

September 25, 2006

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 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 3, 2006.

Councilman Louis delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Curtis, Louis, Tierney, Grimming, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: Sloane, Curtis

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of September 11, 2006 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward and inquired about Resolution #06-179 which referenced two bid amounts: one in the amount of \$5,596,488.00 with artificial turf, the other for \$5,046,488.00 without field turf. Mr. Jenkins stated that he would like to express his opinion that the difference of \$550,000.00 is a very significant amount which could be used otherwise for other expenses that may come up. Mr. Jenkins stated that he would hope that Council would agree with his opinion and advise the School Board at their next meeting.

President Riskie advised Mr. Jenkins his comments would be passed on to the Woodbury Board of Education.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCE #2039-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: LAND USE PROCEDURES

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE #2040-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 57 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: AMUSEMENTS

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #06-173 – RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS DESIGNATION AS THE NUMBER ONE (#1) RATED HIGH SCHOOL IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY BY PHILADELPHIA MAGAZINE AND NEW JERSEY MONTHLY

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Clark stated that she spoke with a realtor who advised that this honor has already been acknowledged by property sellers advertising homes for sale in the community with the #1 Rated High School in Gloucester County.

Councilman Belko expressed his congratulations to the High School.

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

RESOLUTION #06-175 – RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX 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 Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-176 – RESOLUTION TO ADJUST TAX PAYMENT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-177 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE WICK BOULEVARD STORMWATER AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND TSB ASSOCIATES, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis inquired if the contract price was actually being reduced.

Mr. Joseph Schiavo, City Engineer, stated that it was.

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

RESOLUTION #06-178 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REGARDING THE STADIUM COMPLEX

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Aimino explained that this resolution was necessary per a Green Acres Program recommendation.

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

RESOLUTION #06-179 – RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AWARDING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STADIUM COMPLEX BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ART ANDERSON, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she agreed with Dave Jenkins' earlier remarks regarding the artificial turf and concerns over potential injuries to the athletics.

Mr. Bowe indicated that the type of artificial turf being considered is now being used at Washington Township and Bishop Eustace High Schools.

Councilman Louis stated that he thought due to elevation levels of the Woodbury High School playing field, this could be a factor in choosing an artificial turf. However, the up front cost may be higher while maintenance of the area would be lower.

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

VOUCHERS

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

Councilwoman Tierney reminded all department heads that their budgets were due as soon as possible.

President Riskie reiterated the need for all department heads to look closely at their budgets and try to make cuts wherever possible.

President Riskie requested that the President of the School Board and Superintendent both receive copies of the two resolutions that applied to the High School Project.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Belko stated that he was still waiting for the figures from the Recycling Bank prior to any decisions on how we would be dealing with our recycling issues long term.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Louis advised that he has had discussions with a Department of Transportation representative pertaining to the "traffic calming" along Broad Street. The representative seemed very supportive of many of the recommendations previously presented and we are looking forward to hearing back from DOT with their final recommendations.

Councilman Louis stated that he unfortunately was not able to make the meeting held earlier today inviting potential new restaurant owners to our business district, but was interested in the outcome.

Councilman Belko advised that there were two who did attend and several who responded. They were given a presentation regarding out downtown area; we may be considering holding another meeting in the near future.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Grimming read a letter from Esther Pernel, Woodbury School Business Administrator, complementing Mr. Kunkle, our Construction Official, for all his help during their recent renovations.

CIOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-174 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTION #2 ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 NEW JERSEY BALLOT

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mayor Clark for all her support during the recent Minority Health Fair. The Mayor has and continues to represent their cause to the fullest.

Councilwoman Brown also thanked Mr. Bowe, and Mr. Walsh for the church sign they desperately needed displayed.

Councilman Belko inquired if a banner could be displayed publicizing the accomplishments of Woodbury High School's status of being rated the #1 school in Gloucester County. Possibly the costs for this could be picked up by local realtors and other private companies as well as the HUD grant. Many motorists frequent Broad Street and it would be a great boost for Woodbury.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the School System was displaying signs on their own.

Councilwoman Schreyer agreed whole heartedly with the suggestion.

On motion of Councilman Belko, seconded by Councilman Louis, the City was approved to contribute 1/3 of the cost of the banner plus permit fees, not to exceed \$800.00.

Under Old Business, Councilwoman Schreyer asked how the West End Traffic Issue was coming along.

Lieutenant Cope stated that things were moving along, although monitoring the traffic was difficult and the recommendations thus far are for signs to be posted and corner curbing to be painted yellow.

Mr. Jenkins came forward to suggest that he thought there was going to be at least one more meeting to discuss two more proposals: i.e., blocking certain streets, and the creation of speed traps.

