

May 11, 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 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 5, 2009.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation delivered by Mr. Frank Evans, Chaplain of American Legion Post #133.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence for the recent passing of Mr. Evans' wife.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pottillo, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Croce, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

Absent: Villari

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of April 27, 2009 were approved as submitted. President Sloane, Councilmen Louis and Pottillo all abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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 Councilman Trout, the public portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #09-104 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CANCELING LIEN FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE 162-4

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #09-105 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT (BLOCK 148.01, LOT 10.08 – 140 LAUREL STREET)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-108 – RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #09-109 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2009 NJDOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. Wilkinson, the City Engineer, explained how the process will work for the application and what the intent is for the use of the grant if approved.

RESOLUTION #09-110 – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADJUSTMENT ON ACCOUNT

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-111 – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REFUND

Councilman Fleming presented the above- entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-112 – RESOLUTION TO ADJUST WATER METER READINGS AND TO CORRECT AMOUNTS BILLED

Councilman Fleming presented the above- entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis stated that the last three resolutions were about adjusting bills due to readings. Are we having a problem with the meters?

Mayor Curtis explained that the problem is with the old meters, not the new system.

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

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Fleming requested that a resolution be prepared thanking the City Engineer, Ted Wilkinson and Jeff Winitsky, our Bond Counsel for all the work they did with acquiring the funding for our reservoir project. We will also be receiving a 50% rebate. All of their efforts will allow the City to save around 2 million dollars.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the City Administrator was authorized to make arrangements for possibly a plaque and also for the City Solicitor to do a resolution acknowledging their efforts for the next meeting.

Mayor Curtis added that the City of Woodbury would be the first in the State to send back an application for federal funding for the project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #09-115 – RESOLUTION ADDING AND DELETING A WESTBOUND BUS STOP ON WEST RED BANK AVENUE

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Sloane also referenced pictures of the various bus shelters presented by the Clerk from NJ Transit. The City is to choose from these samples of the style shelter desired for Woodbury.

President Sloane polled each Council member and the unanimous choice was for the IKEA Paramus model.

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

Councilwoman Brown advised that she would like Council to look into replacing two other shelters: one near the Woodbury Manor neighborhood; and the other near Colonial Park. Mr. Bowe also advised that he has received requests for a shelter at Hendrickson Park across from the Evergreen Apartments as well as one in front of the high school.

Councilman Fleming stated he would ask the officials at the school how they felt about a shelter being placed in front of the school.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Pottillo stated that some e-mails were going around relating to high grass and Mr. Walsh has advised him that those areas will be addressed over the weekend. Due to the heavy rain fall over the past couple of weeks many areas have seen an unusual amount of overgrowth.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-113 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMBINED PLANNING/ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY OF AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND DESIGNATING AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Fleming introduced Mr. Bob Melvin, the City Planner, to brief Council on the resolution.

Mr. Melvin explained that the redevelopment plan started about a year ago and is a slow moving process because of all the steps that have to be taken to make sure things are done according to state statute.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the Public will be notified whenever a meeting will be held so that they are aware of what is going on.

Mr. Melvyn stated that we will make every effort to make the public meetings known because we do want public input.

Councilman Fleming advised that we currently have about 1,000 properties that could be affected and hopefully we could come up with tentative dates and mail one notification to cut down on the cost to notify each individual property owner every time a meeting is held.

President Sloane read a response from Underwood Memorial Hospital, as well as from the law firm of Brown and Connery relating to the Redevelopment Area; he wanted to acknowledge their response as a matter of record.

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

RESOLUTION #09-114 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GROUP MELVIN DESIGN FOR PREPARATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Tierney advised that she would be contacting the Personnel Committee members to plan a meeting in the very near future.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Croce inquired when the meeting would be held for the Bike Crossing. Mr. Wilkinson stated June 10th.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-106 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 63, LOT 13 A/K/A 115 HIGH 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 Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #09-107 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

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.

Councilwoman Brown reminded everyone that the Students in Government Night will be the June 8, 2009 Council Meeting and everyone is asked to come in at 6:30 pm.

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

Councilman Trout advised that he met with Mr. Bruce Bechtloff, a DEP representative, who came down from Trenton. Along with Tom Bowe, and Mr. Duffield there was a meeting to discuss the Green Acres Program as it relates to Woodbury.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis thanked the Neighborhood Preservation Office and Public Works for the Clean-Up Day recently held; he also offered a special “thank you” to Public Works for the outstanding job they did cleaning up the area around the Train Station.

The Mayor referenced a letter he recently received from the County that discussed CDBG grant money to be used in various parts of the City such as handicapped ramps and also to rehab Leeds Place.

Mayor Curtis invited everyone to come to the Train Station at 1:30 pm tomorrow to welcome Governor Corzine who will address the economic development and transportation improvements that the City is endorsing in this part of South Jersey.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe referenced a notice regarding Mental Health Day.

Mr. Bowe also advised that the Bus Shelter situation has been addressed and we are moving forward at this time.

At this point, Mr. Bowe stated that he had learned that he was being publicly ridiculed earlier in the day by a member of the governing body. He was very upset and troubled when this was reported to him. Therefore, he sought legal advise and has been instructed not to discuss the matter any further at this time.

PUBLIC

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

Mr. Larry O'Donnell, 240 Queen Street, came forward to discuss the Board of Education workers who were recently in front of West End School socializing. Near where they were socializing obvious litter cluttered the ground. Never once did they attempt to pick up the trash.

Also, Mr. O'Donnell stated he has made several attempts to have the street sweeper come down Queen Street with no success. Mr. Walsh responded that the regular driver had been out. Now that he is back, Queen Street will be swept.

Mr. McDonnell inquired why there is nothing ever in the newspaper regarding the crime log for Woodbury.

Chief Merinuk advised that the paper has a new policy whereby they want the Police Department to write up the report that they will then print. The Chief does not agree with this procedure.

Also, Mr. McDonnell asked if the City still has community service workers that clean the streets as they did in previous years.

Mayor Curtis answered in the affirmative adding that the service workers spend a significant amount of time along Broad Street. Also, there is not always enough people assigned to do community service work.

Mr. O'Donnell continued by addressing the run-off of oil occurring at the rear of Pep Boys owing to people dropping off oil at night.

Mayor Curtis stated he would have the Construction Department and Police Department check into it.

Finally, Mr. O'Donnell inquired if Woodbury will be moving forward with the Skate Park Project.

Mayor Curtis advised that there is one in West Deptford and understands that they are cutting back their hours due to lack of usage.

As no one else desired to address Council, 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 Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
City Planner: Bob Melvyn
Deputy City Clerk: Gail Scheffler
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Mike Walsh
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esquire