

April 27, 2009

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 5, 2009.

President Pro Tempore Fleming opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Villari, Brown, Fleming, Tierney, Trout, Croce, and Mayor Curtis

Absent: Pottillo, Louis, President Sloane

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of April 13, 2009 were approved as submitted.

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 Agenda Items Only.

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

RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilwoman Tierney presented a raffle license application for a raffle to be held at the Armory in June of 2009; proceeds will go to benefit the families of National Guard Soldiers in Iraq. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the application was approved as submitted.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2102-09 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Mr. Law approached Council and explained the reason for the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, 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 11, 2009.

There was a roll call vote on first reading.

Ayes	6	Villari, Brown, Fleming, Tierney, Croce, Trout
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Pottillo, Louis, Sloane

RESOLUTION #09-99 – RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law came forward to say that he was able to include this year’s pension contributions in the budget; however, he had to make some cuts which would keep us under our cap.

Mr. Law then explained further that the school decrease and the City increase would cancel each other out; therefore, the only real increase would be the county’s.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	6	Villari, Brown, Fleming, Tierney, Croce, Trout
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Pottillo, Louis, Sloane

RESOLUTION #09-101 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO APPLY FOR 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 of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Croce, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Croce had nothing to report in Councilman Louis' absence.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION #09-100 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE WOODBURY CONCRETE WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT NO. 0822001-002, NJEIT PROJECT

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-96 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF APPRAISER

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution, stating that an amended resolution would be forthcoming due to a correction on a lot #.

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

RESOLUTION #09-102 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RFP'S FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired why we needed a separate counsel for the redevelopment project; why not use our City Solicitor or our Planning/Zoning Solicitor?.

James Pierson, City Solicitor, explained that special legal guidance would be necessary on matters pertaining to the particulars of the redevelopment process. Also, there could be a “conflict of interest” issue as well as special knowledge of RFP laws which require a “licensed” professional in the redevelopment area.

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

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report on Personnel. She did want to inquire though, about Mr. Dukelow contacting Councilman Croce regarding the Clean Communities Assembly at the High School for Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 9:30 am. Councilwoman Tierney also advised that Mr. Dukelow will be planting around 30 trees using the money from last year’s program.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Croce had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-97 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-55 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 134, LOT 7A/K/A 70 PACKARAD 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 Croce, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #09-98 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 108, LOT 9 A/K/A 245 SOUTH 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 Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #09-103 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-94 APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mayor Curtis for participating in the program at St. Stephen's Church yesterday, stating she would defer to the Mayor to elaborate more during his portion of the meeting.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis wished to thank everyone who attended the event at St. Stephen's Church for two boy scouts who reached the rank of Eagle Scout. Also, a special "thank-you" to Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Trout who were present for the two scouts being honored. The scouts were: Christian Schoning of Cooper Street and Steven Trout of W. Centre Street.

The Mayor also discussed the meeting which took place on Monday, April 20, 2009 when the Department of Transportation came to Woodbury to answer questions pertaining to the Channelization of Broad Street. It was a very positive meeting and after all the discussion we were advised that very little would change along Broad Street when channelization takes place.

Mayor Curtis also discussed another meeting he attended with PATCO regarding the bringing of the rail line through Woodbury. He strongly urged all residents to contact their representatives and express their support in favor of the project.

Finally, Mayor Curtis stated that Woodbury High School students would continue to participate in the "Students in Government Night". Councilwoman Schreyer's work would continue through the efforts of Councilwomen Brown and Tierney.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

President Pro-Tempore Fleming also referenced the PATCO meeting by advising that their decision is still pending; therefore, any the response they get from the public will hopefully help them make their decision in Woodbury's favor.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe informed everyone that Ms. Shelia Magnall, wife of Melvin Magnall, the gentleman from Bury, England who wanted to duplicate Henry Wood's voyage from Bury, England to Woodbury, was recently elected Mayor of Bury. He would like approval to send her flowers and a card of congratulations. On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Mr. Bowe was authorized to proceed with his request.

