

May 12, 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 given by Chaplain Frank Evans of the American Legion Post #133.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Schreyer

MAYOR READ A PROCLAMATION

Mayor Curtis read a Proclamation which he prepared and which had been read at the funeral of Mrs. Sharlene Green, who recently passed away. Mrs. Green was a well known and well respected individual who devoted many years of her life to her Church and to her community.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence in her honor.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Villari, the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2008 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2076-08 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CHAPTER 73-2 AS TO INSPECTIONS AND FEES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	8
Nays	0
Absent	1 (Schreyer)

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.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Villari, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Absent 1 (Schreyer)

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 Councilman Louis, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Villari, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Absent 1 (Schreyer)

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 Councilman Riskie, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Villari, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	8
Nays	0
Absent	1 (Schreyer)

ORDINANCE #2080-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 190-31 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was placed on first reading.

President Sloane stated that this ordinance addressed no parking on the south side of Hunter Street from Euclid Street to Broad Street at the suggestion of our Chief of Police.

Lieutenant Cope explained this was mainly being done because of the current construction going on with the County Garage Expansion Project.

Mayor Curtis added that the decision was also made because of the length of time the construction will be going on; as well as the number of construction trucks in and out of that area during the entire construction period which may take anywhere from two to three years until fully completed.

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 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION #08-104 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION FOR LITIGATION

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 vote.

President Sloane stated that action would probably not be taken until Council returns from the Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #08-111 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO APPLY FOR TONNAGE GRANT TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #08-112 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY (Joe Buono)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Louis advised that he spoke with Councilwoman Schreyer's sister recently and was informed that the Councilwoman's treatments are taking a toll on her, and he asked that everyone remember her in their prayers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Belko had nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #08-113 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF IN STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS MAIN STREET, ROUTE 45, WOODBURY, NJ

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Sloane stated that Councilman Villari contacted DOT on his own initiative in addition to the Mayor writing a letter on behalf of the City regarding these pedestrian crossings.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Riskie stated that he would like to meet with the Personnel Committee prior to the next Council Meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney wanted to remind everyone about what they should do regarding the disposal of prescription drugs. These drugs should not be flushed down the drain; they should be disposed in the regular trash after having been properly packaged.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown advised that she along with Mayor Curtis and Mr. Bowe attended Mrs. Sharlene Green's services.

Councilwoman Brown also invited Mrs. Horn up to discuss the CDGB Grants the City recently received and how they would be utilized.

Mrs. Horn stated that one grant will be used to put handicapped curbing along Broad Street (24 in total).

Mrs. Horn advised that the other grant would go toward helping senior citizens with minor repairs up to \$1500.00.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Louis had nothing to report in Councilwoman Schreyer's absence.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Belko advised that the second Woodfest event went well in spite of the bad weather; there was a good turnout and the groups were playing their music inside various restaurants.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis stated that he had a letter from the County Economic Development Office for the Community Development Grant and was pleased to hear we received two out of two grants we applied for.

The Mayor also reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 26th at 9:00 am rain or shine to honor our fallen heroes.

Mayor Curtis advised that the County will hold their annual shredding event on June 14, 2008 at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology.

The Mayor thanked Council for re-appointing Joseph Buono as the Fire Official for the City. Firefighter Buono has done a remarkable job in filling that position.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised that quotes were received from four (4) bidders for the Installation of the Irrigation Well at the Soccer Complex on Tacoma Boulevard. The low bidder was AC Schultes for \$15,575.00.

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, AC Schultes was awarded the project.

Mr. Bowe also announced that a Public Hearing will be held on June 4th at 7:30 PM at the County Ceremonial Court Room regarding Solid Waste.

Also the Clerk/Administrator advised that the City of Woodbury is still working on the details for the Installation of a traffic signal at Hunter and Broad Streets (which should take about 6 months) to complete; as well as changing the existing Bus Stop at W. Red Bank Avenue and Tatum Street where a representative from NJ Transit will be looking over the request to have the current location moved.

PUBLIC

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

Patrick McCutcheon, 11 Curtis Avenue, stated that he would like to open up a tattoo parlor and understands that the City of Woodbury has a very strict ordinance regarding tattooing. He is here tonight to ask Council to review the local ordinance and make some revisions to make it less strict. Mr. McCutcheon also presented a petition he had from local business owners who signed and who had no objection to a tattoo studio coming into the area. Mr. McCutcheon went on to explain how he views tattooing differently and how times have changed and many people are currently sporting tattoos.

Councilman Riskie asked Mr. McCutcheon several questions regarding his property and if he has applied to the Planning/Zoning Board yet?

Mr. McCutcheon stated he did go to the Planning/Zoning Board and was very disappointed with the manner in which his request was handled.

President Sloane stated that he would request Council to look at the ordinance again to see if Council would consider revising it.

The Mayor responded to Mr. McCutcheon's remarks about the Planning/Zoning Board Meeting that he attended stating that Mr. McCutcheon's attorney did not meet the necessary criteria to grant a variance to allow for the business.

President Sloane advised Mr. McCutcheon that he would have the Public Safety Committee look into his request and report back to Council at the next regularly-scheduled Council Meeting.

Mrs. Heide Louis, 102 N. Girard Street, came forward to inquire about the stop signs and how long the notification signs would be posted before the actual signs get installed.

Lieutenant Cope commented that probably only another 3 to 4 days.

Councilman Louis stated that there is one sign at Jackson and W. Centre Streets and another one only one block away; they seem to be too close together.

Lieutenant Cope stated that the purpose was to control the speeding in that area because it is a real safety issue.

Councilman Louis stated that he thought having one stop sign at one or the other location would be just as effective.

Lieutenant Copy stated he would look into this and advise.

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

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Louis, there was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session (8:30 pm).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:44 pm.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Solicitor was authorized to proceed with the action as discussed in Executive Session.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.
Streets Dept: Rich Leidy, Supervisor