

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 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 3, 2006.

Mr. Frank W. Evans Jr., Chaplain for the American Legion Post #133, delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Curtis, Tierney, Schreyer, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: Brown, Louis, Grimming, Sloane

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Belko, the minutes of July 24, 2006 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from voting on the minutes.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

President Riskie advised that Councilman Belko will be handling Resolution #06-156.

Also, there would be an Executive Session this evening where action may be taken upon returning to the Regular Order of Business.

PUBLIC

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, addressed Ordinance #2035-06 and what the cost factor was for those city personnel who received health benefits and what the average cost was for the City.

Mr. Law stated that only full-time employees receive health benefits. Mr. Law stated he would have to go down each position and advise Mr. Chiesa if that employee received benefits or not.

Mr. Law stated that he could not give a dollar value of the health benefits cost because it depended on the type of coverage each employee chose and the number of people in each family.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired if Mayor and Council members received health benefits. Mr. Law stated they did not.

Mr. Chiesa inquired if the salary increase was average compared to other municipalities. Mr. Law responded it was equal to or even below compared to other municipalities throughout the State. The Fire

Department, Public Works employees and other civilian employees received a 3.5 increase with the Police Department receiving 4% increase.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2034-06 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	5	Curtis, Belko, Schreyer, Tierney, President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	4	Sloane, Brown, Grimming, Louis

ORDINANCE #2035-06 – 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

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Ayes	5	Curtis, Belko, Schreyer, Tierney, President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	4	Sloane, Brown, Grimming, Louis

ORDINANCE #2036-06 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: SEWERS

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 September 11, 2006.

ORDINANCE #2037-06 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: WATER

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Curtis, 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 September 11, 2006.

ORDINANCE #2038-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 September 11, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #06-138 – RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE RED BANK AVENUE/TATUM STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if this project would go out for re-bid. The response was “yes” it would be.

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

RESOLUTION #06-139 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD EAST RED BANK AVENUE AND DUBOIS AVENUE PAVEMENT REPAIRS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Schreyer asked for an explanation of the work being done.

Mr. Dwight Weir, an engineer from the City’s Engineering firm, gave a brief explanation.

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

RESOLUTION #06-140 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD BUILDING AND FOUNDATION DEMOLITION ON TACOMA BOULEVARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-141 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON WOODBURY/GLASSBORO ROAD

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Clark inquired as to how long it would be until the work is started.

Mr. Weir responded in three to four weeks and explained why.

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

RESOLUTION #06-142 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD WOODBURY WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-143 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE STEWART LAKE PARK RECREATION PROJECT – PHASE I AND FONDACARO COMPANIES, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired if there was money available. Mr. Law responded in the affirmative, as the change in contract price is a net decrease.

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

RESOLUTION #06-145 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-146 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD OAK STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-149 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Lease, Purchase or Acquisition of Real Property)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-151 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR, CITY ENGINEER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO PURSUE ZONING APPROVALS AND TO EXECUTE ZONING APPLICATIONS

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired when the application would go before the Zoning Board for Approval.

Mr. Aimino stated this would not occur until late October, early November.

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

RESOLUTION #06-153 – RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2006 APPROVED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained that the amendment was to accept the \$300,000.00 in extraordinary aid which would then lower the tax rate. Some other changes included adding several grants; the bottom line is our tax rate will be lowered by 6.1 cents. Mr. Law added that in order to pass this tonight there must be at least a simple majority of the full membership of Council, which would be at least 5 votes in the affirmative.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Belko, the resolution FAILED.

Ayes	4	Tierney, Belko, Schreyer, Riskie
Nays	1	Curtis
Absent	4	Brown, Louis, Grimming, Sloane

RESOLUTION #06-154 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

President Riskie stated that since Resolution #06-153 did not pass Council could not take any action on Resolution #06-154.

President Riskie indicated that a Special Meeting would have to be held when the entire Council could be present so that a more representative vote could be taken.

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #06-135 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE YOU DRINK AND DRIVE, YOU LOSE 2006 STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

RESOLUTION #06-136 – RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FIFTEEN (15) DAY GRACE PERIOD AND TO FORGIVE ALL INTEREST AND PENALTY DURING SAID PERIOD ON THE MOST RECENT WATER AND SEWER BILLS DUE IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney requested Mr. Law post this information on the City's website.

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

RESOLUTION #06-147 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES RE: 31 STUART STREET

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-148 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES RE: 20 HIGH STREET

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-150 – RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS FOR PARKS & RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAMS

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

Councilman Belko stated that he has received numerous comments regarding the Friday yard debris pick up and has spoken about these complaints to Mike Walsh who will make every effort to eliminate the problems that we have heard about. Councilman Belko stated that in order to better serve our residents, the residents must ensure that their yard debris is placed on the curb Thursday evening for the Friday pick up.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-152 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN AMENDED SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FY 2001 NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE GRANT

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-137 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A HOUSING INSPECTION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND THE REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-144 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #06-63 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 148.01 LOT 2 A/K/A 112 HUNTER STREET

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Schreyer commented on Councilman Belko's remarks regarding yard debris; her concern is that most people do their yard work over the weekend putting their receptacles out at that time; the receptacles remain there all week long waiting for the Friday pick-up day.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark advised that the last Summer Concert will be held on Monday evening, August 21, 2006 at 7:30 pm at Rotary Park and the featured band will be the Bonsal Blues.

