasbrouck advised that he has met with the County Administrator and the County has asked him if the City has a plan for that site, and if so, they want to review the plan. Mr. Hasbrouck continued by stating that until that time, the County will use the building for other purposes.

More dialogue continued regarding future sites, for the future projects.

There was a roll call vote.

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| Ayes | 5 | Schrock, Schreyer, Sloane, Louis, Curtis |
| Nays | 1 | Graziani |
| Abstain | 1 | Riskie |
| Absent | 2 | Brown, Grebb |

The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION #03-86 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE 2003 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #03-87 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE FY 2003 STATEWIDE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-88 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE/PERSONNEL ISSUES

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-89 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL LEVY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Sloane also referenced some resolutions he has received from the local school board. He requested that our Solicitor review them for possible response.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she has become knowledgeable concerning the availability of funding under the New Jersey Clean Energy Program regarding the solar heating of homes. Councilwoman Schreyer stated that information is available at various Home Depots. Also, Councilwoman Schreyer stated that as of August 2003, there will no longer be cost regulations regarding utilities in New Jersey.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bowe advised that at the next Council meeting there would be a resolution pending that would allow the City to do work on Packard Avenue and would combine funds from both the Community Development Block Grant and the NPP Program. Mr. Bowe then invited Mrs. Horn to elaborate on the project.

Mrs. Horn advised that a property on Packard Avenue is in dire need of rehabilitation and because of the cost factor cannot be successfully addressed by any one program that is available to the City.

Mrs. Horn has devised a plan whereby these repairs can be done by combining two of our existing programs.

Several Council members had questions pertaining to this property.

Regarding educational matters, Councilwoman Schreyer advised that at the last meeting in May, Council will entertain the Annual Student in Government Day. The events for that meeting will begin around 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and will start with a presentation by Mr. Stanley El followed by the students' participation in the May 22, 2003 Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilman Schrock presented a raffle application from the Woodbury Olde City Restoration Committee. The raffle is to be held on May 10, 2003 and all of the paperwork is in order. On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie the raffle was approved as submitted.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark advised that the situation with the Posh Pomergrande has been addressed with a temporary agreement being reached through the efforts of Jim Watson, John Beale, and the owner of the business. Thus far, five dealers have come forward and have showed an interest in keeping the business alive at that location and details are still being negotiated. Hopefully, Mayor Clark will have good news at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Clark advised that Little League Opening Day is Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Francis Avenue Fields. Mayor Clark will present Mr. Don Feldman with a Letter of Appreciation for the many years of service he has given in keeping the Woodbury Little League fields in excellent condition.

Mayor Clark also advised that the American Legion Post #133 will be holding an event to support our troops. The event will be held at the Legion Hall on Washington Avenue on Thursday, April 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. All who are interested can bring needed items that that will be shipped to our servicemen. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained by contacting Tom Bowe, Clerk/Administrator.

The Mayor also advised that she will be attending a Court of Honor which is being held at St. Stephens Church on Friday, April 25th where Walter E. Trout will receive the rank of Eagle Scout. All Council members are welcomed to join in this happy occasion.

President Curtis stated that Eagle Scout Trout's assignment was to identify the storm drains in Woodbury and remind everyone that they then flow into our lake system. Mr. Trout's grandfather retired as a Sergeant with the Woodbury Police Department; his uncle works for the Public Works Department; and Walter's father is responsible for keeping the scout movement alive in Woodbury.

CITY CLERK

Mr. Bowe requested approval to sell used City vehicles that are no longer repairable. On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the request to put the used vehicles out to bid was approved.

Mr. Bowe requested approval to waive all fees pertaining to the 4th of July Fireworks Display. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, all fees were waived and will be followed by a resolution at a later meeting.

Mr. Bowe advised that the Twinning Group will be arriving the week of July 22nd; unfortunately, there is a Council Meeting scheduled for that week, and a formal dinner has been planned for the same night as the Council Meeting. Mr. Bowe stated that he had discussed this conflicting situation with President Curtis. President Curtis stated that the Council Meeting may be cancelled depending on what might be scheduled for that evening.

Councilwoman Schreyer requested that everyone look over their budgets and reconsider all items that can be eliminated, remembering for every \$35,000 we cut, we save one cent on the tax dollar.

PUBLIC

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

As no one came forward, on motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, there was a two minute recess before going into Executive Session. President Curtis stated that no action would be taken after the Executive Session.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the Regular Order of Business was resumed

Mr. Bowe explained to Council that Woodbury is currently supplying water to three (3) Wenonah residents in the vicinity of the Wenonah Swim Club. . Mr. Bowe further stated that because of the location of the pipe that supplies the water to these residents, Woodbury has had to respond to many problem calls to the location in question. Mr. Bowe advised that the Borough of Wenonah is willing to take on these customers, but would appreciate our help in the switch over. Our Public Works Department is willing and able to help.

President Curtis advised that in the matter of "Kramer vs. City of Woodbury" , Mr. Kramer has now offered to settle his case against the City for \$50,000 rather than the \$250,000 as originally filed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Economic Development Director: Stanley El

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Neighborhood Preservation Director: Virginia Horn

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esquire