

**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 26, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**OPEN MEETING:**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Pro Tempore Fleming 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 4, 2010.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

**ROLL CALL**

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**Present:** Fleming, Louis, Riskie, Tierney, Trout and Curtis

**Absent:** Brown, Pottillo, Sloane and Villari

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**MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Council Louis, the minutes of April 12, 2010 were approved as submitted.

[7:37:36 PM](#) **Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

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

Brandon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to inquire about Ordinance #2116-10 especially the apparent wording changes.

President Pro Tempore Fleming explained what occurred at the last meeting and why the wording was being changed.

Also, Mr. Chiesa questioned whether Resolution #10-84 was granting someone a waiver on the interest on their water bills. President Pro Tempore Fleming advised of what occurred on this particular property.

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

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### **Resolutions and Ordinances**

- **Finance & Administration**

**#2116-10 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY SECTION 153-15, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PERMITTED YARD SALES TO THREE (3) WITHIN ANY TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance as amended.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**#10-84 - RESOLUTION TO WAIVE INTEREST ON ACCOUNT #1200176**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#10-85 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO APPLY FOR 2009 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

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**#10-87 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - FINAL RE: ADA COMPLIANT HANDI-CAP RAMP INSTALLATION – BUD CONCRETE, INC.**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution as amended.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

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**VOUCHERS**

On motion by Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized to be paid.

President Pro Tempore Fleming advised that he wanted to discuss the City Budget after this evening's meeting with the Finance Committee. It appears that the City must make some significant changes in our budget in order to keep tax increases to a minimum. Some ways to do this would be to make personnel cuts, make employees take furlough days, and/or have employee's contribute 1.5% toward their health benefits. All of the above are currently being discussed between government officials and union representatives.

Also, the School Budget's defeat is a concern because it does inadvertently affect the City in that now we have to review their budget as well and make some possible modifications. The first meeting to do this will be held on this Wednesday, April 28 at 6:00 pm.

[7:55:45 PM](#) Public Safety

**#2117-10 - ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY SECTION 190-34, SCHEDULE IV TO PROVIDE 30 MINUTE PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DELAWARE STREET FROM HARRISON STREET TO RUSSELL STREET**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Riskie, there was an amendment to change the time and day of the week as discussed.

On motion by Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the ordinance as amended 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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**#10-86 - A 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 by Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

**#10-89 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WINNER FORD FOR TWO (2) 2010 CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLES**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mayor Curtis stated that it should be noted that only two vehicles are being replaced instead of three, which is how many are needed. So everyone is making sacrifices.

- **Public Works/Utilities**

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- **Economic Development**

**#10-90 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY GRANTING A PERMIT TO MAIN STREET WOODBURY FOR PUBLIC MUSIC PERFORMANCES FOR WOODFEST**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Tierney wanted to thank John Belko and Ronda Abbruzzese from Main Street for all the work they put into arranging the Woodfest activities.

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- **Personnel**

No report.

- **Environmental**

No report.

**8:05:06 PM**

- **Community Development**

**#10-88 - RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE**

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Trout asked if we are acting too soon since the Redevelopment Plan has not yet been approved, almost like putting “the cart before the horse”.

Mayor Curtis explained we have to do this in order to apply for the grant.

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- **Green Acres Program**

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

Councilman Trout advised that he attended the K-9 event last week which was very well attended. There was a very good response from the business community in helping make the event such a huge success.

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## **REPORTS:**

### **Mayor Curtis**

Mayor Curtis reminded everyone that on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the Annual Neighborhood Preservation Program Spring Clean-Up Day will be held; prizes will be given out. Some of the things along with the clean-up will be shredding of documents, household waste collection and the giving of a garden clinic; everyone is encouraged to participate and help beautify their neighborhood.

Also, the US Department of Transportation is still working on the SJ Light Rail Project and we can still participate in the early studies being conducted.

Regarding the Light Rail Project, President Pro Tempore Fleming commented there will be two public meetings held: one at Rowan University, and the other can be found on the website.

### **8:11:47 PM**

#### **• Clerk Administrator**

Mr. Bowe reminded everyone to turn in their Financial Disclosure Statements that were given out recently.

Also, Mr. Bowe asked for approval to have the City Engineer prepare specifications and go out to bid on repairs to the Firehouse. Mr. Law has cleared funding in the amount of \$50,000 which includes the repairs and engineer fees.

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the approval was granted to proceed with the repairs to the Firehouse which will not exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Bowe also advised that he has the new code books for everyone who may want one.

### **8:14:06 PM**

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Reed Merinuk, Chief of Police, thanked Councilman Trout for his support with raising funds for the K-9 Patrol and mentioned just how generous the entire community has been. Also,

Lieutenant Cope and Officer Rob Garrison did an outstanding job on putting the event together. Chief Merinuk stated that they are even thinking of getting a second dog.

Lieutenant Cope advised that \$38,000 had been raised thus far naming some of the donors who had contributed generously. The Police are thinking of making this a yearly event. Special mention was given to the following: Rhiels Towing, Gino's Steaks in South Phila., Performance Dodge, the Gekas Family, Woodbury American Legion, Cornell Steel, and Lee Weatherby.

Also, the Cornell Family not only donated \$10,000, but will also be helping with kennel construction.

Mayor Curtis made special mention of how much the Woodbury Police Department has been doing to make Woodbury a safer place.

#### **8:21:26 PM**

Brendon Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, had some school budget and municipal budget questions which President Pro Tempore Fleming addressed.

#### **8:27:14 PM**

Mr. Chiesa inquired about repairs to the City Hall building and the condition of the paint on the exterior. Mr. Bowe stated that this is currently being addressed by City workers.

Mr. Chiesa discussed zoning classifications in the historical areas of the town and how the guidelines seem to vary. We should set more definitive and consistent guidelines.

Some discussion ensued regarding why the Historic Preservation Commission which was established to provide for guidance in historical areas was seemingly inconsistent.

Lastly, Mr. Chiesa inquired as to what was going on with the Woodbury Country Club and the possible changing of the zoning on that property.

Mayor Curtis stated that it may be in the best interest of selling the property to hear possible zoning changes; this is something that the Planning/Zoning Board may have to consider.

John Belko, 605 Delaware Street, thanked everyone for all their kind words regarding his involvement in the Woodfest Night. This year will probably be the best year ever with the opening of nine new businesses. There will be 32 different entertainers this year and the crowds have been growing year after year. The first night will be May 7th and Mr. Belko invited everyone to come out and see for themselves.

Mr. Bowe invited Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, to update Council about the signage that is being considered for the City's Historical District and welcomed Council's comments.

**8:32:40 PM**

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

**Adjournment**

**8:35:18 PM**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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THOMAS B. BOWE

Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Deputy City Clerk: Gail Scheffler

Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Streets: Rich Leidy, Supervisor  
William Lynch, Foreman  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.