

July 10, 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.

President Curtis requested a Moment of Silence.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Riskie, Schrock, Schreyer, Brown, Grebb, Louis, President Curtis and Mayor Clark

**Absent:** Sloane, Graziani

**MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2003 were approved as submitted. Mayor Clark did request the spelling of the name of a resident be corrected.

Councilman Schrock inquired if any Executive Session Minutes are available for public inspection after the subject matter has been resolved.

Mr. Hasbrouck stated that once the subject matter discussed has been publicized there should be a record of each Executive Session in a Record Book for public review.

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Schrock, 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 Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**ORDINANCES**

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

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled ordinance for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

Ayes 7  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Sloane, Graziani

**ORDINANCE #1959-03 – AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND ESTABLISH SALARIES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION ON THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**

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 24, 2003.

**ORDINANCE #1960-03 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR 40 HOPKINS STREET, WOODBURY, NJ**

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 24, 2003.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #03-132 – RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2003 BUDGET**

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution.

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 #03-133 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2003 BUDGET**

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	6	
Nays	1	Louis
Absent	2	Sloane, Graziani

Councilwoman Schreyer expressed concern that the budget was not able to be reduced more than it was and requested that Council Committees have a better undering of their departments' budgets prior to the expenditures of funds which could possibly have a greater impact on savings to the City. Councilwoman Schreyer also requested that travel expenditures be looked at carefully and only those costs that are mandated for certifications be allowed. Councilwoman Schreyer also suggested that parking fees and a water shut-off policy be reviewed for increases.

President Curtis recommended that Councilman Riskie, as Chairman of Public Works Department, look into the water sewer shut-off policy fee for future budget consideration.

Mr. Law stated that the State is considering raising its surcharge fees thereby affecting our revenues and if that does occur an increase would be in order.

**RESOLUTION #03-134 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40a:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)**

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained the purpose of the resolution.

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

### **VOUCHERS**

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

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Grebb invited Mr. Stanley El, Economic Development Director, to present a status report on the progress of the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. El explained that the CEDS survey is still on going and will be complete in two weeks. Mr. El then gave specifics on certain businesses already in Woodbury and what possible growth is expected. Mr. El fielded questions from Council.

Councilman Grebb inquired regarding HUD monies received and lighting on E. Barber Avenue. Mr. Fleming responded that two projects are in the planning stages: one for lighting on Broad Street and the other for a City Parking Lot behind Rite Aid. Relative to lighting on East Barber Avenue, Mr. Flemming would have to consult with PSE&G.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION #03-135 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A QUALITY CARE IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the contents of the resolution.

Councilman Riskie inquired if a municipality should interfere with this program. Mr. Hasbrouck responded that the County Board of Social Services is very involved with the program.

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

Councilwoman Brown invited Mrs. Virginia Horn to update Council on the Students Farm Market. Mrs. Horn stated that the program, "Seeds to Success", has two locations: one in Woodbury;

and the other in Paulsboro. The program in Woodbury operates three days a week and is going very well.

Mrs. Horn also spoke about the City's Summer Recreational Program which started Monday with about 80 children. Ms. Horn stated that she is very appreciative of the volunteers who have helped the Counselors with some of the programs.

### **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Leslie Clark extended a warm welcome to a new business in town, Docu-vault which is located at the old Elkis warehouse building behind City Hall.

The Mayor also advised that a Letter of Agreement has been signed for another new business to operate at the Antique Center. The new business will keep the current antique dealers and will operate under the name of "The Trost Building". Plans are being made to completely overhaul the entire building inside and out. Congratulations to Main Street who greatly helped in the development of this agreement.

Mayor Clark advised that the City of Woodbury will again be hosting our visitors from Bury, England who are scheduled to arrive on July 21, 2003 for one week.

### **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe stated that at the next Council Meeting the Woodbury Country Club will be again submitting an application to extend their premises to include the grounds of the Club. Mr. Bowe stated that Café Neena is also considering coming before Council for approval for an "extension of premises" for the front of their building.

Mr. Hasbrouck explained the procedures for alcohol licensing.

### **PUBLIC**

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, inquired if the \$300,000 in Extraordinary Aid will be used to offset an increase in taxes. President Curtis stated that it would.

Mr. Jenkins also inquired regarding the status of the E. Barber Avenue and Hopkins Street Project:

Mr. Hasbrouck responded that he just received a call from Superior Court Judge Stanger's Office this afternoon advising of an extension of the hearing date to August 8, 2003 because one of the property owner's Counsel could not be present on the original date of hearing.

Christopher Hope, 727 Washington Avenue, asked for more specifics on the Hopkins Street Project, such as a demolition date. Mr. Hasbrouck advised that no date has been established to his knowledge.

Mr. Hope inquired if Triad Associates had been given a date for relocating the tenants. Mr. Bowe advised Mr. Hope that upon the City's taking possession of the property, the individuals who reside there will have 90 days to vacate the premises.

Mr. Hope stated that the date of September 15<sup>th</sup> has been mentioned by Triad Associates. Mr. Bowe stated that at this point no date has been established and that no dates were established by Triad to Mr. Bowe's knowledge and this was misinformation Mr. Hope received from the tenant.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packard Street, congratulated the Police Department as well as the Prosecutor's Office for a job well done regarding the recent happenings in Woodbury.

Mr. Bunn inquired as to the City of Woodbury's nightly street sweeping. Mr. Mike Walsh advised Mr. Bunn that they were still sweeping, but we are gradually moving to day sweeping.

Mr. Bunn also inquired about the status of TLC using Packard Street as a short cut. Mr. Bowe advised that a letter was sent to TLC asking their compliance to the City's request not to do so. Mr. Bowe stated that Mr. Bunn would be furnished with a copy of the correspondence.

Mr. Hasbrouck advised that there was very little that the City could do other than ask for TLC's cooperation.

Councilman Schrock asked if there was a ruling prohibiting vehicles from using short cuts to avoid a traffic light.

Chief Merinuk stated that the ruling referred to by Councilman Schrock was for cutting through parking lots.

Mr. Law stated that he spoke with Sally Love, President of TLC, and was advised that she did send a memo to each of her employees regarding this issue.

Councilman Grebb requested if language could be included in the next bid package requesting that certain streets not be used as short cuts.

Maria Marine, 40 High Street. came forward to request Council consider adopting a rent-control ordinance. Ms. Marine referenced rent control ordinances being enforced in Cherry Hill, Mt. Laurel and other municipalities in Camden County where no more than a 3% increase can be enacted by a landlord in any given year. Ms. Marine stated that where she currently lives in Woodbury her landlord raised her rent by 25% this year as well as by 10% last year.

President Curtis advised Ms. Marine that Council would review her request.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Grebb, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Engineer: William Fleming  
Economic Development Dir: Stanley El  
Fire Dept: Chief Drew Bain  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
NPP Director: Virginia Horn  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works Director: Mike Walsh  
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.  
Tax Assessor: Roy Duffield