

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.

The Invocation was delivered by Evangelist Samuel Jackson.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of September 25, 2006 were approved as submitted with one correction being noted regarding Councilman Curtis listed as both present and absent. Councilman Curtis did not attend the meeting in question. Councilman Sloane also did not vote on the approval of the minutes.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Riskie advised that Resolution #06-182 will be removed from the agenda this evening.

President Riskie referenced a memo from the JIF Insurance Fund advising of the next scheduled elected officials meeting. This year the meeting will be held at Nicolosi's in West Deptford on Thursday, December 7th, at 5:00 pm. Please advise Mr. Bowe of your plans to attend.

PRESENTATION TO GIRL SCOUT TROOP #4276

Mayor Clark introduced Amelie Harris-McGeehan who gave a brief presentation on the beautiful job done by Girl Scout Troop #4276 on developing and in keeping up the flower garden located at Stewart Park. Ms. McGeehan also expressed her appreciation to Tom Dukelow and the entire Public Works Staff who helped maintain the area with watering and cutting the grass.

Mayor Clark presented a plaque to the Girl Scout Troop for their accomplishments.

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 Agenda Items Only.

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

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #06-180 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BENJAMIN F. BLAIR, JR., P.E. OF CHURCHILL CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC RECORDS INVENTORY, NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN TO BE PAID FOR BY THE PARIS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19, 750.00

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 #06-184 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION FOR RELIEF FROM THE MUNICIPAL CAP LAW

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 #06-185 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Collective Bargaining Agreement and Contract Negotiations)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-186 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28 HARRISON STREET, A/K/A BLOCK 76, LOTS 6 AND 2.03

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Tierney stated that the property in question is the Elkis property behind City Hall, which will be demolished and used for additional parking. Councilwoman Tierney also thanked Tom Bowe for getting this project started which would soon add more parking spaces so desperately needed.

RESOLUTION #06-187 – RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TAXPAYER AND TO ADJUST TAX PAYMENT RE: BLOCK 134, LOT 10

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 #06-190 – 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 Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #06-191 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY SEEKING A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS CONCERNING THE COURTHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Clark advised that she has spoken twice already with Senator Sweeney regarding the project and has advised him that the City has always been supportive of this project and wants to work with the County to come to a compatible solution. Unlike recent reporting that the City was opposed to the garage which was inaccurate, the City's concern was that the garage was being located in not only the historical district but in the part of town that is most historical.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she was pleased to hear the Mayor's remarks stating that the City of Woodbury would love to continue to have the County Seat remain in Woodbury.

Councilman Sloane stated that he was pleased to hear that the Mayor is agreeable to work with the County, but speaking for himself, he can put himself in the county's position by referencing how he expressed his disapproval of spending additional money on a reservoir in Woodbury Heights. The reason being is that every time the City came up with an alternative design, Woodbury Heights would say no. He believes in the counties view, the City may have given them the same type of perception.

Councilman Sloane stated that the parking garage was only one part of the issue, access to a neighboring building was another. That neighbor put together a petition signed by mostly non-residents of Woodbury, and submitted a letter to County Counsel, Harvey Johnson, stating that they had resolved their issues with the County pertaining to the new construction.

Therefore, when the County went up before the Historic Commission, it was their opinion that the issues had been resolved and were surprised when the day of the public meeting out of nowhere the City presented other issues. Councilman Sloane stated that although some of the issues may have some validity, the City's timing in the County's perception was not appropriate.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she was the only person currently sitting in Council Chambers who attended the meeting in Trenton, where SODAT and representatives from the Woodbury Cooperative Ministries also expressed their concerns to the Historic Sites Council. Councilwoman Tierney also advised that the County presented its plan for approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes. The Historic Sites Council then peppered the County's representatives with questions for an additional forty minutes. The Historical Sites Commission asked the County if it had ever investigated any other sites for the parking garage or if there had been a dialogue between the City and the County.