Mr. Bowe invited the City Engineer to approach and answer any questions Council had regarding his Engineer's Report.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, started with a request to get quotes for the cupola on the Friendship firehouse roof and also some minor repairs. On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Engineer was authorized to proceed with obtaining quotes.

Mr. Bowe also advised that he has talked with Underwood Hospital and they have come to an agreement to have a new bus stop in the area that was in question.

Mr. Bowe invited Mr. Law to come forward to advise Council regarding a lien.

Mr. Law came forward to explain what he had written regarding a lien redemption situation that has occurred with a resident (Mrs. Pollitt) who has inherited the lien which is well beyond what she can afford to pay back.

Mr. Law continued by stating that after talking to the City Solicitor, Mr. Pierson, that Mrs. Pollitt will not be in a position to pay off the lien in the required five year period. The lien is in the amount of \$70,000 and although we would like to see Mrs. Pollitt be given a fair chance to pay off the lien, Mr. Law also wants to make certain the City is protected.

Mr. Pierson stated whatever decision is made will have to be done by a formal resolution.

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, approached Council stating he had some concerns regarding the infrastructure of the City and the condition of the streets, in particular the 300 block of Glover Street.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming advised that there is going to be some money allocated for streets; however, the designated streets have yet to be determined. The City Engineer and Public Works Department will go out and list in order of priority what streets could and should be done.

Mrs. Ruby Pollitt, 39 Stuart Street, came forward to introduce herself explaining to Council that her family members apparently did not pay their taxes or water and sewer charges for years without her knowledge. She now knows what the situation is and is willing to make every attempt to do the right thing; however, she would like Council to know that whatever Council's decision is, she will abide by it.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Avenue, inquired about the City entering into an agreement with La Fitness for city employees.

Mr. Law advised Mr. Bunn that as part of our wellness efforts this was one of the topics discussed at the last meeting; nothing has been determined at this time.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if we ever checked with Sta-fit in Woodbury.

Mr. Law explained that the Wellness Committee is looking into several places including the YMCA, Sta-Fit and LA Fitness.

Mr. Bunn stated that he has come before Council in the past inquiring about cleaning up the shutters outside on Mr. Bowe's office. That was six months ago, and nothing has been done yet.

Mr. Bunn also advised Council that a picnic bench has been thrown into the creek and was an eyesore during the Woodbury Relays; it is still there. Certainly enough time has passed for that to have been removed. Mr. Bunn directed his questions to Councilwoman Tierney stating that she had mentioned before about a clean communities campaign.

Councilwoman Tierney stated she would have Mr. Dukelow look into it.

Mayor Curtis advised that he thinks he may know of someone with the Boy Scouts who can help clean up that area.

Mr. Bunn referenced hearing about a grant to paint City Hall; why couldn't our Public Works Department do this work?

Mr. Bowe advised that all the painting will be done by professionals if and when the grant money arrives.

Mr. Bunn made reference to the general appearance of the City, especially since we are now considering a redevelopment plan.

Mayor Curtis suggested that someone talk to Mike Walsh and have Mr. Alloway, one of the City's foreman, be given the task of trash inspection.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming advised that the City is considering changing the yard debris pick up day from Friday to Monday due to the fact that many people do their yard work over the weekend. This may help create a cleaner appearance for the City.

Mr. Bunn stated that there are people whose trash day is Wednesday and they still put their trash out days before it is picked up; someone has to ticket these violators.

Also, people who have contractors doing work at there properties are responsible for removing their debris. Possibly, when a contractor applies for his permit he should be required to put up a bond of \$100.00 to ensure that he removes his trash from the job site.

Finally, Mr. Bunn inquired if we could see if there is money available to do the lighting at the Frances Avenue fields.

More discussion took place regarding trash pick-up.

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

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

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Emergency Mgmt. Officer: Lieutenant Cope
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Merinuk
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.