

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 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 3, 2006

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Alvin Collins, Jr., of the Spoken Word Evangelistic Church.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Curtis, Louis, Tierney, Sloane, Curtis, Grimming, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: Belko

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of June 12, 2006 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to inquiry about who the interested parties were that were purchasing the G.G. Green Building and what their intentions were.

Mayor Clark stated that at this juncture no settlement of the property had occurred. The firm interested in purchasing the property, Kernan Consulting Engineers of West Deptford, plan to renovate and occupy the building. No agreements have been discussed regarding any type of abatements.

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

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Councilwoman Brown introduced Mrs. Ella Mae Wing who was celebrating her 102nd birthday and was being presented with a plaque by Mayor Leslie Clark and Councilwoman Brown.

Councilwoman Brown read the contents of the plaque. Councilwoman Brown then gave additional background information on Mrs. Wing, listing many of her accomplishments.

Councilwoman Brown then asked that Mrs. Wing's family be introduced.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mayor Clark read a proclamation she prepared for Fred Mossbrucker and the Colonel Louis R. Franchine, Camp #7 of the New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans. Mr. Mossbrucker and Camp #7 members participated in ceremonies recently held commemorating a memorial at the site of Camp Stockton, which was a training camp for Union soldiers located in Woodbury.

Mayor Clark then read the proclamation.

Mr. Mossbrucker graciously accepted the honor and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and then gave some background information.

Mayor Clark then read another proclamation honoring the Tresch Family of Woodbury Cement Products, Inc. for allowing the construction of the above-mentioned memorial monument on their property and for giving countless hours of labor to prepare the site for the dedication.

Mr. Tresch accepted the award and thanked Mayor and Council.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2029-06 – 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 \$755,600 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 \$717,820;

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Sloane stated that he noticed on this ordinance there was a line item for a dump truck, and in the next ordinance there was yet another line item for a dump truck.

Councilwoman Tierney explained that this was being done at the discretion of Mr. Law, Chief Financial Officer.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired about the repairs at Stewart Lake Park listed in this ordinance.

Mr. Schiavo explained that this was for extra costs involved with the project.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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, 2006.

ORDINANCE #2030-06 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$591,500 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 \$561,925; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #06-111 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #06-113 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH RESIDENTS CONCERNING THE WICK BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired about what is actually being done on this project.

Mr. Schiavo stated that there is a need to provide an asphalt driveway and upgrade the concrete with one of the residents.

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

RESOLUTION #06-114 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE PARK AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND MOUNT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

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 vote.

RESOLUTION #06-116 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Lease, Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Riskie indicated that action may be taken as a result of the Executive Session when Council resumes the Regular Order of Business.

RESOLUTION #06-117 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD POLICE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired as to the source of the money for doing this project.

Mayor Clark advised that the money was coming out of re-allocated funding from past projects.

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

RESOLUTION #06-118 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD STEWART LAKE PARK RECREATION PROJECT – PHASE II

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Curtis inquired if Mr. Schiavo had ever worked with the low bidder, Don Rogers before. Mr. Schiavo responded that he had.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired as to when the work would begin. Mr. Schiavo responded that the project would begin by mid-July, and would take about three (3) months to complete.

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

RESOLUTION #06-119 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES

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 vote.

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Sloane referred to a correspondence from Cettei & Connell, the City's Risk Management Consultants, where on page 6 of a safety update there was a snap shot of Woodbury regarding safety policies. Councilman Sloane stated that he would like the Safety Committee to look into why job site observations and self inspections are not being done, and how we can score better on the JIF safety Incentive Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION #06-120 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PRINCETON NASSAU/CONOVER FORD FOR ONE 2006 F250 UTILITY TRUCK

Councilman Grimming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The Mayor requested that in paragraph 3 the wording where it states “the purchase of a police vehicle” be corrected to read “the purchase of a public works vehicle”.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote with the change of wording.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-115 – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE G.G. GREEN BUILDING BY GREENS BLOCK, L.L.C.

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane asked for an explanation for the wording “with the cooperation of the City in its efforts”.

Mayor Clark advised that this meant that the City supported the idea of the grant money that had been available to the previous developers be transferred to the new developers.

Councilman Sloane then stated that the wording “we would support the efforts” would be more appropriate.

Mr. Aimino stated that the wording “cooperation” vs “support” would not jeopardize the intent of the City.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-112 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE AND FORGIVE DEBT PURSUANT TO A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 115, LOT 11, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 41 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 Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark advised that on this coming Thursday Councilman Belko will accompany her to the Mayor's Association Dinner in Williamstown with the Guest Speaker being a gentleman from the Recycling Bank regarding the feasibility of recycling banks in various communities and the benefits.

Mayor Clark reminded everyone that on July 4th, the City will hold their 4th of July Ceremonies starting at 7:00 pm with a DJ, followed by a short program at 8:00 pm and fireworks to begin about 8: 45 pm.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe referred to the City's Engineer's Report distributed this evening and opened the floor to questions.

Councilman Louis inquired if there was a schedule for the soccer fields project. Mr. Schiavo responded that there was not.

Councilwoman Schreyer referred to a correspondence each Councilmember received regarding out of town water service.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that there are many issues concerning this particular subject matter. The City continues to pay for repairs to the existing water treatment plant and has talked with Woodbury Heights regarding the new reservoir. These talks seem to be going nowhere; and now we are being asked to add yet another person to our service.

Councilwoman Tierney responded that this subject matter is a very sensitive issue and the City should be cautious as to what public comments are made regarding another municipality, especially since we may have to work together with them.

Councilman Louis stated that he did not interpret the letter in the same manner, instead he stated that the letter merely stipulated the measures that have to be taken when an out-of-town water hook-up takes place.

REPORTS

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

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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, came forward to request that Lupton Avenue between High Street and West Barber Avenue be addressed again regarding high grass/weeds.

Mr. Jenkins inquired if there were any reports regarding the Glover Street Traffic Survey recently taken.

Chief Merinuk advised that information is still being gathered and a public meeting will be held within the next two weeks to share those findings.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the public portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Councilman Sloane stated that he had some concerns regarding a duplex that has been sitting at Railroad and Barber Avenues for a couple of years and would like to know why this has not be addressed.

Mayor Clark advised that this property has changed ownership several times, then went into foreclosure; all of these things occurred over the two year period. However, the property has now been bought by a reputable builder and he will be getting the property back into shape. He is now in the process of having new water/sewer lines installed.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, there was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session (8:20 PM).

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

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was resumed when Council came out of Executive Session (8:40 PM).

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator advised Council regarding the property at 121 N. Broad owned by Mr. James Hesser, who came before Council at the last meeting. In briefing Council regarding this matter, Mr. Bowe stated that the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs, which had a grant agreement with Mr Hesser for the rehab of the property, was closing out the paperwork on the agreement. There still exists some significant issues with this property.

President Riskie inquired if all Council Members received their pension statements; and if not, please contact President Riskie, as this is an important issue to ensure that elected officials "define their position" .

Councilwoman Schreyer brought up the issue about Woodbury Heights again. There was some general conversation regarding what is occurring, where it might go and why we should not put ourselves out anymore.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

THOMAS B. BOWE

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Police Chief: Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire
Tax Assessor: Roy Duffield