

June 23, 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.

The Invocation was delivered by Ms. Suzy Eyler, Theology Teacher at Bishop Eustace Prep School & Spiritual Director.

President Villari requested a Moment of Silence for Mayor Michael Galbraith, Mayor of Westville, who recently passed away and who was the father of his very close friend.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** No One

**PRESENTATION BY STANLEY EL**

President Sloane introduced Mr. Stanley El who first distributed a Pocket copy of the Declaration of Independence and then read excerpts listing all the reasons why everyone should cherish their freedom and the American Dream in celebration of the upcoming Fourth of July holiday.

**MINUTES**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the minutes of June 9, 2008 were approved as submitted.

**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 Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**ORDINANCE #2082-08 – 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 \$563,000 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 \$534,850; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

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

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 Councilwoman Schreyer, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes 9 Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko,  
Sloane

Nays 0

**ORDINANCE #2083-08 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS 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**

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

Ayes 9 Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko,  
Sloane

Nays 0

**ORDINANCE #2084-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT FRANCES AVENUE FIELD #2**

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The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

Ayes 9 Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko,  
Sloane

Nays 0

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #08-134 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX FORECLOSURES**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired why some of the amounts on the list got to such a significant level before the City went into foreclosure on the properties.

Mr. Law explained that if you look at the date of the tax sale, some go back prior to the start of his employment in 1999 and would include additional unpaid tax, interest and penalties. Mr. Law further explained that legally we could foreclose a municipal lien after 6 months; what we are attempting to do now is to not let the liens accumulate further. The attempt is to clean up the older ones and put them back on the tax rolls as taxpaying entities.

James Pierson, City Solicitor, explained the procedure on how the City would go about foreclosing and attempting to get what we can from the value of the properties.

Mayor Curtis stated that the City could qualify for Brownfields Grants to provide for a Phase I Environmental Study to test and possibly cleanup potentially contaminated sites that the City might foreclose upon.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-135 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITH THE CITY OF WOODBURY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-137 – 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 Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #08-138 – RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO DELAWARE STREET, FROM THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY TO BROAD STREET, STATE ROUTE 45 PROJECT**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-139 – RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WOODBURY BIKEWAY PROJECT**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-140 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO FRED SCHIAVONE CONSTRUCTION, INC. REGARDING THE WOODBURY SOCCER ANNEX PROJECT**

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 Councilman Riskie, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

Councilman Fleming advised that he received a call from the County and they have asked for a letter and resolution to be prepared to go to DEP authorizing the New Jersey

American Water Company to supply water to West Deptford Township through the City of Woodbury's water system.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Belko Council it was agreed to have the City Administrator sign the proper documents agreeing to New Jersey American Water Company's terms as requested.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **RESOLUTION #08-136 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FIRE OFFICIAL SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF WENONAH**

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.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Belko requested that everyone keep Chuck Kamps in their prayers. He is the Public Works employee recently injured on a trash truck.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **RESOLUTION #08-141 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE NJ HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY**

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

## **PERSONNEL**

Councilman Riskie stated that he handed out the new personnel evaluation forms and would like everyone to review them and advise if they have any comments or suggestions.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she attended the pre-opening ceremonies for the Woodbury Farmer's Market and all went well and hopes that everyone will support the farmers who are selling their products.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Councilwoman Brown welcomed and thanked Ms. Eyer for delivering the Invocation and also thanked Mr. Stanley El for his reading.

Councilwoman Brown also stated that Mr. Kamps was already on her Church's prayer list.

### **GREEN ACRES**

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that as everyone will see from the resolutions previously adopted that the City will continue to apply to Grants for which we are eligible until we succeed in better improving Steward Lake Park.

Councilman Belko advised that last Wednesday the first "Cruise Night" was held and people got the feel of what a three-lane traffic pattern on Broad Street would look like. It was noticed that the cars traveling through Woodbury did go a little slower and there was only a slight back-up of traffic.

### **MAYOR CURTIS**

Mayor Curtis advised that he received a letter from DOT whereby they stated that the areas we requested to be looked are ok'd for pedestrian signs; however, we now have to apply for a permit to put the signs in place.

The Mayor stated that while in Trenton the other day, he had the occasion to visit the Green Acres Office and the new Director, John Flynn, a former resident of Woodbury

and childhood friend of the Mayor. Director Flynn wants to help Woodbury as much as he can.

Mayor Curtis discussed a DCA Program regarding first time buyers and how they can get help with their mortgages if they qualify.

Mayor Curtis talked about the two grants the City received: a \$10,000.00 grant for business improvements and the Bikeway Grant which will greatly benefit the soccer fields with a bike path which will make it a much safer area to bike.

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, explained how the bike paths will connect and how the funding is done in phases.

In conclusion, Mayor Curtis welcomed everyone to come out and enjoy the Fireworks Display and thanks to the Fire Department for all their help.

### **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator stated he received a letter today from the DEP advising of a web site that lists all the Brownfield sites in Woodbury as well as giving a history of the properties.

The Clerk requested a motion to have the City Engineer do a cost analysis of the North End Sewer Project. On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer approval was granted to have the City Engineer proceed with the Study.

The Clerk asked for another motion to have the Engineer design a “barrier-free” access along Broad Street.

Mr. Wilkinson explained in more detail what that request actually involved.

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the request for the Broad Street Study was approved.

Mr. Bowe welcomed questions from Council for the City Engineer to answer pertaining to the Engineer’s Report.

Councilman Louis inquired how the West Centre Street Project was going.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that they did run into a problem when they reached Jackson Street but are hoping all will be resolved. Mr. Wilkinson stated that all in all there have only been about three (3) complaints from residents.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he is very pleased to have received the \$78,000 Change Order for the Soccer Fields.

Councilman Belko stated that on this coming Friday there will be the second Taste of Woodbury Night and hopes that all will come out and enjoy themselves. Also on that same night, the weekly Woodfest will be celebrated. Tickets can be purchased at the Library, City Hall, and any of the stores along Broad Street.

**PUBLIC**

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

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Street, stated that he had a print of the oil painting of the Wood Property in Bury, England, and he would like to donate it to the Library or the School for public display.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 Councilwoman Schreyer the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler  
Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE  
Public Works: Michael Walsh  
Solicitor: James Pierson