

September 28, 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 C. Barry E. Sloane at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. 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 5, 2009.

The Reverend Maurice Brown, Pastor – Mt. Zion Wesley United Methodist Church delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pottillo, Brown, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Croce, President Sloane and Mayor Curtis

Absent: Villari, Fleming

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the minutes of September 14, 2009 were approved as submitted. President of Council Sloane abstained.

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 Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to inquire about the Bond Ordinance on tonight's agenda.

Councilwoman Tierney explained that this does not indicate that the City is going further into debt however, it does mean that every year existing bond anticipation notes are reviewed to see if the City can lower the rate on the current bond anticipation notes by seeking out long term bonding. It is basically like refinancing your existing debts to lower your interest rates.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired what was different on Resolution #09-188A from last meeting when Resolution #09-188 was adopted.

Mr. Bowe stated that there was some concern with the wording. At the last meeting the resolution was adopted providing that an amendment be prepared. However, it was later determined that the wording was not incorrect. Therefore, another resolution was needed at this meeting with the original wording of Resolution #09-188.

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

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #09-190 – 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 Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #09-191 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$6,550,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2009, OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, CONSISTING OF \$2,665,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND \$3,885,000 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS, MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney referenced her previous explanation about not increasing or adding any additional debt to the City.

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 Louis, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #09-193 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE LIEUTENANTS OF THE WOODBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Pottillo had nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #09-188-A – 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.

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

Councilman Louis stated that he had attended the Main Street Board Meeting last week along with Bob Law and met the newly-hired Main Street Director, Rhonda Abbruzese. Councilman Louis feels very confident that she has new ideas which will help Main Street to have better communication between the City of Woodbury and Main Street and will steer the economic growth of the City in the right direction.

RESOLUTION #09-192 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2009 BETWEEN THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she was planning to meet before tonight's meeting with Mr. Law but since he is not available this evening, the meeting will take place at the next Council meeting at 6:30 pm along with her Personnel Committee. Some information will be shared with Council at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Tierney, Bob Law, and Tom Dukelow have finalized the details for the Fall Festival Parade. They are very anxious for this year's presentation.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Croce had nothing to report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report.

GREEN ACRES

RESOLUTION #09-194 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GREEN CITIES ARE COOL CITIES INITIATIVE

Councilman Trout presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Trout thanked Councilman Croce for all his help and everyone else who contributed to bringing this resolution to the floor. The City will be planting many trees throughout the City at no cost to the City because of this agreement.

Councilman Trout stated that he has Resolution #09-195 under his committee but does not have the resolution before him.

President Sloane stated that the resolution was pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Bowe explained that the resolution was pulled because the bids for the project came in over the estimated project amount and funding was not available at this time to move forward.

Councilwoman Tierney reminded everyone to wear red, white and blue for the parade.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis reminded everyone who will be attending the parade to be available at 6:15 pm and to meet at Colonial Avenue where the parade will start.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe advised that there has been a request to remove another bus stop. The location is at the corner of Green Avenue and E. Barber Avenue. There was a recent robbery at the location and the resident also complained about trash accumulating on his property. Before any decision is made, New Jersey Transit will look over the situation, make a suggestion and Council will be required to approve the decision.

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 Non-Agenda Items.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, stated that he attended a Planning/Zoning Board Meeting recently where several neighbors objected to a woman's home being placed in their neighborhood. No decision was made at the time because of a lack of a quorum of the board. It is his opinion that before any decision is made, Council should know that we do not need another non-profit property in our town. Mr. Chiesa stated that there are enough tax exempted properties in our town, and we as taxpayers bear the burden.

President of Council Sloane advised that Council could not publicly discuss the topic in question because Council could be the appealing body regarding any decision that is made; however, he can advise that Council has considered many aspects on tax exempted properties and our new redevelopment plan will be considering a redoing of our zoning ordinances to consider this situation.

Mayor Curtis advised that not all of these organizations are non-profits and they do pay taxes. The Mayor then gave an example of certain properties in Newark, Delaware where organizations, such as the University of Delaware, are agreeing to separate zoning that allow for special arrangements for the services being provided such as police, fire and the like.

Tom Dukelow, a City employee, came forward to thank Council and all the people who have shown an interest during his recent illness. He really appreciated their thoughts.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, approached Council to say that he is happy that the City is addressing the bus shelter situation throughout the City, especially near the hospital area.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, asked how many total outstanding bonds does the City have as of this date. Councilwoman Tierney stated that she, too, was curious about that and looked up the information. She also talked with Mr. Law who advised that the debt amount is \$13,318,062.00 in General Bonds, not including utilities.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Louis, 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 8:05 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
Deputy Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt. Director: Lieutenant Cope
Librarian: Jean Wipf
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police: Lieutenant Cope
Solicitor: Maria DeTitto, Esq.
Streets: Tom Dukelow