

July 19, 2004

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President 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 Administrator, Thomas B. Bowe, stated that it was a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Woodbury City Council and due notice had been given to both the press and public.

President Riskie requested a Moment of Silence.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Curtis, Louis, Graziani, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie, Mayor Clark

**Absent:** Brown, Sloane

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

President Riskie advised that the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2004 will not be approved this evening as indicated on the agenda and Resolution #04-109 will be deleted.

### **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Curtis, 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 Councilwoman Schreyer, the floor was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

President Riskie explained that the purpose for this evening's meeting was to amend the 2004 Budget due to the City receiving Extraordinary Aid. The final adoption will occur at the next Regular Council Meeting to be held on July 26, 2004.

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Robert Law, Chief Financial Officer, took the floor to explain what the changes were to the original budget and how the changes will affect the final budget.

Mr. Law stated that the final budget will increase the local tax by 9.3%.

Mr. Law advised that although receiving the Extraordinary Aid does reduce the original increase from 14 cents to 9.3 cents, the City did not receive the amount submitted. Mr. Law further explained that one area that was not approved by the State was the Water & Sewer Budget. Due to this budget being in

a deficit mode, an increase in water and sewer rates is necessary. This should have been done prior to the introduction of the City budget and was not. Mr. Law further explained other line items that were not approved and how and where changes would be permitted.

Mr. Law answered questions from President Riskie and other Council Members on what has to be done to keep a balanced budget for this year and what we have to do to prepare for next year's budget.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired when the tax bills would be mailed?

Mr. Law explained the process of the various steps that have to be taken before a rate is established and the bills are mailed out. Obviously this will be not done in sufficient time for the August 1st due date. An extended date would be given the taxpayer which legally has to be twenty days after the bills are mailed.

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

Ayes	7	Curtis, Louis, Graziani, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Brown, Sloane

### **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 Non-Agenda Items only.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m..

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THOMAS B. BOWE  
Clerk/Administrator

### **OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire