

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 Deputy Administrator, Robert Law, 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 the Reverend Warren Light, Kemble Methodist Church.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: No One

President Riskie took a moment to thank everyone for taking the time in coming out to the Council Meetings throughout the year. President Riskie also wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

President Riskie also reminded everyone that the next and final scheduled meeting for Council will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2006. Please mark your calendars!

MINUTES

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the minutes of November 27, 2006 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #2043-06 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ENTER INTO A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODBURY CLUB, LLC WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 190 NORTH EVERGREEN AVENUE A/K/A BLOCK 162.01, LOT 111.01

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance for first reading.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 27, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #06-212 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2007 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-213 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE WOODBURY/GLASSBORO ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND MOUNT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-216 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL NO. 1A AT SEWELL PUMP STATION PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #217-06 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES AT 28 HARRISON STREET PROJECT

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Curtis requested that the contractor be asked to delay tearing down the metal frame portion of the building for consideration of it being used as a community center.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if there were plumbing and electrical service to the building.

Councilman Curtis responded there was electrical definitely, but was not sure about plumbing.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that she was under the distinct impression that parking has been an ongoing problem for the visitors who come into Woodbury, and finally an opportunity has come before Council so why would we not take advantage of this situation and create more parking, which is so desperately needed. Councilwoman Tierney stated she agrees that a community center could be of benefit; but would this building be large enough to accommodate that type of facility.

Councilman Sloane stated the area in question is about 2,000 sq. ft. and could be used as a gathering place at the least.

Councilman Curtis stated that he is only asking for a little more time before we take the building down.

Councilman Sloane agreed with Councilman Curtis that we should at least pursue the possibility and discuss it with the contractor and compare the cost factor and see if it is feasible.

Mayor Clark strongly disagreed advising that this particular building was designed to be used as a warehouse and the amount of money to remodel it into a community center would be far too costly and would defeat the cry of the merchants who have been pleading for more parking to help generate business in the downtown area.

President Riskie stated that this should have been discussed when Mr. Bowe first talked about going out to bid.

Councilman Sloane agreed that at that time this idea was not a consideration, now it is. All he is suggesting is that we look into the possibility.

Councilman Louis stated that in his opinion money will have to be spent to determine if that portion of the building would be structurally sound after the other portion was demolished.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that talks regarding this particular property have been going on for months and months and tonight we can pass a resolution to resolve our parking dilemma; but instead we are talking about providing a warehouse for our residents hidden somewhere behind other buildings and call it a community center with very limited space. Certainly Woodbury residents deserve better.

Councilman Curtis debated the warehouse theory stating that there have been other buildings in town previously in just as bad condition but were renovated to accommodate the intended use.

Mayor Clark reiterated her position again by saying this is not the property to consider as a community center. The parking problems are of greater concern and have been for a long time and this piece of property can help eliminate that problem for our downtown area.

Councilman Sloane stated again, all that he is asking is to postpone the vote tonight for just two more weeks. A very brief conversation with the contractor will answer everyone's concerns and he will advise Council of what the contractor says and we can vote on the resolution at the next meeting.

A roll call vote was taken to table the resolution until the next meeting.

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

The resolution was tabled.

RESOLUTION #06-218 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE WOODBURY POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS PROJECT AND FANELLI CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-219 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE STEWART LAKE PARK RECREATION PROJECT – PHASE II AND DON ROGERS, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-220 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE #0822-44-006-005 HELD BY MARTIN’S LIQUOR, LLC, T/A CANAL’S DISCOUNT LIQUOR MART

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-221 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE TATUM STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND DON RODGER, INC.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, 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 wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Sloane expressed his good wishes to everyone for a happy holiday.

RESOLUTION #06-215 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #06-222 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO BAN OR REGULATE THE SALE OF AIRSOFT GUNS

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Sloane stated that he wished that more could be done because this is the best the City of Woodbury can do for the ban. However, he does hope that the State legislature has the wisdom to do the right thing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ORDINANCE #2044-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 202 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: ZONING

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Belko, 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 27, 2006.

ORDINANCE #2045-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 202 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: ZONING

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, 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 27, 2006.

Councilman Sloane inquired how this ordinance affected the height requirements.

Mr. Aimino stated that it basically addresses future second floor additions to existing garages.

Mayor Clark stated this came about when someone presented plans for a three car garage with a second floor exercise room with plumbing which was larger than the house the residents lived in.

ORDINANCE #2046-06 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 FOR BLOCK 113, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 119, LOT 8 (CONSOLIDATED WITH LOT 8.01) IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Belko, 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 27, 2006.

Councilman Sloane inquired to what property this referred.

President Riskie stated it was the Green Block Building and the Verizon Lot.

