

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 Minister Hugh V. Browne, of Bethany Baptist Church.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Grimming

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of November 13, 2006 were approved as submitted, with one typo correction on page 4. Councilwoman Schreyer abstained from the vote on the minutes.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, inquired when the new bus stops will be put into effect as referenced in Resolution #06-209. Mr. Bowe responded ASAP.

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

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #06-206 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Collective Bargaining Agreement, Litigation, 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 Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

President Riskie advised that action may be taken after Council returns to the Regular Order of Business after this Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #06-208 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND LEVEL – 1 CONSTRUCTION , 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 Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-210 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #87-29 AT PRIVATE SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-113

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 vote.

RESOLUTION #06-211 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #94-0115 AT PRIVATE SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.54:5-113

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.

VOUCHERS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #06-209 – RESOLUTION ADDING BUS STOP LOCATIONS TO THE OFFICIAL LIST OF BUS STOPS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Belko, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion, provided certain spelling corrections were made.

APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSE

Councilman Sloane presented a raffle application from the American Legion Post #133. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the application was approved as

submitted. Councilman Curtis abstained from the vote and Councilman Sloane stated he would not be involved in the voting process of this particular application.

ORDINANCES

PERSONNEL

ORDINANCE #2042-06 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER A237 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: PERSONNEL POLICY MANUEL

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, 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 December 11, 2006. Councilwoman Schreyer stated she was voting “NO” on the passing of said ordinance upon first reading.

Councilman Sloane inquired if Council could have a copy of the Personnel Policy prior to the final vote.

The City Solicitor advised that the Personnel Policy was in the City Code Book and this ordinance was adding an additional paragraph where indicated.

***COUNCILMAN GRIMMING ARRIVED AT 7:40 PM.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-204 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FUNDS FOR BLOCK 78, LOT 2 A/K/A 22 HARRISON 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.

RESOLUTION #06-205 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 67, LOT 13, A/K/A 327 LINCOLN 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.

RESOLUTION #06-207 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #06-162 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 68, LOT 7 A/K/A 332 LINCOLN 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.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she would like to have Ms. Horn make a presentation this evening. President Riskie stated that as this was not on the agenda, it would have to wait for another meeting.

Councilwoman Brown then stated she had another matter to discuss but could not as Ms. Lorraine Roberts was not present this evening. President Riskie stated that he was aware of the correspondence Councilwoman Brown was referring to and it would be brought up later in the meeting, even though Ms. Roberts was not in attendance.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark discussed the following topics:

1. The Mayor announced that the demolition of the building which will be converted to the new Walgreen's has occurred and construction will begin before the end of the year;
2. Also, the Lakeview Professional Campus along Evergreen Avenue will start to move in their first tenants shortly;
3. The property where the gas station was at the circle on Evergreen Avenue has been sold and the new owners will be appearing before the Planning Board;
4. Mayor Clark also advised that Sickles Center Shopping Center is coming along beautifully and we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new shops;
5. The Mayor announced that the new Wachovia Bank will be opening on December 7th on schedule and for that our Construction Office received a letter of much praise and appreciation for cooperating with the project and helping them reach their completion date;
6. The Mayor also advised that the old Wachovia Bank location will probably be taken over by another bank when the current contract runs out in 6 months;
7. Mayor Clark also announced the first of several Friday Candlelight Shopping Nights with the welcoming of Santa with a short parade. The Mayor urged all Council members to contact John Beale to advise him if they will be participating in the parade; so far only 3 people have responded;
8. The Mayor was pleased to announce the City will be getting another DOT grant for the reconstruction of W. Centre Street between Jackson and Broad Streets, which is a significant amount of area to be done at one time;
9. The Mayor also announced that the Friday before Thanksgiving, she along with Councilwoman Tierney, Councilman Curtis and Councilman Sloane all met with Freeholder Steven Sweeney and the subject of keeping the courts in Woodbury was discussed as well as proposed changes to the parking garage and expansion that would not affect the historic area. Freeholder Sweeney stated he will take all the proposed changes and get new numbers and present it to the appropriate people and get back to the City;
10. The Mayor stated that it was also helpful that a resolution was adopted by the Gloucester Bar Association requesting that the courts remain in Woodbury;

11. Mayor Clark advised that she attended a meeting with the Prosecutor Office, and the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the sale of the air guns that are the current trend. Unfortunately, it appears that nothing can be done immediately to prohibit the sale of these guns. Mayor Clark then invited the City Solicitor, Mike Aimino, to explain what he has researched on Council's request.

Mr. Aimino stated that there is a state statute that protects the sale of these guns; however, our only recourse is to pass a resolution and sent it to our state legislatures to implore their help in prohibiting the sale and to urge the schools and local organizations to express their views against the sale of the guns as well.

After some discussion amongst Council, Mr. Aimino was directed to initiate such resolution for the next Council Meeting.

12. Mayor Clark advised that two meetings are scheduled to be held soon: one on Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers, Subj: Skateboard Park where the design Concept will be discussed; the other meeting will be for the Master Plan which will be discussed at the next Planning Board Meeting on Monday evening at 7:30; and
13. The Mayor appointed Lenor Mirochna to fill the unexpired term on the Historic Preservation Commission as 1st Alternate.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe, Clerk/Administrator, advised that Mr. Dukelow's operation was a success and his prognosis for recovery is good and he will return to work in about 4 to 5 weeks.

Mr. Bowe invited questions pertaining to the Engineer's Report.

Councilman Sloane inquired about the Police Station Roof and the age of the building. Mr. Schiavo advised it was built in 1962 and when an attempt was made to repair some flashing, they noticed there was much deterioration and it was determined that a new roof would be necessary. Councilman Sloane inquired who the contractor was and would like to be kept informed.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired about the status of the Woodbury Heights Reservoir. Mr. Schiavo advised that he is still waiting for a reply from them.

Councilwoman Schreyer wanted to know why there is a backup of water at the Heritages on North Broad Street when there is a heavy downpour of rain. Mr. Schiavo advised that he would look into the problem.

Mr. Bowe introduced Lorraine Roberts, Tax Collector, who explained a letter she received from a Ms. Kersey from 580 Naomi Avenue regarding an outside lien on her property amounting to several thousand dollars; however, Ms. Kersey would like to pay off the lien in installments if Council permitted it. Ms. Roberts explained the total would amount to \$6500 and would include 2006 taxes. Ms. Kersey would like to pay it off in installments over a 15 month period. Also the City is holding a lien on another of her properties adjacent the original one in question which Ms. Kersey would also be including in the payout.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired that if Council approved the request what would happen if Ms. Kersey was unable to keep up the payments. Ms. Roberts explained that she has advised Ms. Kersey that if she should default on her payments, the agreement would become null and void.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Brown, Ms. Roberts was authorized to proceed with the installment arrangements as requested by Mrs. Kersey regarding the two combined lien properties as discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC

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

Mr. Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packet Street, came forward to discuss the "Eye Appeal" of the City. Mr. Bunn stated that he thought the City could make itself more appealing to new businesses if some of the properties along Broad Street were more appealing. He gave some examples regarding property maintenance, trash receptacles overflowing, poor property maintenance on even City buildings, namely City Hall downspouts. Mr. Bunn expressed his concern stating that if the City wanted to draw new business we have to do something about curb appeal now.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, inquired when the West Centre Street Reconstruction Project will begin. Mr. Bowe advised probably in the spring.

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 Councilman Grimming, there was a five-minute recess before going into Executive Session. (approximately 8:15 PM).

E X E C U T I V E S E S S I O N

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was resumed (approximately 8:45 PM).

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the City Solicitor was authorized to draw up an ordinance regarding the subject matter discussed in Executive Session regarding the Pilot Program.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Joseph Schiavo

Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Emergency Management Coordinator: Lieutenant Cope

NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire