

April 13, 2009

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 5, 2009.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation delivered by Evangelist Samuel Jackson.

**Present:** Villari, Pottillo, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

**Absent:** Croce

#### **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

President Sloane stated that added to tonight's agenda will be a resolution to conduct an "Executive Session" to discuss Real Estate Matters.

#### **PRESENTATION BY MAIN STREET**

President Sloane invited Mr. Jim Watson to come forward.

Mr. Watson, Director of Main Street, thanked Council for the opportunity to talk to Council about the Strategy Plan which Main Street began to formulate in January. Some of the items he wanted to discuss this evening were:

- 1) the redevelopment area;
- 2) Marketing analysis;
- 3) traffic control; and
- 4) the possibility of a commuter rail line through Woodbury.

Mr. Watson continued explaining what he believed to be the best way to address all of the above topics mentioned.

More conversation continued discussing the committees that would be involved in the plan and getting more volunteers to help with the overall plan.

Councilman Fleming stressed the issue of establishing what actually constitutes the downtown area. Mr. Watson stated that previously the downtown area was considered to be from Carpenter Street to the Police Station; this seems to be the heaviest pedestrian area.

Mayor Curtis stated that in the past Main Street came up to Council once a year to report on the progress of its work. This will be changing with frequent reports and updates after the various committees are formulated.

### **PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEER**

President Sloane welcomed Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, to come forward.

Mr. Wilkinson stated he was here this evening to present a request to Council from the Borough of Wenonah which would like the City of Woodbury to supply water to a future housing development along Woodbury-Glassboro Road.

Mr. Wilkinson also mentioned that the City's current "water agreement" with NJ American Water Company was now in need of amendment. Mr. Wilkinson explained the particulars regarding the changes that would be needed for the amended agreement.

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2009 were approved as submitted.

### **PUBLIC**

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about the resolution on the agenda pertaining to the Police Budget and if we were considering getting involved in shared services.

President Sloane stated that Council is always interested in ways to reduce our expenses and tonight's agenda does have a resolution to do just that with the County's vehicle wash facility. Also, at the last meeting the Council adopted a resolution to consolidate the tax assessing duties into a county-wide office.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired about the Wenonah water situation and were we charging them?

Mr. Wilkinson answered the question in the affirmative.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

#### **RESOLUTION #09-89 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY’S VEHICLE WASH FACILITY AT THE CLAYTON YARD**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis stated he was in favor of this resolution, but mentioned that when the County wanted to use our facilities for EMS we only charged them \$1.00; why were we now not given the same consideration for this service in the same manner?

Mayor Curtis advised that it is a one year contract and we do not have ample space in our yard to install a wash; we really had no choice but to participate.

Also, President Sloane advised that in order to be fair to all the municipalities who were participating, all were treated the same.

Councilman Fleming advised that each town is being charged per vehicle that uses the facility to cover the costs of operating the wash.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #09-90 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS “NOTE RELATING TO THE INTERIM FINANCING 2009 TRUST LOAN PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST”, TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$3,075,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST INTERIM FINANCING 2009 TRUST LOAN PROGRAM**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, announced that the governor will be approving funding from the stimulus package that is being offered to the State of New Jersey and then through to municipalities, in order to qualify for any of this money we must be on that list for consideration. If we receive that money we would use it for the reservoir project but we have to take this step first.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #09-91 – RESOLUTION TO ADJUST WATER / SEWER ACCOUNTS**

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 #09-93 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2009**

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 #09-95 – RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Real Estate)

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 vote.

President Sloane advised action may be taken upon Council returning into Regular Order of Business following the Executive Session.

#### **VOUCHERS**

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

Councilman Fleming stated that he talked to Mr. Law and will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the budget as we now know we do not have to include the funds in surplus for pension deferrals.

Councilman Fleming also advised that he will be meeting with the Planner, Bob Melvin, to discuss the proposed plan for “redevelopment ” which was discussed at the Planning Board. Hopefully this will be available for the next council meeting.

Councilman Pottillo inquired when the meeting will occur with Bob Melvin as he would like to be involved since his ward borders on certain areas of town being considered for redevelopment. He would like to make people in the area aware of what is being discussed.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Louis had nothing to report.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Pottillo stated that he had met with Public Works to discuss finances and he will report back to Council at the next meeting.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Villari thanked Jim Watson for his Main Street presentation and the Councilman is happy to hear someone who has a positive vision on what he intends to accomplish in Woodbury.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

In Councilman Croce’s absence, Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report for his committee.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION #09-92 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-54 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 141, LOT 2 A/K/A 115 UNION STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-94 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 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 Pottillo, the resolution was adopted by voice motion.

Councilwoman Brown also wanted to thank Rich Leidy for his help in putting up signs for the Church on Courtland Street.

**GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

**MAYOR CURTIS**

Mayor Curtis spoke on the following subjects:

1. Mayor Curtis reminded everyone that on Monday evening, April 20, 2009, the Department of Transportation will be here in Council Chambers to discuss Route 45 and the Channelization of traffic;
2. The Mayor also reminded everyone that the School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009; and
3. Also, the Mayor of Woodbury Heights has asked the Mayor to look into changing the way we are billing residents for water in that municipality.

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Thomas B. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, referenced a letter he distributed from the City's Historic Preservation Commission requesting that funding for street signs for the Historic District be included in any grant application that may be made where this would be appropriate.

The Clerk reminded everyone that this weekend the Woodbury School District will be hosting the Woodbury Relays.

**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 Non-Agenda Items.

John Belko, 65 Delaware Street, came forward to inquire what is going on with the G.G. Green Building.

Mayor Curtis stated that the owners were ordered to make certain repairs, the X's were put on the building by the Fire Department to warn that no one should not enter that building if a fire should occur.

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

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, there was a five-minute recess before going into Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE                      SESSION**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, Council resumed their Regular Order of Business at 9:05 pm.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Clerk was authorized to obtain appraisals for the properties discussed in Executive Session.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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**THOMAS B. BOWE**  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE  
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
Main Street: James Watson  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Solicitor: Carl Viniar, Esq.