

April 14, 2008

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 2, 2008. Council President Sloane opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by Evangelist Samuel Jackson.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of March 19, 2008 and March 24, 2008 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Schreyer abstained from voting on both sets of minutes because of her absence from those meetings.

PUBLIC

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

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

Councilman Belko inquired if there were any indirect financial costs to the City.

Mr. Law stated that there were but on the side of payroll which cannot be avoided and it would just mean setting up another deduction code.

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

RESOLUTION #08-96 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2008

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.

RESOLUTION #08-100 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDED SALE OF USED VEHICLES TO HIGHEST BIDDERS

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 Riskie, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

Councilman Fleming advised that the Public Hearing for the Budget will be held on the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of April 28, 2008.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE #2074-08 – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

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

Councilwoman Tierney expressed some concern stating that she would like to have something in writing that guarantees that there will always be at least two (2) personnel on staff at Woodbury's ambulance facility

Mr. Pierson, Esq. advised that the County will be drawing up the contract so he cannot guarantee that the wording she is requesting will be added to the contract.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that her concerns were that the residents of Woodbury may not receive adequate service as before regarding "reasonable response time".

President Sloane stated that he would think that Woodbury would be picked as one of the stations for the County to utilize because of its close proximity to Underwood Memorial Hospital.

Councilman Fleming inquired as to the recourse the City has if the County does not locate a station at our current facility.

In that case, Mr. Pierson advised that the County's lease on the City-owned building would terminate but the County's agreement to provide the EMS service would carry on.

Mayor Curtis stated that if the City was not satisfied with the County service the City could enter into an agreement with a private provider as before.

Councilman Louis stated that he is not anticipating problems but we have to look closely at the wording "reasonable response time".

Mr. Pierson advised that he does not think that the County would put that specific language into any contract regarding "reasonable response time".

Councilman Fleming stated that he could understand why the County would not commit to a specific response time in the contract because of potential liability.

More dialogue continued back and forth.

President Sloane advised that in our current TLC contract it does not address a specific response time.

Councilman Tierney stated that she still feels that the City should try to ask for something to be put in the contract to ensure a proper response time.

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

Ayes 8 Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Belko, President Sloane

Nays 1 Tierney

RESOLUTION #08-97 – RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION #08-98 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUESTS FOR BIDS FOR WATER METER INSTALLATION

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Fleming inquired as to the changes regarding the earlier bid specifications.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, stated that in questioning the earlier bidders as to the inflated prices of the first bid, there was a need for the bid language to be more specific relative to a number of items in the bid specifications.

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

Mr. Wilkinson also discussed the upcoming project on West Centre Street and what is being planned for tree removal and how construction is being planned to start on Monday.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #08-95 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY GRANTING A PERMIT TO MAIN STREET WOODBURY FOR PUBLIC MUSIC PERFORMANCES FOR WOODFEST

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Chief Merinuk advised that the Police Department was not made aware of this upcoming event and was concerned because one of the areas that the Police Department is trying to enforce is loitering along certain areas on Broad Street.

Councilman Belko stated that he overlooked this aspect and should have included the Police in the meeting that began planning the event.

President Sloane stated that this obviously was something about which the Police should have been notified.

Councilman Belko stated that performances would be every Friday night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm from May through September except for holiday weekends.

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

RESOLUTION #08-99 – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER’S REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING PROGRAM PHASE TWO

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PERSONNEL

ORDINANCE #2075-08 – ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 April 28, 2008.

President Sloane thanked the Personnel Committee and Mr. Bowe for all the work that went into putting this manual together.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney first thanked Councilman Belko for all the hard work he put into the Woodfest Event and also stated that she hopes that Councilman Belko and the Police Chief can work things out and proceed with the project.

Councilwoman Tierney then read a letter from Mr. Dukelow advising of the first County Clean-Up Program, which would involve the cleaning up of several roadways within the County. Mr. Dukelow stated that he would need approval to spend \$750.00 to serve refreshments for this event.

On motion of Councilman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the request to approve \$750.00 to serve refreshments at the County Road Program was approved.

Councilwoman Tierney also advised that WORC will be conducting a Tree Planting at the Train Station on April 25, 2008 at 5:00 pm for Arbor Day. All are welcomed to attend.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #08-92 – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A FY 2008 SMART FUTURE PLANNING GRANT

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-93 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #08-52 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 116, LOT 10 A/K/A 77 HOPKINS 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 vote.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she represented the City and attended the 17th Anniversary of the West End Neighborhood Association where she thanked them for all their help. She also took pictures.

