

December 13, 2004

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 5, 2004.

Father John Burke delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Brown, Tierney and Grimming

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

President Riskie advised that the resolution presented by Councilman Sloane at the November 22nd meeting was still under consideration.

President Riskie also advised Resolution #04-171 for an Executive Session will be removed from this evenings agenda. It may be reintroduced at the next meeting.

President Riskie wished everyone a happy holiday as this will be the last meeting prior to the holiday celebration; however, there will be one more meeting to close the year.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the minutes of December 13, 2004 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Louis, 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 motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Louis, the floor was closed for Agenda Items and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1980-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE: WATER

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, 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, 2004.

ORDINANCE #1981-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: SEWERS

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, 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, 2004.

ORDINANCE #1982-04 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1974-04, 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 Curtis, the ordinance was placed 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, 2004.

ORDINANCE #1983-04 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: POLICE DEPARTMENT

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, 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, 2004.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #04-158 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #04-119 AND RESOLUTION #04-141 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 116, LOT 4 a/k/a 63 HOPKINS STREET

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-159 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

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 #04-160 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

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 #04-161 - RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CREDITS YEAR TO YEAR

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 #04-162 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-163 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2005 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF 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 Sloane, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #04-164 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTIONS #04-117 AND #04-150 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 119, LOT 24.01 a/k/a 71 CURTIS AVENUE

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 #04-165 - RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-166 - RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES AND WATER AND SEWER RE: 60 HOPKINS STREET

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 #04-167 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOUSING INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY
(John Leech)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Sloane inquired if John Leech is currently working for the City.

Mr. Bowe answered in the affirmative stating that Mr. Leech was currently our Zoning Officer. Mr. Bowe then introduced Mr. Leech who addressed Council and thanked everyone for the opportunity to further serve the City.

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

RESOLUTION #04-168 - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TAX EXEMPTION AND CANCEL TAXES FOR A DISABLED VETERAN (Earl W. Fleming)

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 #04-169 - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TAX EXEMPTION AND CANCEL TAXES FOR A DISABLED VETERAN (Richard W. Miller)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-170 - RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES RE: 30 EAST BARBER AVENUE

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-172 - RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES

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 #04-173 - RESOLUTION TO AWARD FIRE/BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM RENOVATIONS RE: WOODBURY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PROJECT

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-174 - RESOLUTION RATIFYING EXPENDITURES AND AWARDING OF WORK RE: EMERSON STREET PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT EMERGENCY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #04-175 - RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICIAL MAP OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR PURPOSES OF N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7 AND N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7.1

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 Councilman Sloane, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

Councilman Louis extended holiday greetings to everyone.

PUBLIC SAFETY

BINGO APPLICATION

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the bingo application from Beth Israel Congregation for a 6 month period of time was presented. Seeing the application in order, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the application was approved.

Councilman Sloane welcomed John Leech as a full time employee of the City of Woodbury and wished everyone a happy holiday.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark again congratulated John Leech in his position as Housing Inspector for the City of Woodbury and complimented his performance as Zoning Officer.

Mayor Clark advised that the City of Woodbury will be receiving \$350,000.00 for the Skate Park Project. The Mayor stated that she had asked Assemblyman Joe Roberts for his support in obtaining the grant and with his help we were successful. In exchange for his help, the Mayor promised Assemblyman Roberts the first run at the new skateboard facility, or, if not, at least to be the designated individual to perform the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Mayor also stated that DOT has announced the list of Road Reconstruction Grant Recipients and Deptford and Woodbury, although applying separately, both received a \$150,000 grant for the Park Avenue Project. Park Avenue exists in both municipalities.

Mayor Clark stated that Tom Dukelow attended a briefing, on her behalf, pertaining to Interstates 295, 76 and 42. Mr. Dukelow reported back good news stating that instead of doing all the construction in one massive project, the access ramps from Woodbury's side of I-295 onto 42-S will be done separately and sooner. This is good news for the City because it will reduce the projected completion date by two years, and will help eliminate heavy truck traffic along Delaware Street and Cooper Streets.

The Mayor also advised that she will be attending a briefing on plans for a commuter rail line through Gloucester County. Mayor Clark stated that currently one of the options being discussed is using Route 55 median for the rail line, which would not include a stop in Woodbury. However, the other option still being discussed is to use the existing rail beds which include a stop in Woodbury. The purpose of this briefing is to solicit comments from elected officials, so if any Council members are available, any support on Woodbury's behalf would be helpful.

Mayor Clark thanked Sgt. Cope, Emergency Management Coordinator, for all the hard work he spent updating the City's Emergency Plan so the City could be recertified by the County.

The Mayor also thanked Mrs. Ruth Bosworth, who will be stepping down from the Public Library Board of Trustees after 36 years of a member. Mrs. Bosworth has volunteered many years of dedicated service during some exciting and challenging times for the library, including the transition to computers. Her service to this community is greatly appreciated and we wish her the best in the days ahead. Mayor Clark stated that at the last Board of Trustees meeting this year Mrs. Bosworth will be honored by a proclamation and a private reception.

In conclusion, Mayor Clark wished everyone a safe and joyful holiday.

Councilman Sloane reiterated the importance of making sure the City is properly insured regarding the skateboard project.

Mayor Clark stated that she has been in touch with Dave Strout, the City's Insurance Consultant, and he has kept in touch with our JIF representative.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bove requested permission to waive permit fees for a street opening for work being done by the county in the amount of \$40.00 for wiring on Delaware Street. On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the request to waive the \$40.00 fee to the county was approved.

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.

Susan Anderson, 220 S. Jackson Street, inquired where the skateboard park will be located. Mayor Clark advised that it would be constructed at Stewart Park near the YMCA.

Mrs. Anderson also inquired about the problem of a water run-off from Charlie Brown's property unto school property. Mr. Bowe responded that the school board will address this problem directly with the property owners of Charlie Brown's.

Mrs. Anderson then inquired if Council recommended that \$75,000 be removed from the school budget in the maintenance line item. Councilman Sloane then explained how Council has an input only to recommend from where an amount be taken; it is ultimately up to the school board to determine exactly from where the monies will be taken.

Mrs. Anderson asked about the recent City property purchases for re-development; she then referenced some public opinion that the City is basically involved in what one refers to as "social engineering".

Mrs. Anderson also stated that the State has finally sent out the applications to massage therapist for their registration. Mrs. Anderson stated that after speaking with several merchants, she was informed that there was only one merchant who wrote to Council on the Merchant's Association letterhead objecting to certain businesses on Broad Street. This is a far cry from what was assumed.

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.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
NPP: Director: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.