

April 23, 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, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, President Sloane, Mayor Curtis

Absent: No One

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Sloane advised that there would be another Resolution added to the agenda. It would be Resolution #07-97 which would be to adopt a Temporary Capital Budget so that Council could proceed with the passing of a Bond Ordinance scheduled on tonight's agenda. President Sloane stated that the Auditor would go into more detail at the time of the presentation of the resolution.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of April 9, 2007 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2048-07 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$885,100 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$840,845; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 May 14, 2007.

ORDINANCE #2049-07 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,900,800 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,738,800; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS I N CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 May 14, 2007.

Councilman Louis inquired why we were doing two separate bond ordinances for the Reconstruction on West Centre Street.

Mr. Law explained to Councilman Louis' satisfaction why they were being done in two separate bond ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #07-96 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S. 40A:4-8

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 roll call vote.

Ayes	9
Nays	0

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the floor was opened to the public for a discussion of the 2007 Municipal Budget.

Seeing no one wishing to address the 2007 Proposed Budget, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

VOUCHERS

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

RESOLUTION #07-97 – RESOLUTION FOR THE TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired why it was necessary to adopt this resolution, stating that Council never had to do this before.

The Auditor explained that it was a procedural matter since we do not have an adopted budget and we are now introducing two bond ordinances.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis stated that he has been in conversation with Leroy Gould from NJ DOT who advised him of the proposed improvements along the Broad Street corridor and on April 26, 2007 there will be a meeting where these changes will be discussed. After such meeting Mr. Gould advised that he would make plans to come down to meet with the new Mayor and advise of the outcome of the meeting.

President Sloane stated he has also spoken to Mr. Gould and was advised that there are some minor issues that they have to discuss.

Mayor Curtis stated that Mr. Gould is the nephew of Wayne Gould who was one of our Public Works Department employees; he is going to work very closely with the City to help us to work our plans out.

PUBLIC WORK/UTILITIES

RESOLUTION #07-95 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PIONEER PIPE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO 24 INCH TERRA COTTA STORM DRAIN FROM CRESCENT TO WATKINS AVENUE (320 LINEAR FEET)

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Belko explained that the since the last storm, Rich Leidy has rented a jetter with a video camera and we are scoping as many of our lines as possible while we have this piece of equipment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #07-94 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION FOR REDEVELOPMENT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Sloane advised the audience that there may be action taken upon returning to the Regular Order of Business after the Executive Session, but highly unlikely.

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION #07-93 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A FOREMAN POSITION WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODBURY’S PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired if this was a new position within the department.

Mr. Rich Leidy, Supervisor of Water and Sewer, advised it was a new position but we would be hiring someone from within the department to fill the position.

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

Councilman Riskie advised that he has tried to reach out to everyone concerning the job descriptions that were distributed at the last meeting, but thus far has heard from no one.

Councilman Riskie brought up the topic of Mrs. Howell and her existing tax problem stating that she was in the audience this evening.

President Sloane stated that he had advised Mrs. Howell to contact Mr. Law to resolve the problem rather than handle the problem in an open forum such as a Council Meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #07-91 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 67, LOT 5.01 A/K/A 338 GLOVER 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.

**RESOLUTION #07-92 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #06-204
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS
FOR BLOCK 78, LOT 2 A/K/A 22 HARRISON 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 advised that she had a water problem and would like to thank everyone for all their help, including the Water Department and Tom Bowe.

On that same note, President Sloane stated that the City's Water and Fire Departments both did an excellent job, during that recent storm.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she had nothing under Environmental or Green Acres, but she did want to mention that the school program she has been involved with over the years with the Students in Government will probably not take place until June.

Councilman Fleming advised that he attended a JIF Tri-County Meeting this afternoon where the topic of fireworks was discussed and he was told that a bond has to now be obtained from the company providing the fireworks.

Mr. Law stated that in the past the Companies have provided the City with an Insurance Policy naming the City as "Additional Insured", but the City never needed a bond.

Mr. Law advised that he would check further into the request and make sure the City is in compliance.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis stated that he also wanted to thank the Water & Sewer Department along with the Fire Department for the outstanding job they all did during the recent flooding caused by storm. The Mayor then asked Chief Keuler who was in the audience just how many homes they responded to during this crisis.

Chief Keuler stated around 140 homes in a two day period.

The Mayor also advised that on May 6, 2007 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Sunday evening, the Christ Episcopal Church will be honoring the feast of St. Florian whereby all firefights and emergency personnel along with their equipment are blessed; also several other churches will be participating in the event.

Mayor Curtis advised that the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office, Sheriff's Department and Consumer Protection Department will be conducting their 2nd annual shredding event on June 16th, 2007 at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology parking lot and is open to the public at no charge. This program is to help to decrease the amount of identity theft that is occurring.

The Mayor announced that this Friday, April 27th, is Arbor Day and the Women's Club will be honoring Betty Buchanan with a tree-planting. Mrs. Buchanan is a long-time member of the Women's Club and was a member of the Woodbury Shade Tree Commission while that was an active group back when the meetings were held in the Buchanan's living room, some twenty-five years ago. The planting will be held at 10:45 am at Hendrickson Park.

Mayor Curtis advised that if residents notice more Verizon vehicles on the streets than usual it is because the City of Woodbury is one of the first communities in Gloucester County to be getting new wiring to accommodate new fiber-optic cable that will be made available to their customers.

And finally the Mayor stated on the 19th of April the Historic Sites Council met in Bordentown Municipal Building to further discuss the approval of the Proposed Parking Garage in Woodbury. Recommendations were made and Ms. Jackson, who is the Commissioner of DEP, will ultimately decide what conditions would have to be accomplished before the project can begin.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised of a Public Notice of the Woodbury Planning Board scheduled for May 7, 2007.

The Clerk/Administrator invited questions for the City Engineer regarding the Engineer's Report.

Mr. Wilkinson came forward to advise that he along with Mike Walsh and Rich Leidy will be going up to Trenton for a 10:30 am meeting with DEP. If anyone else is interested to please contact him..

Mayor Curtis advised that if anyone would like to participate in the Patrick Sullivan Golf Tournament, or if anyone would like to be a sponsor for a \$50.00 donation they can contact former Police Chief Karl Kinkler. Patrolman Sullivan was a police officer with the City when he met his unfortunate fate and passed away at a very early age.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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 only.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to inquire about pot holes at the corner of Glover and High Streets and asked that they be attended to.

Mr. Jenkins also commended the Woodbury Boys and Girls Track Teams who won the relays on Saturday.

Councilwoman Schreyer asked Mr. Jenkins if there was any improvements at the intersection on Glover and Penn Streets.

Mr. Jenkins replied there have been no new accidents, hopefully this will continue.

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

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, there was a five-minute recess before Council went into Executive Session. (approximately 8:15 pm).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was resumed. (approximately 9:25 pm).

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Solicitor was authorized to review what was discussed in Executive Session with regard to the Verizon Parking Lot.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Deputy Clerk: Gail Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope
Fire chief: Chief John Keuler
Public Works: Tom Dukelow, Bill Lynch
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.