

April 24, 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 the Reverend Robert Moore of One-Way Missionary Baptist Church.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: No One

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Curtis stated that there would be a change to Resolution #03-94 to include the language "litigation" along with "real estate" as the subject matter for Executive Session.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the minutes of April 10, 2003 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

Mr. Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, addressed Resolution #03-93 entitled "Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Submission of Project Selection Forms to the County of Gloucester for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program" stating that he was not in favor of the use of the funds for a property on Packard Avenue in the amount of \$39,000.. Mr. Jenkins stated that in his opinion the amount of money required to rehab the property far exceeded the amount of money that should be used for one property. Mr. Jenkins stated that the entire NPP Program only receives a certain amount of funding and no one project should

receive such a large portion of the amount. Mr. Jenkins stated that there were many other significant programs that the NPP Program could support that would better benefit the residents of Woodbury.

As no one else desired to address Agenda Items, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the floor was closed to the Public and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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 for final adoption..

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

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

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| Ayes | 9 |
| Nays | 0 |

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #03-92 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO APPLY FOR TONNAGE GRANT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

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 #03-93 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECT SELECTION FORMS TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Graziani inquired if there was a list of applicants who were waiting for funding.

Ms. Horn, the NPP Director, responded that there were about six other property owners on the waiting list and additional funding is expected which should accommodate all applicants.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote, with one objection, that being Councilman Riskie.

RESOLUTION #03-94 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND LITIGATION

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 Grebb, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Sloane advised Council members that a copy of the proposed salary ordinance was distributed this evening and he is requesting that Council review the contents prior to presentation for adoption.

President Curtis advised that Council is currently trying to set up a meeting with the City's Finance Committee and an ad-hoc Committee from the School Board to further discuss the defeated School Board

budget. President Curtis stated that a decision has to be made by May 19th on adopting a resolution concerning the defeated School Board Budget.

Councilman Sloane stated that he did not see the three resolutions he requested in support of state aid for the School Board and requested they be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Sloane referenced a letter written by the Mayor in support of light rail. Councilman Sloane also requested a resolution to back the Mayor's support in favor of light rail coming through Woodbury and then forwarding said resolution to the County Freeholders Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Grebb thanked everyone who helped in his temporary absence. Councilman Grebb also thanked all who volunteered their time in helping with the CEDS Conference. He especially thanked Russ Cali, Joan Cromwell, Sarah McMahon, Lauren Miller, Anita Moyer, Stephanie Patterson and Carmen Quinones. Councilman Grebb stated there were 60 participants in the CEDS Conference, with over 30 expressing interest in volunteering while 14 are active in the CEDS Analysis as it is ongoing.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #03-90 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 109 LOT 2 A/K/A 55 EAST BARBER AVENUE

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-91 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #03-75 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 114 LOT 29 A/K/A 46 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 Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote with Councilman Riskie abstaining from the vote.

LANDLORD LICENSING

Councilman Graziani stated that he has e-mailed all Council members with the recommended changes for the current Landlord-Licensing Ordinance. These recommendations came from residents and public officials alike. Councilman Graziani stated that he would like to have the City Solicitor draw up the amended ordinance to go before Council for consideration at the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the floor was opened to the public for a discussion of the 2003 Proposed Budget.

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

REPORTS

President Curtis presented the Engineer's Report and the Treasurer's Reports which were received as filed.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Leslie Clark discussed the following subjects:

1. Mayor Clark read an Arbor Day Proclamation;
2. Mayor Clark stated that she attended a dinner at Woodbury Country Club prior to this evening's Council Meeting where she read another proclamation that honored the volunteers of Underwood-Memorial Hospital;
3. The Mayor announced the Annual Arbor Celebration conducted by the Women's Club which will be held on April Thursday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m. at Hendrickson Park. This year's dedication will be to honor Ida May Brown, a hospital volunteer who has donated 11,000 hours of her time to Underwood-Memorial Hospital;
4. The Mayor also announced that on May 1st the National Day of Prayer will be celebrated at the Friends Meeting House on North Broad Street at 11:00 a.m.;
5. Mayor Clark also advised that there will be two events held this Saturday, April 26, 2003: the first is at 11:00 a.m. at Kemble Methodist Church to honor firefighters who have passed away; the other being at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodbury YMCA, where Cub Scout Troop #7 will be honored with the Passing of the Feather Ceremony. Council

and the public are welcomed to attend both events;

6. Mayor Clark extended an invitation for all individuals to attend the DVRPC Patco Hearing where the subject of light rail will be discussed. The event will be held at Gloucester County College on Monday, April 28, 2003 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.;

7. The Mayor advised that currently the dealers and the owner of the Posh Pomegranate are signing a temporary agreement and hopefully the ultimate decision will be that the antique store will stay in the City of Woodbury; and

8. In conclusion, Mayor Clark named two additional alternates for the Planning Board: David Morris and Joseph Doyle Jr.. Mayor Clark thanked Council again for adopting the ordinance that granted this action.