Councilwoman Tierney continued by addressing the remarks made by Councilman Sloane concerning the petition, stating that she did not know why Councilman Sloane was under the impression that it was Gloucester County residents, not Woodbury residents, who signed the petition. Everyone from Woodbury that Councilwoman Tierney spoke to about the parking garage did not hesitate to sign the petition. Although others in Gloucester County did sign the petition, Councilwoman Tierney remarked that others in the County appreciate Woodbury's beauty and care about what happens to the county seat. She further commented that she went to Trenton because she truly believes in preserving the history of Woodbury.

Councilman Louis stated that he would like to make only thing perfectly clear and that is that the City of Woodbury cannot stop a county project as in this case; however, when the State Historical Commission has historical concerns that is another matter. Also, the County's remarks that they were blindsided at the Public Hearing in Trenton were not correct. In fact, the night of the Woodbury Planning/Zoning Board Meeting where the subject was on the agenda, several people did come forward to express their concerns. Councilman Louis continued by saying that all the City is asking is that we have open communication with the County, considering the amount of planning that went into this project without the City being included in any of it.

Councilman Curtis wholeheartedly disagreed with Councilman Louis' remarks stating that this process started back pre 1999 whereby the Council President at the time along with Judge DeSimone who was on the same Committee discussed and formulated the County's Master Plans that included the proposed garage; however, at that time the County wanted to put the garage on the hill near the Police Station and was told no, because the residents across the lake did not want to look at a big parking garage, so then the next location was where is it being considered now.

Councilman Curtis continued advising that the City agreed with the plan back then, both the Planning Board and the City Government Officials, it is not something new, the plans were there even down to the number of parking spaces.

Councilman Louis totally disagreed with Councilman Curtis remarks about it being a planned and approved project.

Councilman Sloane continued by adding that when first presented it was part of a 3 to 4 phase plan, and there was a great deal of transparency about the plans. The County did discuss building the Family Court Building first while Mayor Sanderson was in office, questioned how many ratables would be lost if the County began the process. Councilman Sloane continued advising that the County gave the City some parking spaces and the soccer fields in exchange for the ratables that the City would lose, so this is not something new. However, having said all that, let us not lose sight of the existing resolution before us to rectify whatever miscommunication did exist in the past.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that regardless of what year the plans were presented, whether it was 1999 or 2006, the City did not stop this project, the State of New Jersey did.

Mayor Clark finalized the discussion by adding that the City wants to work with the County on this project and she will do whatever it takes to keep the County Seat in the City of Woodbury.

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

Ayes	9
Nays	0

RESOLUTION #06-192 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$5,400 FATAL VISION/ZERO TOLERANCE GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Chief Merinuk explained the program.

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

RESOLUTION #06-193 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$4,600 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #06-194 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$2,000 BUCKLE UP SOUTH JERSEY GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #06-195– RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) FOR THE CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Robert Law, Chief Financial Officer, came forward to explain why all the grants were being presented this evening. This particular grant will be used for clean-up, salaries, community service program, buying supplies, etc.

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

RESOLUTION #06-196 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) FOR THE JOINT INTERLOCAL CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Clark advised how our Construction Office is in need of purchasing new software which will help streamline services to help the office run more efficiently. An example of this is how Mr. Kunkle did the extra work for the school plan review which generated extra revenue that can now be applied to purchase Palm Pilots and Software that will improve the Construction Office services. Mr. Kunkle has agreed to take on the responsibilities so that we can better service the towns with which we are involved through interlocal construction office services.

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

RESOLUTION #06-197 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)FOR THE THREE DIVISION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY POLICE GRANTS

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 motion.

RESOLUTION #06-198 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) FOR THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY

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.

There was some conversation regarding this resolution. Councilwoman Tierney and Bob Law explained a mutual water debt situation that existed between West Deptford and the City of Woodbury and how it ultimately was agreed upon to be resolved.

