

June 26, 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 Pro Tempore Sloane 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 American Legion Post #133.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: President Curtis and Councilman Grebb

President Pro Tempore Sloane explained that President Curtis suffered heat exhaustion and was recovering this evening, and Councilman Grebb was away on vacation.

President Pro Tempore Sloane welcomed Boy Scout Troop #7 to this evening's Council Meeting.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2003 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items only.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1958-03 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35-26 AND CHAPTER 170-4(L) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie, 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 July 10, 2003.

President Pro Tempore Sloane explained the process of ordinances to Boy Scout Troop #7 so they had a better understanding as to the differences were between ordinances and resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #03-123 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE TO THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-124 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-125 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-126 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODBURY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Council inquired about the location of the Luken's License. The City Clerk advised that Mr. Luken's purchased the Penn Pizza License and has yet to determine where he will be operating. Mr. Bowe also explained that the State had given Mr. Luken's its consent to carry this license as a "pocket license" for at least another year.

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

RESOLUTION #03-127 – RESOLUTION, APPLICATION, AND AGREEMENT FOR STATE AID TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

RESOLUTION #03-131 – RESOLUTION, APPLICATION, AND AGREEMENT FOR STATE AID TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

The City Clerk stated that there were two similar resolutions for state aid and recommended both be submitted for consideration.

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolutions.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolutions and explained that Mr. Fleming, City Engineer, would explain their contents.

Mr. Fleming stated that Resolution #03-127 was for Safe Streets to School Program and defined the intent of the grant and how it should be utilized for pedestrian safety. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$103,000 of which the grant would be for \$94,400 in State funding with the City's portion being \$8,700.

Mr. Fleming then explained Resolution #03-131 which was for a portion of the Park Avenue Roadway Project for reconstruction of the roadway. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$299,500 of which the grant would be for \$150,000 in State funding with the City paying the difference. Mr. Fleming further explained that the Park Ave. Project also involved Deptford Township who controls half of Park Ave.. Deptford is pushing for total reconstruction where Woodbury initially only wanted to repave. The cost of reconstruction versus repaving is more than the City is now in a position to expend.

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie, Resolution #03-127 was adopted by a voice vote.

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Riskie, Resolution #03-131 was defeated by a roll call vote.

Ayes	1	Riskie
Nays	6	Schrock, Schreyer, Brown, Sloane, Louis, Graziani,
Absent	2	Grebb, Curtis

RESOLUTION #03-130 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION (Real Estate)

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the vouchers as presented, listed and certified were authorized paid.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

President Pro Tempore Sloane referenced the upcoming Salary and Wage Ordinance that would be introduced in the near future. The most significant aspect of the ordinance centered on the City's non-union employees and considerations as to the level of their salary increase. After considerable discussion amongst Council, there seemed to be a general feeling that the non-union employees should receive the same increase as received by the City's Public Works union employees.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Louis advised that Mike Walsh, Public Works Manager received another price for comparison purposes in regard to the repairing of the trash truck as discussed at the last Council meeting. The price received was for \$15,000 whereas the other option was to follow through with the first choice of giving up the old trash truck in exchange for repairing another of our trash trucks and a \$2,000 payment.

Mr. Hasbrouck advised Councilman Louis that prior to any final commitment it was necessary to see that the value of the exchange was in line in comparison to the other price received.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that the surveying of trees is still ongoing and should be completed by end of July at which time Mr. Dukelow will advise of the status.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #03-128 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM HOUSING INSPECTION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Brown presented the above entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-129 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Brown presented the above entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown presented a letter she received from Mrs. Ellis and asked if the Clerk would address the problem and respond back to Mrs. Ellis in writing.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Graziani advised that he received notification from the State that money has been appropriated for the 2003 Year for Green Acres Projects. Councilman Graziani stated that he would be calling a meeting in the near future to discuss and submit plans for the Soccer Fields Project.

PRESENTATION BY MAIN STREET

Scott Hunter, Executive Director of Main Street, introduced himself giving a brief background on his business experience. Mr. Hunter then introduced Jim Watson who gave an overview of the three-year plan proposed for Woodbury Main Street.

Mr. Watson addressed Council introducing Dave Jenkins another member of Main Street. Mr. Watson began his presentation by advising what steps will be taken to accomplish the business growth of Woodbury by bringing in more ratables to the commercial areas. Mr. Watson encouraged Council's involvement and their opinions and welcomed questions and suggestions from everyone.

Many topics were discussed, but the ones of most interest were: the G. G. Green Building and its intended use; traffic control; and marketing strategies for the business district.