Councilman Louis advised that unbeknown to him NJDOT visited Woodbury and accessed the Route 45 corridor for some of the improvements recommended by the Steering Committee. He currently has a phone call into the individual and has not heard back but expects that they will look at some of the suggestions pertaining to pedestrian safety and parking.

PERSONNEL

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

Councilman Grimming presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

Mr. William Fleming, 61 N. Bayard Avenue, inquired how many people were affected by this ordinance and the financial ramifications.

President Riskie stated presently 7 to 8 employees.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	8	Brown, Louis, Tierney, Sloane, Curtis, Grimming, Belko, Riskie
Nays	1	Schreyer

President Riskie informed Council that this evening would be Councilman Grimming's last Council Meeting, as he will be in Boston for the holidays. President Riskie thanked Councilman Grimming for serving two terms on Council and he has served with him during those 6 years and wished him well in his endeavors, stating he hoped to work with him again in the future.

Councilman Grimming thanked President Riskie for his kind words, stating that he would miss everyone and hoped they have a happy holiday.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer extended her holiday greeting to all of Council and those in attendance at the meeting as well.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #06-214 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 67, LOT 11 A/K/A 315 LINCOLN STREET

Councilwoman Brown presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Brown reminded everyone that she will be taking pictures at the next Council Meeting on December 27, 2006.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she will miss not seeing Councilman Grimming at the meeting and also wished everyone a blessed and happy holiday.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Curtis also wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Councilman Curtis also personally thanked Councilman Grimming, not just for his role on Council, but for his active role as a volunteer in helping people. Councilman Curtis stated that he has worked with Councilman Grimming on another project with another organization. Councilman Grimming was his right-hand man who did an outstanding job.

Councilman Sloane stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Councilman Grimming and considered him a good man and knows that he will continue to contribute to his town, whether as a Councilperson or otherwise.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark reminded everyone that this Friday will be the last Candlelight Shopping Night in town and there will be a lot of scheduled performances going on that evening so come out and join the fun.

The Mayor congratulated the Woodbury Garden Club for their outstanding job with the Woodbury House Tour. Councilman Belko's house was one of the homes on the tour.

Councilman Belko stated that the tour was a huge success; he said that at least 400 people passed through his home.

Mayor Clark also congratulated John Keuhler on his election as the new Woodbury Fire Chief effective January 1, 2007. The Mayor stated that John is a very energetic and enthusiastic person and everyone from the Fire Administrator to the firefighters are looking forward to working with him.

The Mayor remarked to Councilwoman Brown that now that the demolition has occurred for the construction of the new Walgreens it should be noted that many of the homes along Lincoln Street could use a little TLC and the neighbors should be advised that possibly they can qualify for some help from the RCA grant.

Mayor Clark announced that at the last Planning Board Meeting the new Master Plan was adopted and Bob Law is attempting to post the plan on our web site.

In conclusion, the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

President Riskie complimented the Mayor and the Planning Board for all the work they put into the Master Plan.

Mayor Clark stated that it took at least several meetings with the Ragan Design Representatives, plus meetings with business owners and several Council members, along with City Officials, high school students and all of their thoughts and suggestions were considered to help finalize the plan.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Law reminded everyone that their will be a Skateboard Meeting on December 30, 2006 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

Mr. Law stated that Mr. Bowe sends his regards for the holidays and could not be present tonight because he was attending a scrimmage game.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

President Riskie also advised all Council members that if they are not already enrolled to look into the Pension Plan being offered to them.

PUBLIC

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

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, came forward to thank Council for addressing the problem he previously inquired about on Tatum Street and Red Bank Avenue; the clean-up has definitely enhanced the look at that intersection.

Mr. Jenkins advised that on the first block of High Street the debris that is accumulating is very unsightly, and possibly Public Works could spend a little extra time on the next trash day. It appears that broken glass and other debris is continuing to gather, although one would think that the neighborhood residents would take the initiative to clean in front of their own properties; however, unfortunately that is not occurring, and as a result it is depreciating the look of the block.

Mr. Jenkins stated that over the weekend there was another accident in the area of Glover and High Streets, so the cars are still traveling at high speeds in that area.

Chief Merinuk advised that the Police are still monitoring that area and incidents of accidents are relatively small compared to what they were.

On motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired if the construction of the Walgreens will affect the traffic along Broad Street, especially when one is attempting to turn left heading north along Broad Street.

Mayor Clark explained that a vehicle heading north on Broad will have a left hand turn lane near the Times building. Mayor Clark stated that the traffic flow was approved by DOT.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

THOMAS B. BOWE

Clerk/Administrator

ROBERT LAW

Deputy Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Public Works: Michael Walsh

Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.

Recording Secretary: Fran A. Nigro