

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 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, 2005.

The Reverend Jeffrey Johnson of Bethel AME Church delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Louis, Graziani, Sloane, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: Curtis and *Brown arrived at 7:45 pm

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2005 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, 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 if the resolution pertaining to 60 Hopkins Street contained restrictions mandating the property be owner-occupied. Mr. Bowe responded in the affirmative.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2011-05 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2002-05 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

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on first reading.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, 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 14, 2005.

ORDINANCE #2012-05 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13: BLOCK 114, LOT 33

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on first reading.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about exceeding the minimum bid stated in the sale of the property.

Mr. Bowe stated that not only was the minimum bid exceeded, the property brought in \$50,000 over the original purchase price. Mr. Bowe personally thanked Mr. Duffield for being responsible for this accomplishment.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, 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 14, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #05-146 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AB ARCH, LLC FOR ARCHITECT SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE DESIGN OF THE STEWART LAKE RECREATIONAL PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, providing the word changed "Ampitheater" be changed in the title to "Recreational" as suggested by Councilman Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-147 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SMART FUTURE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE COMPLETION OF DOWNTOWN PARKING ANALYSIS AND STUDY FOR 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 Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-148 - RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACTIONS OF CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR IN DECLARING EMERGENCY CONDITION AT OR NEAR 1717 WOODBURY GLASSBORO ROAD

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Bowe explained the conditions involved that warranted the emergency.

Mr. Schiavo further reiterated on the situation.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if the City of Woodbury could approach the County regarding this problem.

Mr. Bowe responded that approaching the County for any responsibility was highly unlikely.

***COUNCILWOMAN BROWN ARRIVED AT 7:45 PM**

RESOLUTION #05-149 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASES AND REFUNDS OF REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS IN 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 Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Sloane referenced literature distributed this evening and advised everyone to look it over as it contained very pertinent information advising that additional information could be obtained by going on to www.nj.mel.org; subject matter being "Risk Management".

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer advised that the group educating our residents regarding the environment and their lawns will be holding another meeting on November 16th at the Train Station at 8:00 pm.

Councilman Schreyer also advised that one of the problem pests that is also destroying many of our trees is the Japanese Horned-Beetle. Although this problem has not directly hit our area, she does have materials available and will see to it that she brings it to another meeting for distribution.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown thanked Councilwoman Tierney for taking care of the problem with the disgruntled resident.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that on Saturday she witnessed a situation on Delaware Street whereby there were two political signs per block situated in the City right-of-way which weren't even for candidates running for office in our district. Councilwoman Tierney stated that she approached the gentlemen who were posting the signs and advised them that we had an ordinance that regulated when and where these type of signs could be posted and promptly asked them to remove the signs, which they did. She is now suggesting that prior to future elections, a letter be sent to appropriate individuals to advise them of our ordinance regulations.

Councilman Sloane stated that local candidates know the sign regulations; the candidates guilty of this are county/state candidates.

Councilman Louis stated that he too had removed signs on Evergreen Avenue which happened to be signs belonging to the Democratic Party whereby he went directly to their headquarters advising them of the same. He did likewise for several signs for GOP candidates, returning them to their headquarters.

There was some dialogue concerning what should be done to rectify this problem.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark spoke on the following topics:

- 1) Mayor Clark advised Councilwoman Schreyer to share her information discussed earlier with Bob Law so he could put in on the web site;
- 2) The Mayor Clark directed everyone's attention to the print hanging on the Chambers Wall which was presented to the City by the State of New Jersey National Guard naming Woodbury a "Center of Influence". A plate will be forthcoming to be added to the print;
- 3) Mayor Clark thanked the Woodbury Jaycees, the Woodbury Police Department and all the Councilpersons who attended for making the Fall Festival a success;
- 4) Mayor Clark congratulated Tom Bowe on becoming a new grandfather; his daughter, Megan who is a biology teacher at Woodbury High school, gave birth to a baby girl, Audrey Marie;
- 5) The Mayor congratulated the City of Woodbury employees who so generously contributed to the United Way; out of 24 municipalities only 12 towns participated and Woodbury is one of the more generous ones. Mayor Clark thanked Roy Duffield and Karen Giorgianni for all their hard work in accomplishing this task;
- 6) Mayor Clark announced the Ground Breaking on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for the single-family home development occurring on Hopkins Street;
- 7) Also this Thursday at 7:00 pm there will be the final meeting of the Master Plan held in Council Chambers;
- 8) Mayor Clark also advised that this Friday at 10:00 am a time capsule which was placed behind the cornerstone of the County Courthouse one hundred and twenty years ago will be opened in the Ceremonial Court Room;
- 9) the Mayor reminded everyone that on Monday evening the Halloween Curfew will be 8:00 pm; and

10) Finally, the Annual JIF Dinner and Seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at the Collingswood Community Center; for each Councilperson who attends, the JIF will reimburse the City \$250.00.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised that in addition to his daughter having a baby, his son, Joshua, also fathered a daughter named, Lilly James; and his other son, Luke, recently married a girl who had a daughter named Arianna; so for the record he now has three (3) granddaughters.

Mr. Bowe invited questions for the Engineer as they pertain to the Engineer's Report.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she has heard many positive comments from parents on the walkway signs for the cross walks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-agenda Items.

Mr. Chip McDonald, Esq. of the law firm of Holstein, McDonald, Uzdavinis approached Council representing the residents of 511 Rugby Place. Mr. McDonald explained that when reconstructing their home at 511 Rugby Place, the current owners were unaware that they needed to put sidewalks on the street-side borders of the property. Mr. McDonald further explained that when building permits were taken out for the property only curbs were included on the permit application.

Mr. Philip Ruggieri, a local architect also representing the owners of 511 Rugby Place, next spoke and explained the physical characteristics of the property and how sidewalks would not be an enhancement to the rustic nature of the overall property. Mr. Ruggieri also acknowledged that he was unaware of the local ordinance mandating sidewalks.

Mr. Robert Kunkle, the City's Code Official, and Mr. Michael Aimino, the City's Solicitor, acknowledged the positive aesthetic aspect of not having sidewalks at the property, but explained that Council could not waive its own local law. There also exists the problem of liability for the City in knowing sidewalks don't exist where they should.

A number of questions and comments were expressed by Council as well as some residents of the neighborhood many sympathetic to the owners' request for not having the sidewalks; however, the situation as explained by the City's Code Official and Solicitor pointed to the need for sidewalks.

President Riskie requested that Michael Aimino further research the matter and report back to Council. It was also suggested that Mr. Kunkle issue a “temporary certificate of occupancy” for the owner.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, came forward to thank the City’s Public Works Department for maintaining the flow of the storm sewer in his neighborhood. Mr. Chiesa wanted Council to know that they are doing a good job.

As no one else came forward, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Joseph Schiavo, PE
Construction Code Official: Robert Kunkle
Deputy Clerk: Gail Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Steven Cope
Public Works: Michael Walsh
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.