

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 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 4, 2007.

The Invocation was delivered by Frank Evans, Chaplain of American Legion Post #133.

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schreyer, Villari, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Belko, Mayor Curtis

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of December 10, 2007 were approved as submitted. Councilman Belko abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2065-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTERS 20-2 AND 20-3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the public hearing was ordered closed.

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

Ayes	9
Nays	0
Absent	0

ORDINANCE #2066-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 100, HANDICAPPED PARKING, SECTION 100-3

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

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

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

Dr. Kennedy, 220 Holroyd Place came forward to discuss the Mayor requesting Lieutenant Cope to investigate her status as being declared handicapped and wanted to see confirmation because one of her neighbors complained that she was issued a handicapped parking space in front of her home. Dr. Kennedy stated that she would think the Mayor would concentrate more on the problems going on within the City rather than her handicap parking spot, in addition, her husband is also 85% handicap. This situation has been going on for a very long time and she also was interested as to why people are not ticketed when they do park in that handicapped parking space.

Councilman Louis responded that the intent of this ordinance is not to take away her handicapped spot but to make sure that those individuals who are issued a spot truly have a need for it.

Dr. Kennedy continued by expressing her displeasure with the people who making comments indicating that she is mentally handicapped and not physically.

President Sloane indicated that he personally has not heard anyone on Council express their opinion regarding Dr. Kennedy's physical handicap; the ordinance was not intended to personally attack her but he did promise her that the ordinance would be enforced throughout the City.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she also has a handicap and takes her position very seriously.

Nora Leary, 219 Holroyd Place stated that she is a neighbor and wanted to express the intent of the neighbors was not in opposition of Dr. Kennedy's handicap spot, they just wanted to make sure that there would be clarity for the use of the spot. The police have been called a number of times when someone is using the spot; but the police have been called for when someone is standing in the spot, leaves in the spot and even more trivia reasons. For Dr. Kennedy to come forward and make statements that the neighbors are creating problems because they resent that she has the spot is offending because that was not the intent of their request to clarify the use of the spot; but instead to make Dr. Kennedy more aware that they also agree that the police department has more important issues to attend to then to respond to a call from her complaining about the spot. The spot has to be better defined by markings.

Dr. Kennedy came forward again and began to make reference to Mrs. Leary's statement about her embarrassment of the police responding to the Dr.'s continuous complaints and the stress it has created for her children.

President Sloane interrupted Dr. Kennedy by stating that he does not intend to continue the dialogue between the two neighbors making comments about each other. Instead he stated that this is exactly why the ordinance is being introduced and adopted tonight and that was to avoid any further problems. They both have to put their differences behind them and move forward from tonight.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the public portion was closed.

Mayor Curtis responded to Dr. Kennedy's remarks that he requested that the police look into Dr. Kennedy's personal history. For the record, he stated that he never has nor ever will make such a request.

Councilman Louis wanted to verify that this ordinance was intended to put clarity to any confusion to how the handicap ordinance previously read and was not to take away any existing spots.

The Mayor advised that currently there are 23 handicap spots within the City and, after research by the Police Department, it was discovered that ten (10) of the people moved; this alone was enough reason to initiate an investigation to have better guidelines.

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

Ayes	9
Nays	0
Absent	0

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #07-193 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES ON REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-195 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL OVERPAYMENTS ON REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-196 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OVERPAID TAXES ON REAL ESTATE TAXES FROM 2007 TO 2008 IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-197 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2007

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-198 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF BALANCES IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-199 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF BALANCES IN THE ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-200 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF BALANCES ON THE BALANCE SHEET OF VARIOUS FUNDS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #07-201 – RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Fleming advised that he recently sent out a e-mail concerning the replacement of the boiler in City Hall and has not heard back from anyone because of the holidays.

Also Councilman Fleming stated that responses were received for professional services and have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and a decision will be made shortly. Very few changes will be made from last year.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #07-202 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF HYDRANT ADAPTERS

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

RESOLUTION #07-192 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING SANITATION FOREMAN FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Frank Alloway)

Councilman Belko presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION #07-191 – RESOLUTION OF NEED REGARDING THE EXERCISE OF POLICE POWERS OVER UNFIT BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Villari presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Louis asked for some clarification on the reason for the resolution.

James Pierson, City Solicitor explained that the existing ordinance is very vague and should be changed to accommodate the needs of the Police Department. Mr. Pierson continued by saying that a resolution is first required and then an ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting, with a public hearing and final adoption.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Riskie advised that a meeting was held on December 17th with the Personnel Committee members for their input on the employee performance evaluations. It is to be noted that the Clerk/Administrator did an excellent job on putting the evaluations together. There was some discussion that recommendations could be made for 2008 to establish developmental goals for employees. and also possibly considering public opinion on how they perceive city services.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she has recently become aware that Nike recycles old sneakers and would like to further look into participating in such a program in 2008.

RESOLUTION #07-194 – RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO TAKE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COST OF A STATEWIDE GYPSY MOTH CONTROL PROGRAM

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report; but wished everyone a Happy New Year.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Belko commended Main Street for putting together the Taste of Woodbury and Candlelight Shopping, it was a very pleasant experience to see all the people walking the downtown area and visiting all the businesses.

Councilman Riskie stated he attended with his wife and was pleasantly surprised how nice all the businesses displayed what they were offering.

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis stated that he was happy to announce the City will be receiving \$156,000 from the DOT to complete West Centre Street.

The Mayor also announced that he had been advised by Lieutenant Cope that the City would be receiving a CDAP Grant for \$21,000 from FEMA to purchase equipment to be BY THE Emergency Management Office.

Mayor Curtis advised that the Public Works Gargage Vehicle Lift the City recently purchased, is up and working and will be a very worthwhile piece of equipment.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Law advised that the Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers.

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.

Mark Bowie of HD Supply Water Works out of Berlin, New Jersey and Rusty Miller, District Manager both came forward to address the awarding of the bid for water metersto another company at the last Council meeting. Mr. Bowie then gave some background on his company's experience with supplying water meters to many municipalities, including the City of Woodbury. Recently, their company submitted a bid for water bids to the City of Woodbury and were the low bidders by \$50,000. They are now challenging the awarding of the bid to another bidder who came in at a higher bid amount, and in their opinion, is not supplying what is being requested in the bid specifications.

Rusty Miller further explained that the specifications were very vague and after talking to the Public Works Department and the City Engineer they still did not get an accurate answer.

Therefore, they are requesting that the resolution be rescinded and not be awarded to the bidder named and HD Supply be given consideration because they actually were in compliance with the way the specifications were written.

President Sloane advised Mr. Miller that it is very difficult for Council to make a decision without all the information before them so he is requesting Councilman Belko look into the bids submitted and make a recommendation based on their findings.

Councilman Louis stated that when a decision is made by Council to award a bid they are relying on the advice of the professionals who review the specifications and bids submitted.

Mr. Pierson, the City Solicitor, explained that once bids are opened the City cannot accept any changes or additions such as the warranty that was not included in the bid package as presented by HD Supply. Mr. Pierson continued by advising that the bid has been awarded based on his professional opinion and at the concurrence of the Public Works Department.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Riskie, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, 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 Schreyer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Ofcr: Lt. Cope
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

ROBERT LAW
Deputy Administrator