

July 24, 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 Deputy Administrator, Robert Law, 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, Sloane, Grebb, Louis, and President Curtis

Absent: Brown, Graziani, and Mayor Clark

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2003 were approved as submitted.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Curtis advised that added to tonight's agenda will be a presentation by the Emergency Management Coordinator, Officer Steve Cope; and also under New Business, Police Officer James Graham will not be sworn in this evening.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

Officer Steve Cope, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke on a new program called the Senior Citizen Call In Program whereby seniors who live alone can register to participate in a program allowing seniors to call the Police Department daily. If the Police do not hear from an individual by a certain time, an officer will be dispatched to check on the individual. Officer Cope stated that this program has been implemented in other towns and has been working very well.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

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

ORDINANCES

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 Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance for adoption.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Grebb, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was placed on second and final reading.

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

Ayes	7	
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Brown, Graziani

ORDINANCE #1960-03 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR 40 HOPKINS STREET WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance for adoption.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

Roy Duffield, Tax Assessor, advised that the lease agreement was effective dated July 25 and to his knowledge the property was not ready for occupancy.

Mr. Hasbrouck, the City Attorney, stated that the date indicated was only for purposes of when the agreement could become effective; however, the date can be changed to accommodate the property-ready date.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	7
Nays	0

Absent 2 Brown, Graziani

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #136-03 – RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DUE DATE ON THE THIRD QUARTER TAX INSTALLMENT

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained that because of the late mailing of the tax bills there will be an extension of the due date to August 19th with no additional 10 day grace period beyond.

Councilman Riskie suggested that a notice be available to the taxpayer so there is no confusion.

Councilman Sloane stated that it is the responsibility of the municipality to notify the taxpayer which the City did. The information will be on the tax bill; however, it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to read the bill.

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

RESOLUTION #03-139 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #180-03 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER INCLUDING AN EXTENSION OF PREMISES, CONCERNING RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE WOODBURY COUNTRY CLUB

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administration read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Robert Scott, Vice-President of Woodbury Country Club, came forward to explain that the Club is asking for permission to allow alcoholic beverages to be carried onto the golf course in plastic or paper cups, not in their original containers.

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

RESOLUTION #140-03 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF A RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICY IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WOODBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Schrock presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Hasbrouck explained that this was being done at the Mayor's request who technically oversees the Police Department; however, the Mayor wanted Council to be aware of the rules and regulations contained.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that Tom Dukelow is in the process of writing up the tree survey report which will be available at the next meeting.

Councilman Louis inquired as to who is responsible for the watering of the new trees recently planted on City property especially at the Bell Lake area. Councilman Louis stated the newly-planted trees seemed to be wilting already.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that many residents have taken the initiative to do the trees located near their own properties.

President Curtis advised that Mr. Dukelow does do watering over the weekends with a vehicle that is equipped with a water tank.

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that she attended a meeting in Bellmawr, NJ at the Department of Transportation where the merging of Route 295N with Route 42 was discussed. If anyone is interested in further information, it is available on the web site. Another subject matter discussed was the Bellmawr Dump area, and the proposed changes being made in that area as well. The meeting was well attended by area residents who were concerned whether any homes will be removed to accommodate the changes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #137-03 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 134, LOT 8 A/K/A 66 PACKARD AVENUE

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAFFLE APPLICATION

Councilman Schrock presented a raffle application from the Women's Club of Woodbury, with the raffle being held on May 10, 2004. On motion of Councilman Schrock, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the application was approved as submitted.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark was not able to attend the Council Meeting this evening due to a dinner engagement she had with the Bury visitors; however, she did ask Bob Law to read a prepared statement as follows:

"I am sorry that I am not with you tonight, but hope you will forgive me as I represent you and the rest of Woodbury at the dinner honoring our guests from Bury, England.

