

July 14, 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.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Riskie, Villari, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

**Absent:** Belko, Brown, Schreyer

**MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Villari, the minutes of June 23, 2008 were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC**

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

**ORDINANCES**

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**ORDINANCE #2085-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES #2067-08 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 Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, 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 28, 2008.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #08-146 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FIREMEN’S MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCATL NO. 62 AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired what the salary increase was since there was no “Exhibit A” attached to the resolution.

Mr. Bowe stated that over a four year period the increases would be 4%, 3.7%, 3.7% and 4%.

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 reminded everyone that on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> the Gloucester County Historical Society will be featuring the Phillies Phanatic who will stop by for a visit.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Louis advised that Charles Kamps, the Public Works employee recently injured, had passed away. Councilman Louis would like to express his condolences to the family.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Villari stated that Joe Pegues and Jill Gilfillan of Main Street, and himself and Mrs. Dunham, Woodbury High School Principal, held a meeting recently to discuss the best way to educate students about our local business community. Mrs. Dunham suggested the subject matter be included in the Business Seminar held during the School Violence and Awareness Week in October.

Also Councilman Villari requested that Bob Leather, the Main Street Director, update him twice a month with a report on Main Street's progress. Councilman Villari has received the first report and would like to read some of the updates.

Main Street reported that they are currently working on a booklet on what to do and who to contact if considering opening a business in Woodbury, and also to be included will be contact information for permits, grants and registrations.

Main Street also received a \$94,000 Facade Grant and will be going out to bid to receive prices on improvements to Woodbury Hardware, Godmothers Blessings Shop, Sophie's Deli, Step in Style, Lincoln Mortgage, Pilgrim Title, J&D Discount Liquors, Edwards Hairstyling and South Philly Pretzel.

Also once a month Main Street will be publishing a quarter page ad in the Gloucester County Times; they have also updated the Woodbury Promotion Folders they will be distributed to local realtors and Underwood Hospital.

Councilman Villari advised of the Woodbury Colonial Days that are scheduled to be held September 27, 2008. He also mentioned the grand opening of Life Way Café.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Fleming stated that a meeting took place with West Deptford Township to discuss the water interconnect.

Also the recent loss of our employee, Chuck Kamps raises some issues regarding safety which will be re-enforced with the other Public Works employees soon.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Tierney advised that she has some brochures on the new Shade Tree Replacement Program and will have them displayed on the rack as you come into City Hall.

Also, she would like to express her sincere sympathy to the Kamps Family as well as the Lynch Family and all the Public Works Employees for their loss.

## **PERSONNEL**

Councilman Riskie stated that he had left copies of the updated Performance Appraisals in everyone's mailboxes to review. Please look it over and advise if any changes are suggested.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **RESOLUTION #08-142 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC BIDS FOR STEWART LAKE PARK FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT SPORTS LIGHTING INSTALL**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Fleming stated that he spoke with Councilwoman Schreyer and was informed that she spoke with the Superintendent of Schools and the possibility of putting those lights at the high school fields rather than the current football fields. Councilman Fleming stated that he has attempted to contact the Superintendent, but has not heard back from him.

Some discussion ensued regarding whether this can even be done at this juncture.

On the advice of the City Solicitor, James Pierson, Council was instructed to proceed with the current decision and if a change was going to occur it would have to be accomplished by rebidding the project.

President Sloane concurred with the decision stating that delaying this project any further would not have the field available for the fall season as planned.

**RESOLUTION #08-143 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC BIDS FOR FRANCES AVENUE BASEBALL FIELD NO. 2 IRRIGATION SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-144 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #08-106 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 68, LOT 7 A/K/A 332 LINCOLN STREET**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-145 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 110, LOT 2 A/K/A 166 FRANKLIN STREET**

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. Councilman Riskie abstained from the vote.

Councilwoman Tierney thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and everyone else including Tom Dukelow for the 2 rounds of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations.

**GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Louis stated to his knowledge there was nothing to report.

Councilman Fleming advised that from an unofficial source, the City of Woodbury will not be receiving their request for Extraordinary Aid.

**MAYOR CURTIS**

Mayor Curtis also thanked all the Public Works Employees who helped with the Fireworks Display.

The Mayor also spoke on the following subjects:

1. The Mayor advised that he received a Letter of Resignation from John Keuler, the Chief of the Fire Department. The Deputy Chief, Bob Gotthardt, has been filling in until a new election can be held;
2. Mayor Curtis advised that all the lake systems have been at a low level because of the lack of rain. There is currently an Eagle Scout working on a project cleaning up the area and monitoring the storm drain system and making sure that we are in compliance with the new stormwater management standards;
3. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Farmer’s Market is open on Thursdays;
4. Mayor Curtis advised that Tom Dukelow is recuperating from back surgery and we wish him well;
5. The Mayor asked Council to consider purchasing a tractor with a boom to be used at Stewart Lake Park because there are areas that are not passable due to Public Works employees inability to get close enough to mow at the water’s edge; and
6. Mayor Curtis also advised that our street sweeper cannot pull up weeds along the curb line; they have to be physically removed by the homeowner and then the sweeper will pick them up. Also, if anyone sees tall grass at a homeowner’s property to contact the Police Department immediately so that it can be corrected.

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, referenced a hand-out of a proposal from the City Planner, Robert Melvin, to adopt an ordinance for a Developer’s Fee to comply with COAH requirements at a cost of \$2,420.00.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the request was granted to adopt said ordinance.

## **PRESIDENT SLOANE**

President Sloane suggested that residents use vinegar and water as an easy solution to correct the weed problems discussed earlier.

President Sloane also referenced a packet distributed this evening from the Woodbury Court Apartments asking for Council to consider an extension to their water and sewer bill which is overdue. This would show preferential treatment from which we should abstain. He was only presenting the request as asked.

## **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 only.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to thank the Construction Office for their prompt response to an electrical inspection.

Also Mr. Jenkins would like to know how much longer the road construction would be going on at West Centre Street. Mr. Bowe responded one more week.

Mr. Jenkins inquired if the Fireworks would every return to their original place which was the high school football fields.

Mayor Curtis advised that because of state requirements they cannot because of safety issues. Also at the current site, the City can now do bigger displays and stay within State Code.

Debra Seeds, 104 West Centre Street, addressed the issue of high grass at 54 Lupton Avenue.

Ms. Seeds also had some concerns regarding the West Centre Street Project and some issues that she has complained about to Mr. Bowe that have not been resolved.

President Sloane instructed the proper officials to look into both complaints.

Ms. Seeds also inquired if a four-way stop sign is still being considered at Lupton Avenue and W. Centre Street. The response was that it was at the completion of the current project.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about a drainage problem at the corner of Rugby Place and Cooper Street.

President Sloane advised that it would be looked into.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Emergency Mgmt Ofcr: Lieutenant Steve Cope

NPP Director: Virginia Horn

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk