

April 24, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Harry R. Riskie 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 3, 2006

Reverend Wilbur Winborne of Bethlehem Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Louis, Tierney, Sloane, Schreyer, Grimming, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: Brown, Curtis

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the minutes of the April 10, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted. Councilman Sloane did not participate in the vote.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened for a Public Hearing concerning the 2006 Municipal Budget.

As no one approached Council on the Budget Hearing, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #06-85 - RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF EQUIPMENT WITH SINCEREST THANKS TO "THE BANK"

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mayor Clark expressed her deepest appreciation for the donation, advising that the piece of equipment was already in use as of today at Glover Street and Lupton Avenue.

RESOLUTION #06-86 - RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2006

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-87 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION SESSION (Lease, Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property and Litigation)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Riskie advised that action may be taken when Council resumes the Regular Order of Business after the Executive Session.

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Sloane presented an application for membership to the Friendship Fire Company from Sean J. Anderson of Mickleton, New Jersey. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE #2026-06 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance advising that because there has been much feedback since the ordinance was first introduced at the last Council Meeting; it has been decided that an Ad-hoc Committee will be established consisting of the following: one member from Goodwill Fire Company, one member from Friendship Fire Department, one paid firefighter, members of the Public Safety Committee, the Mayor, if interested, and the City Solicitor and also someone from Command, such

as Deputy Chief Gotthardt. Councilman Sloane stated that he has discussed this with Firefighter Lenny Tucker who is in agreement with this approach.

That being clarified, Councilman Sloane requested that Ordinance #2026-06 be tabled until after such Committee is formed and recommendations to change or accept the existing ordinance are reached and further discussed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was tabled as recommended.

Councilman Sloane stated that these further discussions would not be finalized until the end of May.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ORDINANCE #2027-06 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 167, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS - LAYING OUT STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

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 placed on first reading.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 8, 2006.

Councilman Louis advised that he received a copy of a study from DOT regarding the Broad Street Corridor from Red Bank Avenue to Carpenter Street. Councilman Louis stated that he will present the findings to Council after both the study and recommendation are reviewed by the City's Economic Development Steering Committee.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark spoke on the following topics:

1. Mayor Clark personally thanked the Woodbury Fire Departments, both Friendship and Goodwill, as well as the Public Safety Committee for how they are handling the progress of coming together to resolve some of the issues in regards to the current situation with the Goodwill Fire Company;
2. The Mayor mentioned that a introductory meeting will be conducted in Council Chambers on May 11, 2006 at 6:00 pm regarding the proposed Skateboard Park. At the meeting the Architect and the Design Team will bring everyone up to date and everyone, especially the skateboarders themselves, are invited to attend and ask questions;
3. Mayor Clark announced that this Friday, April 28th, the Women's Club will be planting a tree in honor of Billie Mc Bath on Arbor Day at 11:00 am at Hendrickson Park;
4. The Mayor advised that a concert will be held at the Kemble Methodist Church at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30th and will have a patriotic theme.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised everyone that several materials were distributed this evening pertaining to Planning/Zoning matters and urged everyone to carefully review their packet.

Mr. Bowe stated that he would try to answer questions that appeared on the Engineer's Report. The City Engineer was not able to be in attendance this evening due to some back problems.

The City Clerk/Administrator stated that sod has been started to be laid at Red Bank Avenue and there are some concerns regarding people trying to play on the fields before the sod has rooted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, there was a five-minute recess before going into Executive Session (approximately 7:50 pm).

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was resumed after returning from the Executive Session (approximately 8:20 pm).

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the City Solicitor was authorized to finalize the case as discussed in Executive Session.

President Riskie advised that he wanted everyone to be aware that anyone can join the Public Employee Retirement System as is indicated in the Personnel Policy on page 99.

Mr. Bowe referenced a letter he received from Joyce Freas, an employee who has worked for the City in the Streets Department for some 27 years. Ms. Freas is requesting that she be given the same consideration as some other former employees who received a prescription plan upon their retirement.

President Riskie stated that he would refer the matter to the Personnel Committee for their review and consideration and come back with an answer.

Mayor Clark asked Mike Aimino, City Solicitor, if he had an opportunity to look into the ordinance that addresses businesses putting displays on their sidewalks. Mr. Aimino stated that he would like to further review the existing ordinance and still has some areas that he is not comfortable where some safety issues are concerned.

Councilman Sloane commented on safety issues as well.

Councilman Louis stated that he was curious why certain issues existed for these two stores, yet Cheese To Please puts out a big grill on the sidewalk.

Mr. Aimino advised that Cheese To Please was able to obtain a Sidewalk Café License and comply with certain requirements.

President Riskie referred to a piece of material distributed this evening by Mr. Jenkins regarding an article dealing with "California Stops". The article basically addresses vehicles that roll through stop signs before coming to a complete stop. President Riskie recommended that everyone read through the article for their information.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Public Works Director: Michael Walsh
Public Works Supervisor: Thomas Dukelow
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.