Scout Leader Trout thanked Council for allowing his troop to sit in on tonight's Council Meeting.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark thanked Troop #7 for being in attendance this evening.

Mayor Clark also thanked Main Street for their very informative briefing. The Mayor made special mention of all the work put forth by Main Street in helping keep the Posh Pomergrante Antique Dealership in

business. The Mayor also encouraged Main Street to forge ahead in attempting to achieve their goals in the renovations of the G. G. Green Building.

The Mayor also invited everyone to another new store in Woodbury. A gift shop has opened at the corner of Broad and W. Centre Streets called the Art Lounge and has a very fine selection of gifts.

Mayor Clark welcomed everyone to the Grand Opening of the Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 28, 2003 at 9:00 a.m..

The Mayor also reminded everyone of the Annual Jaycees Fireworks Display with the program starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbury High School Athletic Fields.

CITY CLERK

Mr. Bowe referenced the newspaper published by the High School which was distributed recently and especially the article regarding one of Woodbury's own who was recognized as the "super" State Champion in the shot-put. This young man is Chris Pressley.

Councilman Riskie suggested we honor Mr. Pressley with a proclamation; it was unanimously decided to do so.

Mr. Bowe again referenced the signs at the entrances to the City that advertise the City's service groups and Mr. Herb Budd's plan to enhance said signs. The Clerk requested that the enhancement of the signs be accepted at not cost to the City. On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the request to proceed with the enhancements was approved.

The City Clerk also referenced materials distributed this evening pertaining to the following: Youth Farm Stand; Landfill Notice; Planning/Zoning Board Notices; and the Engineer's Report.

Mr. Bowe requested approval to have the City Engineer draw up specifications and go out to bid for the Soccer Fields and Wing-Dickerson Park so long as the City received grant money to pay for the project. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer the motion to proceed with this request was approved.

Mayor Clark inquired about the parking lot behind Rite Aid and when the project would go out to bid. Mr. Fleming responded that the advertisement would be soon.

In conclusion, Mr. Bowe advised that the July 24th Council Meeting may be postponed or cancelled due to a dinner that had been previously scheduled for our Bury, England visitors.

PUBLIC

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

Dr. Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, spoke regarding the conversation earlier about the ½ cent reduction in the budget and its significance.

Maureen Maron of High Street, addressed the City of Woodbury's lack of a "rental control" ordinance and then explained her recent rent increase of 25% for this year. Ms. Maron stated this kind of increase seemed unfair and she was surprised to find out that Woodbury does not have an ordinance on the books to address this issue.

President Pro-Tempore Sloane stated that the matter would be addressed by the City Solicitor.

Ron Budd, 535 Glassboro Road, Woodbury addressed the Farmers' Market issue and the lack of the farmers paying a vending permit fee.

Councilman Schrock stated that he did review the ordinance and it appeared that the ordinance addressed Street Vendors and Ice Cream Vendors and not what Mr. Budd was addressing.

Mr. Budd responded that the Farmers' Market was initially presented as being sponsored an ad-hoc Committee, not by Main Street. Mr. Budd then referenced a letter he received from Scott Hunter, Main Street Executive Director, indicating that the Farmers' Market was being sponsored more by the Neighborhood Preservation Office rather than by Main Street.

Mr. Bowe stated that he was at a recent meeting where sponsorship for the Farmer's Market was discussed at length. It was eventually agreed upon that Main Street would accept the leadership role for the Farmers' Market. Mr. Bowe also produced a letter from Main Street's Insurance Carrier indicating coverage for its involvement as sponsor.

Councilman Graziani attempted to explain to Mr. Budd how he could benefit from the Farmers' Market rather than see it as a negative.

Ms. Virginia Horn, Neighborhood Preservation Director, stated that Main Street was the sponsor and Mr. Budd must have had a correspondence dated prior to their decision. Mrs. Horn also gave examples of posters where Main Street was listed as the sponsor.

Mr. Hasbrouck advised that he has reviewed the local ordinance and finds everything in compliance.

President Pro-Tempore Sloane responded that he is satisfied with the decision made before Council regarding the Farmers' Market's compliance with local law and there is no intent to change that tonight. However, if Mr. Budd wishes to address changing the ordinance at a later time, then he is free to do so.

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

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Schrock, there was a five- minute recess before going into Executive Session. It was stated that no action would be taken upon return to the Regular Order of Business. (9:45 P.M.)

EXECUTIVE

SESSION

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Schrock, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 10:03 p.m..

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: William Fleming
Deputy Clerk: Gail Scheffler
Fire Chief: Drew Bain
Neighborhood Preservation Officer: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Merinuk
Public Works: Thomas Dukelow
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.