

December 22, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President C. Barry E. Sloane at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. 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 2, 2008.

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Joseph Coles, Assistant Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Schreyer, Villari, Brown

PRESIDENT SLOANE MAKES PRESENTATION

President Sloane presented two plaques: the first to Councilman Riskie who has served as Councilman for the City of Woodbury for the past twenty-seven years: the second to Councilman Belko for his years of service to the City. Councilman Riskie graciously accepted and thanked Council for the recognition. Mayor Curtis acknowledged Councilman Riskie's dedication to his duties, stating that he always make it a point to not let anything interfere with his responsibilities to the community, sometimes even changing family plans to make meetings and be available. Councilman Belko thanked the Mayor and Council and the residents of Woodbury for allowing him to serve his community.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #08-197 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #08-171 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 64, LOT 26 A/K/A 14 WEST STREET

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-198 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 115, LOT 13 A/K/A 45 HOPKINS STREET

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-201 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENDORSING HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF PETITION FOR SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION TO COAH

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #08-202 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON (Virginia Horn)

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION #08-203 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
APPOINTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT** (Virginia Horn)

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Belko thanked Council for allowing him to work along with them in making decisions for the betterment of the City. Although everyone did not always agree, Councilman Belko stated that it was always a pleasure to serve.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Fleming thanked Councilmen Riskie and Belko for serving along with them stating he would miss them both.

**ORDINANCE #2093-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
ESTBALISHING STANDARDS FOR THE COLLECTION, MAINTENANCE AND
EXPENDITURE OF DEVELOPER FEES**

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	6	Riskie, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Schreyer, Villari, Brown

**ORDINANCE #2094-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
ADOPTING SCHEDULE OF EQUIVALENT DOMESTIC CONSUMER UNITS**

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	6	Riskie, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Schreyer, Villari, Brown

ORDINANCE #2095-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING FEE SCHEDULES

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	6	Riskie, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Schreyer, Villari, Brown

RESOLUTION #08-199 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REGARDING STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about paragraph two (2) indicating it was incorrect.

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

RESOLUTION #08-200 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2008

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

Councilman Fleming advised that it has come to his attention that the State and Federal Government are accepting applications for an economic stimulus package. Councilman Fleming is requesting that the City be authorized to submit said package so that the funds could possibly be used for the reservoir project.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the request to have the City Engineer submit said package for the economic stimulus program was approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis had nothing to report for his Committee.

Councilman Louis did want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year. He also extended best wishes to his colleagues Councilmen Belko and Riskie.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Fleming advised that the Redevelopment Committee did meet and went over the final draft and plan to submit sometime in January to the Planning Board. Hopefully we will be able to proceed to the next level. So far over 1,000 surveys have been gathered by the County

of Gloucester's Professional Firm that is gathering a variety of consumer facts about the City of Woodbury.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Riskie advised he had nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Tierney also wanted to thank Councilmen Belko and Riskie for being good people to work with and hopes that they continue to stay involved in City matters.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Tierney advised that there was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT SLOANE

President Sloane wished everyone Seasons Greetings and also wished both Councilman Belko and Councilman Riskie the best and stated that it was a pleasure to serve on Council with both men.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis read a letter from the County advising that there will be two projects they will be doing to county highways: the first will be on Kings Highway from Broad Street (south) going into West Deptford, and the other is on Tanyard Road going into Woodbury Heights.

The Mayor also read a letter from the Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey State Government advising that we have a \$8500 Low Income Heating Assistance Grant for our use.

Mayor Curtis also advised that the County broke ground on Friday on the Expansion of the Justice Complex; hopefully this will bring some new jobs into Woodbury.

The Mayor then read a letter received by Chief Merinuk of the Woodbury Police Department from the brother-in-law of Dr. Epple who lives in Missouri. The letter thanked the Woodbury Fire Department for the outstanding job that was done in trying to save his extended

family. He himself is Chief of a Fire Department and knows all too well how difficult those type of fires are to fight.

Mayor Curtis again thanked our Police and Fire Departments for all their efforts in trying to save Dr. Epple and his wife the day of that tragic fire at their residence.

Mayor Curtis wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Also the Mayor wished both Councilman Belko and Councilman Riskie the best and hoped that although their stay here on council will be ending, that they still remain involved in some way in the City. Mayor Curtis advised that he enjoyed debating various topics with both men even if they did not always agree. They always voiced their opinions based on what they thought was in the best interest of the City.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe referenced a letter he distributed from Habitat for Humanity reflecting on the properties that they would like to take control of on E. Barber Avenue.

Councilwoman Tierney asked about the best way for this transaction to take place.

Mr. Bowe asked Mr. Duffield to brief Council on certain aspects of the agreement while the City Solicitor read over the contract.

Mr. Duffield advised that he supports what Habitat for Humanity stands for; however, he would like to see their finished product on Hopkins Street before we proceed further. Mr. Duffield continued by also suggesting that possibly it would be a good idea not to sign over the deed for the E. Barber Avenue properties until such time as the Hopkins Street project is done to Council's satisfaction.

James Pierson, City Solicitor, stated that he was not sure what conditions have to be met before we sell or lease the other properties to them. Also there should be a time frame spelled out in the agreement which currently does not exist.

Mr. Pierson advised that he will contact the attorney for Habitat for Humanity to see what type of payment was previously agreed upon in their dealings with other municipalities.

There was also some discussion about dividing the existing three (3) lots on East Barber Avenue into four (4).

Mayor Curtis inquired as to what affect if any this would have on our 3rd Round COAH obligations.

Jim Bell of the Melvin Group, the City's Planners, commented that the project would greatly help the City's COAH obligation.

In conclusion, Mr. Bowe offered his personal thanks to Councilmen Riskie and Belko and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 Non-Agenda Items.

As no one approached Council, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Planner: Jim Bell, Melvin Group
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Cope
Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn
Police Chief: Reed Merinuk
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.