RESOLUTION #06-199 – 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 Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #06-200 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE EAST RED BANK AVENUE AND DUBOIS AVENUE PAVEMENT REPAIRS PROJECT AND DON RODGERS, INC.

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 #06-201 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE OAK STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT AND NERL'S CONSTRUCTION & RENTALS, 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 Schreyer, 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.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she was very pleased with the response she has received from all the departments for their input to helping put the figures together for the submission of the 2007 budget; she thanked everyone.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #06-181 – RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) INTO THE CITY OF WOODBURY’S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-188 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR 2007

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 motion.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2041-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 November 13, 2006.

Councilman Louis inquired if this ordinance would affect any parking spaces on Smallwood Place.

Chief Merinuk stated that this is exactly why it is being done to ensure that the residents of Smallwood Place will have parking on their street. A problem exists with the many students who drive to school and park along this street.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Belko advised that he is still waiting to hear back from the Recycling Bank.

Councilman Belko also advised that leaf collection will start in the next two weeks. He advised that there are two leaf machines in operation which should be able to handle the work. The new machine will arrive for the second pick-up which is done later in the season.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Louis advised that meetings are still going on and presently they are talking with the developer who is interested in the GG Green Building.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-183 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR BLOCK 108, LOT 1.02, A/K/A 25 EAST 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 Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-188 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #06-63 AND RESOLUTION #06-144 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 148.01 LOT 2 A/K/A 112, HUNTER 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 Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Curtis advised that he was happy to see on the Engineer's Report that the Stewart Park Project is 90% completed.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark advised that she has been contacted by Reverend Johnson from the Bethel AME Church expressing his concerns regarding the sale of toy guns at a local store in Woodbury. Apparently, Polsky's on Broad Street is selling these air guns. In addition, a letter was also received from the School Superintendent Office's advising that they also have had some concerns of the sale of the guns and have even had to address two students who brought them into school where disciplinary action was necessary.

Chief Merinuk stated that the Police Department has some very serious issues with the sale of these guns and they are now looking into what can be done about these guns because of their authentic appearance. Someone is going to get hurt, where an officer will mistake one of these guns as the real thing. The Chief stated that Mr. Lupow, owner of Polsky's, has been approached but does not seem to think there is anything wrong with selling these items, stating that there are other places selling them as well.

Councilman Sloane suggested that possibly the City Solicitor should put something in writing and send it to the State; maybe this may have an impact.

Chief Merinuk stated that the Anti-Crime Unit has become involved because the issue is causing a problem statewide. Unfortunately, unless a person uses one of these guns in a crime, nothing can be done.

Councilman Sloane again suggested that the City Council adopt a resolution and forward it up to the State.

Mayor Clark stated that the City Solicitor is currently looking into seeing if locally we can adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale of the guns.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired why now is this such a popular item; was it something new?

Chief Merinuk stated that it is not a new thing; however, the even more frightening thing is that there is no age restriction on the purchase of these air guns.

Mayor Clark stated that every year at the League of Municipalities there is the Official League Meeting on Friday. The Mayor stated that she cannot attend. She inquired if anyone would like to attend in her place.

The Mayor congratulated the Woodbury Police Department for all their hard work for making it possible for the City to qualify for the various grants for which we have applied.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe introduced Lorraine Roberts, Tax Collector, to brief Council on a situation involving Woodlake Apartments whereby they are requesting that late fees be waived.

Ms. Roberts explained that the Apartment Complex did pay the late fees amounting to \$1,043.48 for a bill due from July; however, because of an incorrect address given to the City by a former employee the complex received their current City debt situation late.

Mr. Law advised that legally this can be resolved by resolution; however, it would be at the request of Council to approve a late fee waiver.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired if Council has ever done this before. Mr. Law stated it has done on a very limited number of cases.

Ms. Roberts stated that although there was an error in the address given to our office by one of their employees, even after the change of address was corrected and another bill was sent out in June with the next bill going out in July, payment was still not received until the end of September (which was still 60 days past due).

