

June 12, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Robert Curtis at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Clerk and 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, 2003.

The Invocation was delivered by Chaplain Frank Evans of the American Legion Post #133.

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schrock, Schreyer, Brown, Sloane, Louis, Graziani, President Curtis and Mayor Clark

Absent: Grebb

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2003 were approved as submitted.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Curtis stated that another resolution, Resolution #03-122 introducing an Executive Session on Litigation should be added to the agenda.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items only.

As no one approached Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1956-03 – ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1895-00 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE; LICENSING AND INSPECTION

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

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

Ayes	8	
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Grebb

ORDINANCE #1957-03 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 89 FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

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

Ayes	8	
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Grebb

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #03-113 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-114 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-116 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-117 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-118 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-119 – RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane inquired why the renewal was being done now rather than in January. Mr. Law responded that this application was in preparation for renewal for the January 2004 membership. Councilman Sloane was satisfied with that response.

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

RESOLUTION #03-120 – MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION TO EXTEND SECOND ROUND SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-121 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY OVERTIME PROGRAM

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-122 – RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation)

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Curtis informed the audience that no action would be taken this evening as a result of this Executive Session.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

BINGO APPLICATION

Councilman Schrock presented an application from Beth Israel Synagogue for a six month period. On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the application was approved as submitted, with Councilwoman Brown being the only nay vote to the request.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that the Tree Survey is now being conducted and she would have the final report after conferring with Mr. Dukelow.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #03-115 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #03-75 AND #03-91 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 114 LOT 29 A/K/A 46 HOPKINS 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, with Councilman Riskie abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Louis stated that he had talked with Mike Walsh regarding trading in one of the City's trash trucks that is not in operation and in return receiving the rehabilitation of another one of our trash truckS at a reduced cost (\$2200).

Mr. Hasbrouck suggested that in order to be in compliance with State Statute and to proceed with the above request, he is recommending that at least 2 or more quotes be received listing the trade-in value of the one trash truckS along with the after-repair value of the other truck.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani authorization was given to Mr. Law to make a decision based on the figures received.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark spoke on the following topics:

1. Mayor Clark advised that she attended the Boy Scouts Dinner where former Mayor Don Sanderson was honored by receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award;
- 2, Mayor Clark also advised that she presented a proclamation at a Girl Scouts Dinner where Laura Palimino, a Woodbury High School Junior, was awarded the Girls Scout Gold Award;

3. Mayor Clark stated at the last Planning/Zoning Board Meeting that an amended fee schedule was approved and Council is being asked to prepare an ordinance for the next Council meeting so we can implement this change;
4. The Mayor requested the elimination of daily street sweeping during the evening hours. This request has come about as a result of a meeting that took place whereby the public voiced their concerns. This has been an ongoing problem within the City and the Mayor is requesting an amendment to the parking ordinance to include this change;
5. The Mayor reminded everyone that they should have received an invitation to the Woodbury Board of Education Public Meeting next Wednesday, June 18th to discuss the Regionalization and Facility Studies. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.;
6. Mayor Clark also referenced a letter received from the New Jersey Coalition for the New Jersey Public Good advising of a meeting on Tax Reform on September 13th and 14th. Two members from the Woodbury Board of Education will be attending and if anyone from Council was interested they should advise the Mayor. All expenses will be paid for by the Non-Partisan Coalition;
6. Mayor Clark thanked Main Street, as well as the Woodbury Public Works Department, for all the hard work that went into making the Annual Main Street Block Party such a huge success. Also congratulations to Jill Gilfillan, President of Main Street, and Scott Hunter, the new Executive Director of Main Street;
7. The Mayor advised that Main Street has requested an audience to present their three-year plan at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of Council and welcomed Council's feedback;
8. The Mayor invited all residents to drive by the Sketch Club on Glover Street to view the paintings on the windows. The panels were designed by a local artist, Sally Bouchard, and the official unveiling was Saturday. The Mayor attended along with Councilwoman Brown; and
9. Mayor Clark reminded everyone that Saturday is Flag Day and asked that all Woodbury residents fly their flags with pride.