Councilwoman Brown also referred to a complaint she received from a resident requiring the assistance from our Public Works Department. She stated that she was very pleased with the manner in which her call was handled by the Public Works secretary and also how the problem was resolved.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she had nothing to report from her Committee; she has recently returned home after being hospitalized. She wanted to advise everyone that the most recent diagnosis, along with a second opinion, has confirmed she has stage four (4) cancer of the lungs. She thanked everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards, and gifts and just wanted to share firsthand what is happening.

Councilman Riskie stated that he knows everyone would say the same thing and wished her only the best and we all will keep her in their prayers.

President Sloane reassured Councilwoman Schreyer that she is more loved and cared about than she could ever count.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she herself is a cancer survivor and feels certain that Councilwoman Schreyer will also be one.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis spoke on the following topics:

1. The Mayor thanked everyone who attended Opening Day of Little League last weekend and everyone was happy to start off our season;
2. Mayor Curtis stated that Main Street is planning their Annual Block Party and

they have asked the City once again to waive the \$125.00 fee for the gaming licenses required which the Mayor advised would be validated as long as he received the request in writing and all the paperwork was in order;

3. Mayor Curtis met with Mr. White from the County and Ms. Horn to discuss the Farmers Market and how the County construction and parking will affect the Market while the County project is underway;
4. Mayor Curtis also thanked Council for the Grant Application recently filed and for the resolution passed this evening;
5. The Mayor announced the Economic Development Bankers/Brokers Meeting scheduled to be held at Riverwinds on April 25, 2008, where the purpose will be to bring together perspective buyers of available properties for development in the County;
6. Mayor Curtis advised that he held what he calls the Mayor's Task Force Meeting where problems and complaints relating to housing issues are discussed; and
7. Also the Mayor requested that the City Solicitor look into a Graffiti Ordinance in an attempt to be in compliance with the surrounding towns that also adopted such an ordinance.

President Sloane referenced a letter from the Delaware River Port Authority advising of a meeting in the Washington Township Municipal Building on Thursday, April 17th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. All elected officials are invited to discuss the PATCO rail lines.

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.

Dr. Kennedy, 220 Holroyd Street, came forward with photographs regarding the parking problems she continues to have in her neighborhood. Dr. Kennedy proceeded to explain that in addition to all the problems she had to deal with while living at that address, she has decided to move and is still experiencing problems but now with the City's Construction Office. Dr. Kennedy then explained the problems she is experiencing with obtaining a CO prior to selling the property, she then listed each problematic item Mr. Bosworth found while doing his inspection.

Mr. James Pierson, Esq. responded that all of the issues Dr. Kennedy listed are not issues that Council is authorized to deal with; these issues have to be resolved by Municipal Court now that Dr. Kennedy has been cited.

President Sloane advised Dr. Kennedy that it would be inappropriate for Council to respond to the issues at hand and does understand Dr. Kennedy's concerns; however, nothing can be resolved at this Council Meeting.

Councilman Fleming stated that Dr. Kennedy can file an appeal at the County level to the Construction Board of Appeals. Other issues could be addressed by the Zoning Board regarding the variance for the sidewalk complaint.

Mr. Pierson, Esq. suggested that no further conversation should continue because the things that are being said could be misconstrued and Council has no jurisdiction over these matters. Mr. Pierson stated that Dr. Kennedy should rely on the advice of her Counsel to proceed according to the law in trying to resolve her problems.

No further conversation ensued.

Mr. Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, approached Council to thank the City for putting in the 3way stop sign at Penn and Glover Streets; it has certainly slowed down traffic considerably at that location.

Mr. Jenkins advised that the Woodbury Relays will occur this Saturday and was curious if the County Clean-Up would be occurring during the Relays.

Mayor Curtis stated that the Ecology Department at the High School usually does the "clean up" of the high school area.

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

President Sloane advised that everyone had a copy of the correspondence the Mayor distributed regarding the future traffic signal at Hunter and Broad Streets. City Council is being asked for appropriate resolutions from the DOT relating to changes at this intersection.

The Mayor then addressed some of the changes that were recommended by DOT regarding the "traffic signal" at Hunter and Broad Streets and the addition of two more lanes

from the Hunter Street to the hospital, stating that he would make copies and make sure Council received the entire packet before the next meeting.

Mr. Pierson, Esq. stated that regarding the Mayor's comments, no action or vote would be taken tonight.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt. Officer: Lieutenant Cope
Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.