

June 22, 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 a "Moment of Silence".

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brown, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Croce, President Sloane

Absent: Villari, Pottillo, Fleming, and Mayor Curtis

**MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of June 8, 2009 were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC**

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

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Avenue, came forward to inquire about Resolution #09-134 which addressed the overlaying of certain streets and in particular Tatum Street. Mr. Bunn wanted to know if West Deptford was sharing the cost since part of the street is in West Deptford.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, stated this was considered a shared area and he did not know how it would be handled as the City is doing the overlaying with state money.

Councilman Louis stated he would contact West Deptford; he is certain that we could offset some of the money to be used in other areas.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Councilwoman Tierney filled in for Councilman Fleming.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE #2104—09 - AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was ordered opened for Public Hearing.

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Ayes	6	Brown, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Croce, President Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Villari, Pottillo, Fleming

**ORDINANCE #2105-09 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190, SECTION 38 SCHEDULE VIII: STOP INTERSECTIONS**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was ordered opened for Public Hearing.

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Councilman Louis stated that he had a conversation with the Chief of Police and would like Council to be aware of it. Councilman Louis started by saying that he was surprised that this ordinance did not originate with the Public Safety Committee. Since that did not happen, he then gave examples of where, if contacted, he would have directed his comments.

In Chief Merinuk's absence, Lieutenant Cope spoke advising that the information that was gathered was done so by speaking with residents.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the Police Department has been monitoring the stop signs and their effects.

Lieutenant Cope stated that they have and it has cut down on accidents because it has slowed down traffic.

Lieutenant Cope also stated that he has heard positive feedback on the location of the stop signs in question.

President Sloane stated that he would advise that in future decisions, especially regarding safety on the streets, the Safety Committee would be contacted.

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

Ayes	6	Brown, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Croce, President Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Villari, Pottillo, Fleming

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #09-134 – RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2010, ROADWAY PRIORITY NO. 2, THE MILLING AND OVERLAY OF VARIOUS STREETS PROJECT**

Councilwoman Tierney requested that the above-entitled resolution be taken off the table.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

### **RESOLUTION #09-138 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITH THE CITY OF WOODBURY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Bowe advised that the Woodbury Country Club is not on the list for approval due to tax obligations they must satisfy.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Croce, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	4	Louis, Tierney, Croce, President Sloane
Nays	1	Brown
Abstained	1	Trout
Absent	3	Villari, Pottillo, Fleming

**RESOLUTION #09-139 – RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2010 , BIKEPATH PROJECT, PRIORITY NO. 1, THE WOODBURY BIKEPATH PROJECT, PHASE II**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired why we needed additional funding. The City Engineer, Ted Wilkinson, approached Council to explain why additional funds were needed to complete the Bike Path Project because of safety measures involved with the path's crossing a county road, state highway and Conrail tracks.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-140 – RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO HALEY & ALDRICH ENGINEERS FOR SOILS ENGINEERING AND OBSERVATION REGARDING 1MG TANK FOUNDATION DESIGN**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-142 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH UNI-TECH DRILLING CO., INC. FOR SOIL BORING RIG OPERATIONS FOR RESERVOIR PROJECT**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**VOUCHERS**

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

Councilwoman Tierney also advised that Mr. Law has advised the Finance Committee that at the next Council Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2009 the Budget will likely be able to be adopted.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Louis had nothing to report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report in Councilman Pottillo's absence.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION #09-141 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-113 AND REMOVING VARIOUS BLOCKS AND LOTS FROM THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S AREA DESIGNATED AS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Louis in Councilman Villari's absence presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney asked why the hospital was being excluded from our redevelopment plan.

President Sloane stated that we are currently in contact with the hospital and the hospital has advised that they also have a redevelopment plan in place. After further discussion between their Counsel and our Planner, it became apparent that we had no interest in any of their properties; therefore, it was recommended that we pass this resolution with their properties being excluded.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if there was any specific reason why the hospital did not want to be part of the redevelopment plan.

Mr. Mark Asselta, Esq. attorney for Brown and Connery who was representing the hospital stated that reasons were simply that the hospital did not need to be included.

Councilman Louis stated that again he would like to be better informed before we are put in a position to vote on something. Councilmembers should be advised beforehand.

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

**PERSONNEL**

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilman Croce had nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION #09-135 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 109, LOT 8 a/k/a 75 EAST BARBER AVENUE**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-136 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 58, lot 3 a/k/a 41 PENN STREET**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-137 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 177, LOT 17 a/k/a 117 PROGRESS AVENUE**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown advised that she met at Wing-Dickerson Park with members of the neighborhood to discuss the rehabilitation of that park.

## **GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Trout stated that progress has been made with the Soccer Field Areas involving irrigation, seeding and weeding. The fields should be playable in the fall.

## **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe reminded everyone that a Special Council Meeting will be held this Thursday evening, June 25, 2009 at 6:30 pm to approve a bid award for additional work at the Soccer Complex.

Also, Mr. Bowe advised that he received a phone call from a resident who would like to donate a substantial amount of money in memory of his wife. The undisclosed resident and Mr. Bowe met along with Mr. Dukelow at Hendrickson Park to see if something could be done at that location; however, we would also like the County's help through their landscape architect. The possibility of a memorial somewhere along Broad Street was also discussed.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney to further continue talks with the resident was approved.

Mr. Bowe invited the Engineer to answer any questions pertaining to his report. No one had any questions.

## **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.

John Belko, 65 Delaware Street, approached Council to advise that the last Woodfest Event will be this Friday and he would like to thank several people publicly for all their help in making these events possible. Mr. Belko especially thanked Tom Dukelow, the Parks & Recreation Staff, Jean Wipf and the Library Staff, and the Police Department.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to address the Budget and quoted some figures regarding revenues that were possibly lost over the years.

Mr. Roy Duffield, Tax Assessor, stated that he would like to research Mr. Chiesa's figures further and will advise him after he does.

Mr. Chiesa inquired if the City was still considering doing the reassessment this year. Mr. Duffield stated we were requested to move forward by the County to have it done.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Avenue, inquired about the hospital's redevelopment plan, and if it could be seen by the public.

President Sloane advised that the hospital redevelopment plan could be reviewed by Council, not necessarily the public.

Mr. Bunn continued by asking that if Council could view that plan could he then ask a question regarding the plan in an open Council Meeting.

President Sloane informed Mr. Bunn that just as the City discusses real estate matters in closed session so could the hospital have real estate matters that they would want to keep confidential.

Seeing no one else, 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 Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE  
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
Emergency Mgmt. Officer; Lieutenant Cope  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.