Mayor Clark interjected her thoughts advising that another meeting would not be held until at least another 6 months to give the existing recommendations a chance to work.

Councilwoman Schreyer asked if the City Engineer had the meeting with Woodbury Heights regarding the reservoir.

Mr. Joseph Schiavo, City Engineer, stated that he did meet with Woodbury Heights and gave them an alternative. Mr. Schiavo suggested that Woodbury Heights utilize an existing alleyway in which to place a new water main allowing them to service their own residents thereby allowing us to build a reservoir of less height.

Councilman Louis thanked Councilwoman Tierney, SODAT, and members of the Friends Meeting who were all present at the public hearing in Trenton at the State Historic Preservation Commission

representing the City of Woodbury expressing how the residents felt about the construction of a parking garage at Hunter and Broad Streets.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark spoke on the meeting in Trenton regarding the State Historic Preservation Commission's rejection of the proposed parking garage, stating that had it not been for Councilwoman Tierney's input many crucial points would have gone unstated prior to the Commission reaching its final decision. To clarify what some of those points were, the Mayor explained how the expansion itself was not the issue; the controversy was the large scale of the project especially it being located in the historic district of the town. The landscape design submitted was not close to what the actual finished product would look like given the proximity to the other buildings. The traffic study never took into consideration how traffic would be affected coming out heading east along Hunter Street. Also, the proposed location was never clarified by the County as being directly across the street from the high school. Another consideration was that the capacity of the building would only be sufficient until 2008, an issue that came up before our Planning Board. The point was then made regarding so much effort being put into a building that would be outdated in less than two years. Access to Friends, SODAT and the Food Ministries was also shown to be severely hampered by the new construction.

The Mayor stated she is not in opposition to the parking garage, just not at that location. The County should look at the property they own closer to the Justice Complex which would be virtually out of sight and could be seven stories in height and would not be affecting the historical landscape of the town.

The Mayor thanked everyone who attended that meeting because had it not been for their voice, the issues presented would never have been heard and they truly made the difference.

Mayor Clark stated that she was speaking with one of Congressman Andrews' aides and found out that the person was moving into Woodbury; she will make sure she stops by to welcome the individual to our City.

The Mayor advised that the first meeting for the potential restaurateurs went well; however, we will need to have another meeting to continue our quest to improve our business district.

Mayor Clark made two appointments: John Carter will be filling the vacancy left by Lester Brown on the Planning Board, and Phyllis Kidder, who was an alternate on the Historic Preservation Commission, will be moving into a regular position on that Board.

Councilman Belko inquired if the City will still be in communication with the County regarding the parking garage project and if we should consider putting something in writing.

President Riskie advised that there is a need to sit down with the County Counsel and discuss further their proposed changes and come closer in compliance with City Codes and a landscape that would compliment the area.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, requested that the City Engineer be authorized to investigate the foundation leakage occurring in the basement of the City Hall Building. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, approval was granted to move forward on above request.

Mr. Bowe also requested the City Engineer be given approval to proceed with developing specs and plans and go out to bid to redevelop Well 1A in Sewell. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Belko, the requested was granted.

Councilman Louis inquired if this well was the one that had the salt problem and will this include correcting that problem.

Mr. Schiavo stated that it would not.

Mr. Bowe also requested that the City Engineer officially survey the Elkis property so we can move forward towards a settlement date. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the request to proceed with the survey was approved.

Mayor Clark stated she was happy to see many of the projects on the engineer's list moving forward.

The City Engineer advised Council that the canoe dock was installed today and is quite impressive.

Councilman Grimming inquired if the Oak Street Drainage problem was being addressed. Mr. Schiavo stated that the sidewalk had been undermined, but the project should be complete in two weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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.

Steve Graff, 213 S. Maple Avenue, came forward to inquire about the property that was moved from East Barber Avenue to Railroad Avenue and how long it would be before the property is ready for occupancy.

Mayor Clark commented that since the first move the property has gone through four (4) owners, and with each new owner there were requirements that had to be met for the Construction Office. Now, the most recent owner is waiting to finalize an easement with a property on S. Barber Avenue so that he can tie his lines into the main on S. Barber Avenue.

Mr. Graff also inquired about the two shopping centers on Evergreen Avenue, and in particular about the one at the intersection with E. Red Bank Avenue and why businesses are leaving. One of the issues he has heard from business owners is the difficulty of getting into the parking area.

Mr. Graff stated that he would like to help bring in new businesses and when he hears about issues and problems that business owners are having he would like to bring them to Council's attention to be addressed.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Councilwoman Brown wanted to emphasize how the Woodbury School System is finally being acknowledged.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Emergency Management Co-Ordinator: Lieutenant Cope
Public Works: Michael Walsh
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire