

September 14, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Pro Tempore Fleming at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. The Clerk/Administrator 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 5, 2009.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Croce, and Mayor Curtis

Absent: President Sloane, Villari, Pottillo

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of August 10, 2009 and the Special Meeting of August 31, 2009 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #09-179 – RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #09-180 – RESOLUTION TO ADJUST WATER METER READINGS AND TO CORRECT AMOUNTS BILLED

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired if this resolution was a broad based resolution to cover only certain locations.

Mr. Law explained that Council should expect to see a resolution every month to make these type of adjustments at the advice of the Auditors.

Councilman Louis asked about those adjustments that appeared to be rather large.

Mr. Law advised that because of the changes in the meters when we converted to the new system we had problems. We are now seeing that some readings had not been accurate because of the old meters were not working properly.

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

RESOLUTION #09-181 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE WATER/SEWER PAYMENT

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #09-186 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 RE: 1.0 mg FINISHED WATER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT, CONTRACT NO. L – C. ABBONIZION CONTRACTORS, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-187 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if this money had any special requirements on where and how we are to spend it.

Mr. Law stated that there were no special restrictions on how or where to spend it. The \$2,000 was donated to the Fire Department, and the other \$2,000 was given to the Police Department as a donation from Walmart.

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

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAFFLE LICENSE

Councilman Louis presented a raffle application from the Mullica Hill Rotary Club scheduled to be held at the Armory in Woodbury on October 30, 2009. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as submitted.

Councilman Louis presented another raffle application for the Woodbury Women's Club scheduled to be held in Woodbury on June 1, 2010. On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, that application was also approved.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

RESOLUTION #09-189 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IMPOSING LIEN(S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO MUNICIPALITY CODE § 162-4

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Croce, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-188 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WOODBURY OLD CITY RESTORATION COMMITTEE (WORC) TO SUBLEASE THE WOODBURY TRAIN STATION TO WOODBURY STATION CAFÉ, A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION

Councilman Louis presented the above entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was some conversation regarding whether this would be a yearly lease since there is a time frame with the City's lease with WORC.

The City Solicitor recommended that he review the documents as he was also concerned with the insurance, etc.

President Pro-Tempore suggested to "table" the resolution until such time as the Solicitor had time to review all documents.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the above-resolution was "tabled".

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Tierney advised that she along with Bob Law will be meeting with the Fall Festival Parade Committee on Thursday; they are receiving a great response from people who are interested in participating.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report under Environmental.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-182 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-137 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 177, LOT 17 A/K/A 117 PROGRESS AVENUE

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-183 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-166 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 113, LOT 6 A/K/A 45 EAST CENTRE STREET

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-184 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-98 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 108, LOT 9 A/K/A 245 SOUTH BARBER AVENUE

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-185 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #09-136 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 58, LOT 3 A/K/A 41 PENN STREET

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown advised that this Saturday, September 19th, the Child Development Center will be holding its annual Family Reunion Pride for Minority Health Month from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. All are welcomed to attend.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Trout thanked Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer, for preparing the Soccer Complex Bid.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that bids will be received on Friday, September 25, 2009.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated that although Council adopted the “Memorandum of Understanding” at the last meeting we cannot go forward without a motion to have the City Planner prepare a redevelopment plan at a cost of between \$2,000 to \$4,000.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Planner was authorized to move forward.

Councilman Louis inquired if Mr. Wolfson would be held responsible for any cost the City puts out if we ultimately decided not to go any further with the redevelopment plan.

President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated that the question was worthy to look into as he did not have any answer at this time.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis discussed the following:

- 1) This weekend the City hosted the Annual Car Show and was again very very successful;
- 2) The Mayor advised that there would be one additional Cruise Night held this year which were held on certain Wednesday's thru the summer;
- 3) This weekend will kick-off of the soccer season;
- 4) Mayor Curtis stated that so far there has been no noticeable difference in traffic flow with the opening of the new Walmart on Cooper Street; this is a good thing because of many concerns voiced by the public;
- 5) The Mayor announced that he received a letter advising that the county will be moving forward to consolidate individual tax assessors for each municipality into one county office and;
- 6) Mayor Curtis stated that there has been an application before the Planning/ Zoning Board which is drawing much attention. The application is for a shelter for pregnant women on Evergreen Avenue between Hunter and Cooper Strs.

Mr. Law advised the Mayor that he has been contacted by Melvin Design Group, to post a pdf file on the City's web site of the proposed plans for the mother/child shelter for anyone who wanted to review them.

Mr. Bowe inquired if Mr. Law was able to find the agreement for the train station especially regarding its term of time. Mr. Law stated he did and it covered a twenty (20) year period.

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On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the above-entitled resolution was brought off the table.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was some discussion on what wording had to be changed to accommodate the licensee to rent the premises and be within the terms of the five-year period.

The final decision was to amend the resolution to include the language that is necessary with final approval of the City Solicitor and City Finance Officer to stay in compliance with the original agreement.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote as amended.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe stated that the County Department of Health has advised his office that flu shots will be given on October 19, 2009 at St. Patrick's Parish Life Center from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

CITY ENGINEER

Mr. Wilkinson, City Engineer, approached Council to update the Vehicle Wash Facility advising that he had contacted five surrounding municipalities and has received only one response so far; however, he totally believes that the other four will be receptive to the suggestion.

PUBLIC

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

Kate Larkey, 355 Delaware Street, inquired about the particulars of the lease between the City and WORC and how those particulars could effect her client who is ready to sign a sub-lease with WORC.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, was at the Planning Board meeting where there was some controversy voiced about the sound system.

Councilman Louis stated that he was at that meeting and has notice that when the room is full it does affect the voice pick-up on the recorder as opposed to taping with only a few are in attendance. Also, Board Members must keep in mind to speak directly into the microphone for a more accurate recording of their voices.

Mr. Chiesa on another topic was concerned about parents and students jay walking now that school is in session. He was also concerned about parking and illegal turning in the area of our schools. He would like a Police Officer to be assigned to the school at appropriate hours.

Sgt. Cope responded that the Police are aware of the problem and have been ticketing violators. They are also sending out letters with the students warning them of potential violations.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt. Officer: Lieutenant Cope
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.