It was decided by Council that no further action be taken on this request and that the late fees not be waived.

The City Clerk requested that the City Engineer do a cost estimate for Wing Dickerson Park. On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the request was granted

Mr. Bowe also requested authorization for the engineer to obtain quotes for gutters and downspouts on the City Hall Building. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the request was granted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bowe opened the floor to Council for questions regarding the Engineer's Report.

Councilwoman Schreyer asked if there was any response from Woodbury Heights on the Reservoir.

Mr. Weir, representing the City Engineer, responded in the negative.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Robert Green, 199 Linden Avenue, Wenonah, New Jersey, came forward as a member of Bethel AME Church. He was very concerned with the sale of the air guns by Polsky's and what can be done to prevent the future sale of them.

President Riskie advised Mr. Green that the Governing Body and the Woodbury Police Department were very concerned as well. President Riskie stated that the City Solicitor would look down every avenue to see what can be done.

Chief Merinuk stated that the owner of the store has been contacted and it seems as though he does not feel as though the situation is as serious as everyone else does. It was the Chief's impression that the owner has no intention of discontinuing the sale of the guns at this time.

More dialogue continued on the subject.

Steve Graff, 213 Maple Avenue, Woodbury, NJ came forward to inquire about what was going on with the contractor involved in the rehabbing of the property at 242 S. Maple Street. Mr. Graff stated that he is very concerned, as well as other neighbors present tonight with the conduct of the contractors and feel that the City has not taken more interest in the complaints being logged. Mr. Graf stated that whenever he calls the Construction Office, he has been told that everything is OK. Some of the issues are the hours they are working, unsanitary personal practices involving toilet facilities, even questionable construction workmanship.

The Mayor reassured Mr. Graff that she will be meeting with the Construction Office tomorrow and bring this to their attention.

Mr. DeRoc, 247 S. Maple Street, also addressed the air gun issue advising that his own son wanted to purchase one and was told that someone had to be 18 years of age or older to purchase the item.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Sloane, 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, there was a five-minute recess before Council went into Executive Session (9:10 pm)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was resumed after Council returned from Executive Session (9:30 pm).

Mayor Clark advised that she has been contacted regularly regarding parking requirements for restaurants. One of the issues the individuals presented was that some other towns have ordinances strictly addressing restaurant parking. In particular Collingswood and Haddonfield give special considerations for parking requirements, as they take the position that restaurants have a high turnover and are the engine that drive economic development in the town's ability to attract other business to their downtown area.

The Mayor asked that the City Solicitor along with Councilman Louis investigate changing the ordinance for restaurants.

Councilman Curtis suggested that the Planning Board take the initiative to start this process as it would be addressing zoning issues.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor, stated that he would contact Matt Miller, the Planner for the Planning Board and work together with him.

Mr. Bowe advised that he was contacted by Conrail regarding the parking leases we have had with them. When he last spoke with them the lease agreement had gone up considerably and the City posed the question to Conrail several months ago to have them sell us the land. It took three months to hear back from them; however, in the interim Mr. Bowe received a letter from the Virginia based Conrail Office advising him that the old lease figure was the same as last year.

When Mr. Bowe advised his local Conrail contact that he received such a correspondence he was told that the information he received was inaccurate. At the present time Mr. Bowe has contacted Skip Elliott, the City's former Emergency Management Coordinator, who also happens to be a high ranking official with the CONRAIL organization. Mr. Elliott is looking into the situation.

Councilwoman Brown inquired if anyone received a letter from the #1 Chinese Kitchen and if not she is suggesting copies be made for everyone to read.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm..

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Deputy Clerk: Gail Scheffler

Emergency Management Coordinator: Lieutenant Steven Cope

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Engineer: Dwight Weir

NPP Director: Virginia Horn

THOMAS B. BOWE

Clerk/Administrator