Our British visitors have been enjoying themselves this week as they toured Olde City Philadelphia, Valley Forge and Longwood Gardens. Tomorrow they travel to Cape May. It has been wonderful to catch up with old friends and make some new ones, to see photos of the week's events, to go to our city website and click on "What's New", and then scroll down to "Bury England Twinning Visit": and click on that. Many thanks go to Bob Law for posting these pictures for us.

There are a number of announcements I'd like to bring to your attention. My apologies for the length of these remarks, but this is my last chance to tell you about anything until the 28th day of August!

The announcements are:

1. We offer congratulations and a warm welcome to the new police officer James Graham, who will be sworn in next week as a special patrolman. His duties with the Woodbury Police Department will start in early August;
2. Speaking of the Police, they are now taking sign-ups for a new Senior Citizen Call In program. This program is set to begin on Monday, September 8 but sign-ups are now in progress. Each Council member should have a copy of the flyer, letter and application in the packet tonight. Sergeant Steve Cope, our Emergency Management Coordinator, is in charge of this important safety program. Information will be sent to all the local churches, newspapers and civic groups to help publicize the sign-ups. If you know of anyone who would be eligible and might be interested, please be sure to tell him or her about it. If anyone has any questions, they are welcome to call the Police Department;
3. This coming Sunday there will be a Family Fair and Antique Car Show at the Blockbuster Shopping Center on the corner of Red Bank and Evergreen Avenues. It will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This family day is being sponsored by the shopping center and should be fun for everyone;
4. Our Farmers' Market continues to do a terrific business. Stop in on any Saturday between 9 and 1 until the end of October. A successful summer this year will mean even more farmers participating next year;
5. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 5th. This is National Night Out and our Police Department has been doing an outstanding job organizing the best event ever. It will be held on the Woodbury High School football field from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.. The big news is a repeat visit from WHS alum Jim Raimondo and his crew in the same Seakawk helicopter that created such a stir when it landed here for a high school assembly last May. Other attractions for the Night Out will include free hot dogs, K9 dogs, possibly a dunk tank and moonwalk, and free T-shirts for the first 25 attendees. More activities are still being planned;

6. Another date to put on your calendar is Tuesday, August 26th. There will be a special meeting here in Council Chambers from 7-9 p.m. to hear from out City's skateboarders. We will be talking with them about their hopes and dreams for the proposed skateboard park that will be constructed in Stewart Park. As you might recall, Woodbury was awarded a Livable Community Grant of \$50,000 for this skate park. The check has already arrived and it is time to start exploring what we want to build. If your children or any children in your neighborhood love to skateboard, please tell them about this meeting. A parent or guardian must accompany the children to this meeting; and

Finally, I want to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. See you all back here for our next Council meeting on August 28th."

PUBLIC

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

Robert Rodgers, 130 Rugby Place, approached Council to inquire about the contents of the salary ordinance and how he could get a copy of the ordinance for his review.

Mr. Law advised Dr. Rogers that resolutions and ordinances are available to the public on the table at each Council Meeting as well as being posted on the kiosk along with publication in the local newspapers.

Mr. Hasbrouck also advised Dr. Rodgers that for a small fee he could be placed on a mailing list for receiving copies of all ordinances and resolutions.

Mr. William Fleming, President of the Woodbury Public School Board of Education, advised that consultants were employed by the Board of Education to discuss the regionalization of the Woodbury Public School System. Results of the study will be available for the public by the middle of September. Mr. Fleming then advised of pending legal issues which are still a concern for the school system.

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.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, there was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session. (approximately 8:10 p.m.)

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

On motion of Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was resumed after coming back from Executive Session. (approximately 8:51 p.m.)

As there was no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Chief, Financial Officer: Bob Law
City Engineer: William Fleming
Economic Development Director: Stanley El
Emergency Management Coordinator: Sergeant Steve Cope
Fire Chief: Drew Bain
Police Chief: Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.
Public Works Supervisor: Rick Middleton