

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.

There was a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Louis, Graziani, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

Absent: Sloane, Curtis

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the minutes of May 9, 2005 were approved as submitted.

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

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-agenda Items only.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, inquired about Ordinance #1994-05 and what the change was to the existing Landlord/Licensing Ordinance.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor, explained that the difference was minor involving some change in wording.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1993-05 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the ordinance was placed 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 June 13, 2005.

ORDINANCE #1994-05 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE: LANDLORD/TENANT LICENSING

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the ordinance was placed 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 June 13, 2005.

ORDINANCE #1995-05 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE: WATER

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the ordinance was placed 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 June 13, 2005.

ORDINANCE #1996-05 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,342,438 THEREFORE; 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 \$926,544; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was placed 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 June 13, 2005.

President Riskie thanked the Finance Committee and Mr. Law for all the work that was involved in keeping this ordinance at the lowest possible number.

ORDINANCE #1997-05 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$262,905 THEREFORE; 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 \$249,760; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the ordinance was placed 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 June 13, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #05-102 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Contract Negotiations)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Riskie advised that action may be taken on this resolution when Council resumes the Regular Order of Business after the Execution Session is held; however, it is highly unlikely any action would be taken this evening.

RESOLUTION #05-104 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(D)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #05-105 - RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2004 BALANCE ON WATER AND SEWER BILL

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #05-103 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FIRE PROTECTION SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY (Anthony A. Dariano, Sr.)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Riskie then introduced Mr. Dariano and welcomed him TO his newly-appointed position.

RESOLUTION #05-106 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ELITE TREE SERVICE INC. FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Leslie Clark spoke on the following subjects:

1. Mayor Clark welcomed our newly appointed Fire Protection-Sub Code Official, Anthony A. Dariano, Sr.;
2. The Mayor also advised that the next meeting in support of the proposed rail lines coming through Woodbury will be held tomorrow, May 24, 2005 at the Train Station at 7:00 p.m.. If anyone cannot make the meeting they also have the option of writing a letter to the editor or signing a petition; any support on this subject matter (NJ3) will hopefully help the cause;
3. Mayor Clark reminded everyone that the Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31st and will start at 9:00 a.m.;
4. On this coming Thursday the Mayor stated that she along with Bob Law, CFO and Bill Buckley, the City's Auditor will be going to Trenton to present the City's case for receiving "Extraordinary Aid"; and
5. Mayor Clark announced that one of the biggest events of the year, the Annual Main Street Block Party", will be held Sunday, June 5, 2005.

PRESIDENT RISKIE

President Riskie stated that he attended the Annual Main Street meeting last week where the Mayor was the Guest Speaker. President Riskie stated he accepted a plaque recognizing the City of Woodbury as a "Gold Sponsor" of Main Street.

The President of Council also recognized Red Cross and Thomas F. Dukelow for all their help relocating the occupants of a home located in North Woodbury which was lost in a fire.

President Riskie also commended Patrolman Michael Magee who, when off-duty, assisted in an arrest in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised that tomorrow, May 24, 2005 at Bethel Park, the Woodbury High School Boys Tennis Team will play for the Group I Final against Schalick High School. Mr. Bowe stated that he would like to congratulate the tennis coach, Scott Henderson, for another great year.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

President Riskie invited questions from Council regarding the Engineer's Report distributed this evening.

Councilman Grimming inquired about the Red Bank Avenue and Tatum Street intersection concerning potholes. Mr. Joseph Schiavo, City Engineer stated that a preliminary design has been completed and if approved West Deptford will be contacted to share in the costs.

Councilman Grimming then inquired about the North End Storm Sewer Project.

Mr. Schiavo explained that Phase III is now being considered and is part of our current bond ordinance.

Councilwoman Schreyer thanked the Engineer for looking into the line-of-sight issue on Red Bank Avenue where the proposed townhouses are going to be constructed in West Deptford.

Mr. Schiavo explained that after reviewing the plans there is an existing driveway and there is proper site distance; however, the City can continue to pursue this potential problem area.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she still believes that more clearing is necessary to ensure the safety of cars going in and out of that driveway and yes, she would like to pursue this request.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Mrs. Theresa Trumbetti, a representative of Aultman Management Company from Glenside, Pennsylvania, who are the management company for Woodbury Manor Town Homes on Lafayette Avenue came forward to discuss a water bill situation. Mrs. Trumbetti explained how a water bill that should have been in the \$1100 has become over \$10,000 due to a leak. This leak was in a resident's apartment and was going on for six (6) months and was never reported. It was not until the Water Department notified the Management Office when this was discovered, at which time it was immediately repaired. Due to these circumstances, Mrs. Trumbetti is asking for Council's consideration for some monetary relief. Mrs. Trumbetti then explained that very often residents do not report problems either out of fear, or anticipating that their rent will increase or because of a possible language barrier.

Mrs. Trumbetti explained that there is a maintenance man on the premises but he does not normally check each apartment unless there is a problem. Mrs. Trumbetti explained that the only time the maintenance man goes into an apartment is on an annual routine visit when he changes the filters and/or batteries in the units. In addition, up until the time that Mrs. Trumbetti came on board as the Regional Manager, meters were not being read for actual usage but instead, estimated bills were the norm.

President Riskie advised Mrs. Trumbetti that he would refer her request to the Public Works/Utilities Committee for their consideration of her request.

Mrs. Trumbetti requested that whatever the decision could it be in writing.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, approached Council reflecting on a complaint he made at the last Council Meeting regarding graffiti on the Wood Street Bridge; as of this morning the graffiti was still there.

Mr. Jenkins stated that there was some confusion with the NPP Clean up Program and he noticed that Glover Street was removed from the list of eligible streets.

Mr. Bowe stated he would have to get an explanation from Virginia Horn who unfortunately was not present this evening.

Mr. Jenkins also inquired about the Tax Sale Listing in the newspaper of delinquent taxes which totaled over \$1,000,000.00. Is that an excessive amount or a typical amount?

Mr. Law stated that the list was forwarded to meet a deadline date; however, since that first publication many properties have been cleared but will continue to be advertised.

Councilwoman Tierney indicated that there had been a change in the time of the sale from September to June and that may also account for additional properties being listed.

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

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and a five minute-recess commenced before Council went into Executive Session.

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

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Regular Order of Business was resumed when Council came out of the Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Solicitor was authorized to negotiate and proceed with the project as discussed in Executive Session.

Councilman Graziani stated he was not in agreement with the decision.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Joseph Schiavo
Construction Code Official: Bob Kunkle
Deputy City Clerk: Gail Scheffler
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Tom Dukelow, Supervisor
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire