

May 9, 2005

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 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, 2005.

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Warren Light.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brown, Curtis, Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

ABSENT: No one

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2005 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, addressed Resolution #05-96 involving a change order for the West End Tennis Courts. President Riskie stated that this often happens in order to complete a project and funding is available.

Mr. Jenkins also addressed #05-100 pertaining to inter-local agreement with the Fire Departments of Westville and National Park. President Riskie stated that this was an agreement that was originated in January with Westville and now we are also including National Park.

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

PRESIDENT RISKIE ADVISED THAT ORDINANCE #1985-05 WILL REMAIN ON THE TABLE.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENTS IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

President Riskie
Mayor Clark
Councilman Curtis
Councilman Grimming

Christina Vogt
Katelyn Walsh
Julie DiCarlo and Rebecca Wisely
Joseph Rhodes

Councilman Louis
Councilwoman Tierney
Councilwoman Brown
Councilwoman Schreyer
Councilman Graziani
Councilman Sloane
Thomas Bowe

Carson DiBenedetto
Lucy Gassner
Tara Preston
Erin Gassner
Laura Lonabaugh
Stephanie Long
Lamar Lancaster

President Riskie thanked Councilwoman Schreyer for all the work she put into getting this group together.

Councilwoman Schreyer in return thanked the students for their involvement and interest in the program and Mr. Ford from Woodbury High School who helps her make this program the success it is. Councilwoman Schreyer also thanked all the City Officials who gave up their own time to participate in the program earlier this evening.

RESOLUTIONS

Students were invited to participate in the meeting. Their names are shown as introducing resolution and the sponsoring Council Member's name appears in parenthesis.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #05-93 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Gassner (Schreyer), the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-94 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE PAYMENTS ON EXEMPT PROPERTIES

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Curtis requested that each Councilperson receive a copy of the State Statutes governing "Disabled Veteran' Exemptions" so they may be better prepared to answer questions from the public.

Mr. Bowe stated that he would advise Mr. Roy Duffield to accommodate this request.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Gassner (Tierney), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-95 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Contract Negotiations and Real Estate)

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-96 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE WEST END TENNIS COURTS RESURFACING PROJECT AND NICKOLAUS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Lonabaugh (Graziani), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. President Riskie abstained from the vote.

RESOLUTION #05-97 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE WEST BARBER AVENUE PARKING LOT PROJECT AND BUD CONCRETE CO., INC.

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Lonabaugh (Graziani), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-98 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PYRO ENGINEERING, INC., FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane inquired if this was the first time we actually signed a contract for the fireworks display; he never recalled during so in the past.

Mr. Law advised that that we signed a contract last year, which was the first time the City actually entered into a signed contract.

Councilman Sloane stated his concern regarding the legal responsibility for the event, and his concern that the responsibility does not revert back upon the municipality.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor, reassured Councilman Sloane that he has reviewed this contract in all areas with Mr. Law for such wording and is very confident that everything is in order.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Lonabaugh (Graziani), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote.

RESOLUTION #05-99 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE TO THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Lonabaugh (Graziani), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-101 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT

Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), seconded by Councilwoman Long (Sloane), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #05-100 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT AND THE BOROUGH OF NATIONAL PARK

Councilman Long (Sloane) presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Long (Sloane), seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilwoman Long (Sloane) presented a raffle application from Main Street, raffle to be held during the Annual Block Party on June 5, 2005. Seeing the paperwork in order, on motion of Councilwoman Long (Sloane), seconded by Councilman DiBenedetto (Louis), the raffle application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Sloane thanked the students who participated in the Students in Government Program this evening and also thanked Councilwoman Schreyer for putting it all together.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Katlyn Walsh (Clark) advised of the upcoming "Lunch/Munch Day" which is sponsored by Woodbury Main Street and held every year. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Mayor also announced the WORC Cocktail Party which is held each year as a fundraiser. The Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the residence of Anthony and Linda Chiesa on Rugby Place. Cocktails will be from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The first grant recipients of the "It Pays to be Single" Program will be introduced.

Mayor Walsh (Clark) announced that on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, the Main Street Public Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodbury Country Club where Main Street will brief the public on what plans they have for the growth of businesses in Woodbury for the upcoming year.

Finally, Mayor Walsh (Clark) advised that the Farmers' Market is officially opened on Saturdays and she invited everyone to check it out.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe requested that authorization be granted to have the City Engineer draw up an estimate for partial renovations at the Police Station. On motion of Councilwoman Long (Sloane), seconded by Councilman Rhodes (Grimming), the request was granted.

The Clerk/Administrator requested approval of Council to donate \$125.00 toward the Woodbury Fire Explorers Program. On motion of Councilwoman Gassner (Schreyer), seconded by Councilwoman Preston (Brown) the request was approved.

Mayor Clark explained that the program involved five (5) Woodbury residents who were in the Explorers Program and who now will be graduated from the Woodbury High School. A \$25.00 Gift along with a Achievement Certificate would be presented to each of the five candidates for completing the program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, addressed Council to discuss the graffiti which is accumulating on the Wood Street Bridge which is becoming quite unsightly.

President Riskie stated the matter would be addressed.

Mr. Jenkins also inquired about the old Silver Building on Broad Street.

Mayor Clark responded that the current occupants are now renting with the possibility of buying. There is only one apartment encompassing the second floor and the third floor which can be used by one family only.

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

There was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session. Prior to this recess President Riskie thanked the students for their participation in tonight's program. President Riskie also advised that possible action could be taken after the Executive Session.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, it was agreed to have the City Solicitor act on the situation discussed in Executive Session.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police Chief: Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire