

April 28, 2008

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 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 2, 2008. President Sloane opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Andre Sauls.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

Absent: No One

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

President Sloane advised that Resolution #08-104 – “Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for Litigation” would be removed from the agenda. Also Ordinance #2076-08 “Ordinance Amending Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Chapter 73-2 as to Inspections and Fees” would be reintroduced and re-advertised giving the public a broader explanation as to what is involved.

**MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of April 14, 2008 were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC**

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

**BUDGET HEARING**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the floor was opened to the Public for a discussion of the 2008 Proposed Budget.

Seeing no one wishing to address the 2008 proposed budget, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**ORDINANCE #2077-08 – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING LAND SWAP WITH KEMBLE METHODIST CHURCH**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Fleming stated that everyone has received a copy of the plan from the Engineer for their review.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if Kemble Methodist Church was in agreement.

Mr. Pierson, Esquire, advised that they have received the agreement and we have their approval to proceed in writing.

Mayor Curtis asked if a drain on the property ran through the lot in question.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, advised that he was not certain and would have to look into it further; but even if we had to obtain an easement for any reason that should not be a problem.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, 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 12, 2008.

**ORDINANCE #2078-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2067-08 TO FIX AND ESTABLISH SALARIES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION ON THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**

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 12, 2008.

**ORDINANCE #2079-08 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MULTI-PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PHASE II IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$500,000 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 \$250,000; 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 12, 2008.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #08-102 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON AN EXEMPT PROPERTY**

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 voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #08-108 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE ENDORSEMENTS AND TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATIONS TO THE GCUA AND NJDEP FOR A SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION PERMIT FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT ON HUNTER STREET AT ROUTE 45**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-109 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION WELL AT THE SOCCER COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 430 TACOMA BOULEVARD, DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-110 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO SOLICIT QUOTES FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT THE SOCCER COMPLEX, LOCATED AT 430 TACOMA BOULEVARD, DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**VOUCHERS**

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

Councilman Fleming advised that a meeting took place recently where the downtown redevelopment project was discussed. The meeting went well and changes to the zoning ordinance were considered.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**RAFFLE APPLICATION**

Councilman Louis, presented a raffle application from SODAT to be held on May 15, 2008 at St. Patrick's Hall. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Louis presented a Game of Chance to be held by Main Street on June 1, 2008. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Louis presented a 50/50 application from the Rotary Breakfast Club to be held on June 7, 2008. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the application was approved as submitted.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Councilman Louis presented an application for membership to the Friendship Fire Department from Randall C. Gartner. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the application was approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #08-101 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY DELETING BUS STOP**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-105 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-107 – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Belko advised that he has discussed the W. Centre Street Reconstruction with our City Engineer and all is going as planned.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Villari stated that he has been attending the last few Main Street Board of Trustees Meetings and would like to commend all the Committee Members and acknowledge that Main Street again has been recognized as a Credited National Main Street Program for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Councilman Villari also advised that another business “Crown Fried Chicken” has recently opened; and in the next few weeks “Taste of Woodbury Pretzel Bakery” will open.

**PERSONNEL**

**ORDINANCE #2075-08 – ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

Councilman Riskie presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was passed on final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes            9  
Nays            0

Councilman Riskie thanked everyone who helped him put the manual together.

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, personally acknowledged Roy Duffield who contributed greatly in helping put the manual together.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Tierney stated that in the last week she attended three (3) different Arbor Day Ceremonies:

- 1) Wednesday, at the back of the Library in the Elkis Garden where flowers were planted;
- 2) Friday, the Woodbury Garden Club honored Mrs. Weatherbee at the Community Garden off of E. Red Bank Avenue with the planting of azaleas; and
- 3) Also on Friday, WORC planted a tree at the Train Station.

Mr. Law will be publishing all of the information on the web-site.

Councilman Tierney then named the following individuals: Roxanne Long from the Library, Linda Chiesa from the Woodbury Garden Club, Joe Rizzuto from WORC, and Tom Dukelow thanking them for all their work in making all of the above programs possible.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION #08-103 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY WAIVING FEES REGARDING MAIN STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #08-106 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 68, LOT 7 A/K/A 332 LINCOLN 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.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she wanted Council to know that Pastor Andre Sauls and his wife show their presence every Saturday night on Hopkins Street, and it is certainly having an impact.

### **GREEN ACRES**

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she has been meeting with the School for the Memorial that is being planned and they are now discussing ways to fund the project. One of the ideas they are considering is having the dedication on Martin Luther King Day because like the two young men they will be honoring, his life was cut short as was theirs; and all did not get a chance to reach their full potential in life.

Councilman Belko reminded everyone that this Friday will be the first of many musical events scheduled for the Woodfest Festivities.

Councilman Louis inquired when the trees were removed at the Rowan Property on Cooper Street was there a stipulation in a resolution that stated they had to replace the trees? Mr. Dukelow responded there was an agreement for the trees to be replaced.

Councilman Louis expressed some concern regarding the removal of trees along West Centre Street. Councilman Louis stated that he does understand why they are being replaced; however, it will be another 20-30 years before we will see the results of their fully-matured replacements. Councilman Louis is requesting that when projects such as West Centre Street are being considered in the future, he would like to see some consideration given in trying to save as many trees as possible. Councilman Louis stated that he had heard similar comments being made by many of the neighbors along West Centre Street.

### **MAYOR CURTIS**

Mayor Curtis reiterated what Councilwoman Tierney earlier discussed regarding Arbor Day adding that last Friday was a very busy day in Woodbury and he would like to thank all the groups who helped make it possible. Mayor Curtis stated that he talked to Mrs. Weatherbee, one of the honorees, and she was ecstatic over the special plants given in her name.

Mayor Curtis especially thanked WORC for the money they have already donated to help beautify Woodbury.

The Mayor also thanked the children for their plantings behind City Hall.

Mayor Curtis also expressed concern over losing many of the large trees along West Centre Street, understanding that the original trees should never have been planted between the curb and sidewalk. He can accept the changes being made for the better; but no one wants to see the old trees removed.

The Mayor thanked the City for participating in the Safe Route to School Program where many good ideas were shared. The City has decided to apply for a grant for the purchase of speed monitoring devices which will help slow traffic down making it safer for the kids to walk to and from school.

The Mayor also announced that this Saturday is Clean-up Day in Woodbury. There is also an Anti-Crime Meeting at Rowan University where one of our officers, Officer Jeff Pitzo, has been asked to make a presentation.

And lastly, the Mayor informed Councilman Belko that Scott Lupow from Polsky's has offered the use of his lot as an area for possible use by Woodfest if the City is interested.

## **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the floor was closed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Emergency Management Officer: Lieutenant S. Cope

Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Neighborhood Preservation Director: Virginia Horn

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esquire

Streets: Thomas Dukelow