The Mayor advised of a resident who is involved in opera who would like to put together a Jazz Concert on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00 in front of the Woodbury High School. In addition to enjoying the music, the intent is also to try to get those attending to stay in town after the concert.

Mayor Clark stated that the Annual Car Show will be held on Labor Day Weekend and the woman who was putting the Jazz Concert together is also trying to get a Blue Grass Band to play at the Car Show event.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Law advised that bids were rejected for the Red Bank Avenue and Tatum Street Project; therefore, he is requesting that Council approve the re-bidding of the project. On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Belko the request was approved.

Also Mr. Law requested approval to go out to bid for two dump trucks and a leaf collector for the Public Works Department. On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Curtis, approval was granted.

Mr. Law stated he received a phone call from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust regarding the City's Reservoir Loan. Mr. Law is requesting that he be given permission to contact the State asking if we can cancel the loan since the reservoir project did not go forward.

Mr. Law then answered some questions pertaining to his request regarding the loss of funding and how much of a financial loss the City incurred and where does the project stand today.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Belko, Mr. Law was authorized to send the letter to the State requesting the loan be closed out.

Mr. Law referenced a letter from the new Woodbury High School Principal to put banners on the light poles in front of the high school. The school will purchase the banners and the brackets.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, Council approved the request to display the banners.

Mr. Law referencing a memo to Mayor and Council from the City Assessor, Roy Duffield, requested permission for the City Solicitor to start foreclosure proceedings of existing tax liens.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Solicitor was granted approval to start foreclosure proceedings as requested.

PRESIDENT RISKIE

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

President Riskie also invited questions as they pertained to the Engineer's Report.

Councilman Curtis inquired if any progress was made in correcting the situation on Wick Boulevard and the size of the grates being used. Mr. Weir was not aware if Mr. Schiavo had an opportunity to further look into this situation.

President Riskie then inquired if anyone had any questions regarding the memo distributed at the last meeting from Mr. Aimino addressing the sidewalk sale of merchandise by the Antique Store and the Thrift Store along Broad Street.

Councilman Belko stated that he agreed with Mr. Aimino's recommendation that the Antique Store be allowed to continue their display because of the width of the sidewalk, which does not create any safety hazards. However, the Thrift Shop is a different situation; therefore, Mr. Aimino's recommendation to not allow them to display would be the best solution because of their sidewalk situation.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the recommendation from the City Solicitor to notify both businesses of Council's decision was approved. President Riskie requested a roll call vote.

Ayes	5	Curtis, Tierney, Schreyer, Belko, President Riskie
Nays	0	
Absent	4	Brown, Louis, Grimming, Sloane

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to inquire about the Resolution that Rejected the Bids for the Red Bank Avenue/Tatum Street Project; he stated that he was under the impression that costs would be shared by West Deptford. Mr. Aimino responded that they were still involved with sharing the costs; however, the bid prices still came back too high to move forward with the project.

Mr. Jenkins had some other concerns and they were: gum spots along Broad Street sidewalks, high grass along Lupton Street, and the vote on the amended budget.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired about the traffic situation on Glover Street. Mr. Jenkins advised that things were improving, but they were still considering other options and working with the Police Department.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, addressed the Friday trash debris problem brought up earlier stating the many residents do their yard cleaning on the weekends and the Friday trash pick-up day may not be in the best interest of the residents.

Also the Farrish house on Cooper Street has been undergoing some construction work for several weeks. Materials have been out in the streets which are causing an eyesore, not to mention the grading of the asphalt, which also should be adjusted, so it does not add to an already existing drainage problem.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired about the house that used to be near the Seventh Day Adventist Church on E. Barber Avenue and now is up on blocks on Railroad Avenue.

Mayor Clark advised that this property has gone through several owners since the time it was removed; however, the latest owner seems to know what he wants to do with the property and is taking all the legal steps which unfortunately can be very time consuming.

In conclusion, Mr. Chiesa stated that he would like to have the path area around the lake cleared as discussed at a previous meeting with Mr. Dukelow.

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

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, after a five-minute recess Council went into Executive Session (approximately 8:41 pm).

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

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at (approximately 8:52 pm).

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Solicitor was authorized to proceed with the purchase of the Elkis Property as discussed in Executive Session.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Public Works Manager: Michael Walsh
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.
Engineer: Dwight Weir, Clancy & Assoc.

Robert Law
Deputy Administrator