President Curtis mentioned that a fourth generation member of a local Woodbury family accomplished obtaining the Eagle Scout status, which in today's world is a great accomplishment.

The Eagle Scout referenced is Walter Trout.

CITY CLERK

Mr. Bowe advised that there will be an additional Arbor Day Event held on Friday, April 25, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. where a tree will be planted in front of the Gloucester County Historical Society.

Mr. Bowe also advised that there will be another meeting regarding the proposed Farmer's Market previously discussed. This meeting will be held along Railroad Avenue at the old train station location. Mr. Bowe stated he would keep Council informed as to the outcome of this meeting.

The Clerk/Administrator advised that the proposed site for the Eco Living Fellowship Grant Application project, which was to be at Wood Street at the County's currently-owned property, will be moved. The non-profit organization along with the school are currently looking for another site.

Mr. Bowe welcomed and urged all Department Heads to feel free to discuss their budgets with their Council Committee Chairs.

Councilman Sloane inquired if Mike Walsh was present to answer a question regarding privatizing the recycling collection the City currently undertakes. As no one was present to represent the Public Works Department, Councilman Louis stated he would look into the question and have a response for Councilman Sloane.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that at another meeting she had requested recommendations from the various Department Heads to be used as guidelines so Council Members would know what areas could be considered when and if any cuts were to occur.

Mr. Bruce Hasbrouck, the City Solicitor, on behalf of the American Post #133 thanked all Council Members and members of the public who supported their recent fund raiser for our troops in Iraq.

PUBLIC

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

Christopher Hope of 727 Washington Avenue approached Council to discuss his previous request for the City of Woodbury to reconsider its decision in obtaining properties along Hopkins Street and E. Barber Avenue which the City is considering for redevelopment. Mr. Hope stated that he has lost money because he has not aggressively attempted to rent his properties or properly rehab them. Mr. Hope continued by advising that he is still waiting for the City to take the properties.

President Curtis advised Mr. Hope that the project is still moving forward and could say no more. He could not give Mr. Hope a time line on the completion of the project.

Mr. Hope stated that the City is always asking for ways to cut the budget; one way Mr. Hope recommended was that the redevelopment money that was set aside several years ago be used to reduce taxes.

Mrs. Virginia Horn, NPP Coordinator, came forward to thank Council in taking the time and paying attention in their vote to move ahead on the project on Packard Avenue. Mrs. Horn stated that at the next Council meeting a resolution will be presented awarding the contract to begin the project.

Mr. Bill Fleming, City Engineer, stated that the Bell Lake Dam Project is still ongoing and that the contractor will be pouring a concrete slab for the dam tomorrow.

Mr. Fleming stated that West Street is receiving its final touches.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired whether the trees were ever planted on DuBois Avenue. Mr. Fleming stated that they were; however, because trees were not replanted between curb and sidewalk, residents could have had them planted in their front yards. The same will be recommended for the West Street project.

As no one else desired to address Council on Non-Agenda Items, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the floor was closed to the Public and Council resumed the Regular Order of Business.

Mayor Clark requested that any pertinent information pertaining to the Hopkins Street Redevelopment Project be made available to Mr. Hope so that he could be informed. Mayor Clark stated that Mr. Hope has shown considerable patience and presented his issues in an orderly fashion.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, there was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session. President Curtis stated that no action would be taken this evening as a result of the Executive Session. (8:30 p.m.)

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:00 p.m..

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

City Engineer: William Fleming

Construction Office: William Wakemen, Code Official
Brian Bosworth, Building Inspector

Economic Development Director: Stanley El

Emergency Management Coordinator: Sergeant Cope

Fire Department: Deputy Chief Gotthardt

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Municipal Court Administrator: Tina Schiavo

Neighborhood Preservation Coordinator: Virginia Horn

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Tax Collector: Theresa Hamilton