Councilman Sloane requested that the Finance Committee along with Mr. Bowe and Mr. Law get together to discuss the upcoming Police/Fire contracts.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe referenced a diagram that was included in the handouts this evening. The diagram depicted changes to be made to the existing welcome signs and list the names and symbols of the organizations who wish to be included on these signs. There was some dialogue concerning this subject matter.

Mr. Bowe also referenced a letter of request in the packet from the YMCA for use of the City's existing Clubhouse due to construction within their facility. On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Louis the request was approved.

The Clerk/Administrator acknowledged the annual \$1200 request by the Woodbury Jaycees for help with the expenses of the Fireworks Display. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the request was approved.

Mr. Bowe requested authorization to have the City Engineer draw up plans and specifications to demolish the existing buildings on Hopkins Street and E. Barber Ave. to make way for new homes which are a part of the City's development project. On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the request was approved.

Mr. Bowe stated that he has a request from the Neighborhood Preservation Office to erect a community garden at the end of Lafayette Avenue. On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the request was approved.

Councilman Riskie inquired if a response was received regarding the TEA '21 Grant Application to be used in part for additional red bricks along Broad Street. Mr. Bowe replied that we have not yet received an answer. Mr. Bowe, did however, receive a reply that the NJ Trust Fund Application had been denied for the refurbishing of City Hall.

PUBLIC

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

Ron Budd, 535 Woodbury-Glassboro Road, came forward to express his disapproval of the City of Woodbury's support for outside farmers to come into the City to participate in the Farmer's Market without paying the proper fees.

Mr. Bowe advised that since this project was being sponsored by Main Street, which is a non-profit organization, the existing fee schedule does not apply to them.

Mr. Budd responded that the vendors were for profit.

More conversation continued regarding the fairness of the fees.

President Curtis stated that the Farmer's Market was designed with the intent to bring additional people into the City in hopes that they would also frequent the existing businesses.

Councilman Sloane addressed Mr. Budd stating that this should be looked at as a good thing, and not as a negative to the existing businesses in town. Councilman Sloane stated that Mr. Budd should take advantage of the advertising.

In conclusion, Mr. Budd stated that he was not here this evening to bash the Farmer's Market idea; he just wants to see the City enforce a fair playing ground for all enterprises and follow the existing fee schedule for those vendors who do want to come into the City for profit.

President Curtis suggested that the City Solicitor look into all City ordinances as they pertain to public functions to insure that they are current and within guidelines.

Fran Tessings, 361 Edith Avenue, approached Council to address basketball courts on public streets. Mrs. Tessings stated that her son has a basketball standard in front of her property and she was advised by the Police Department to remove it, which she did. Mrs. Tessings is here now to inquire why this had to be done and why it was not enforced in other parts of the City.

President Curtis advised Mrs. Tessings that in addition to safety and noise concerns, it is a municipality's obligation to provide public access to the streets without any obstacles, thus making anything in the street a potential liability for the City.

Councilman Sloane stated this issue came before Council at the last meeting and he for one was in agreement in prohibiting the children from playing basketball in the streets.

Questions were asked by several Council persons and it was determined that there were concerns raised this evening and it was requested that the Police Department look into the matter.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Street, came forward to complain again about the TLC Ambulance Service using his street as short-cut to avoid the traffic light. This is becoming a nuisance.

Mr. Bowe was directed to request TLC by letter to cease using E. Packer Avenue as a short-cut.

As no one desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by

Councilman Riskie, the Public Portion for Non-Agenda Items was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, there was a five minute recess before going into Executive Session AT 8:50 P.M.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:00 p.m..

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Police: Lieutenant Sheehan
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.
Public Works: Mike Walsh